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Non-Point News

Section 319 of the Clean Water Act provides funding for non-point source programs such as those dealing with agricultural and urban runoff and septic tanks. This year, the 319 Call for Proposals had a distinct “non-ag” focus. In response, the JRBP, WCO, MSU, city of Springfield and Greene County conspired to develop a proposal for the Springfield Urban Area that would provide funding for stormwater quality improvements and Low Impact Development projects. If the applicants are successful, funds would probably begin flowing early in 2011.

New Water Warrior

Okay, he's not new-he's a newly recycled water warrior. Recently, Joe Pitts joined the staff of the James River Basin Partnership as Executive Director. Joe previously worked over twenty years with the Missouri DNR in environmental education and enforcement. A few weeks ago, we said goodbye to the former Director Holly Neill, who led the JRBP so ably for many years. She is moving on to the next phase of her career and taking care of her new son. Congratulations to Joe and Holly. We wish them both the best of luck.

PAH Debate

Recently, the Springfield/Greene County Environmental Advisory Board suggested the city of Springfield place a ban on the use of coal-tar based pavement sealers. This stance was based on studies by the USGS that indicated the sealants release polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), known to be toxic to aquatic life, into streams as they degrade. There are also concerns about human health from the use of these materials, such as the tracking of sealant dust into schools and other buildings. The WCO is currently investigating issues relating to the use of coal-tar sealants in drinking watersheds.

Fredrick Memorial Scholarship

The Watershed Committee of the Ozarks is announcing the opening of the 2010 Grant Round for the Jeff Frederick Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship provides funding for a high school or college student's attendance to a workshop, conference, or symposium related to water resources. The scholarship can provide up to \$500 per year. Grant cycles for the 2010 year will begin April 1st and end May 1st. Applications, packets and instructions can soon be downloaded from the Watershed Committee's website, www.watershedcommittee.org.

Please pass this information along to any teachers/students who may be interested in such opportunities.

Application packets may also be received by mail by sending a request to:

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Watershed Center Informational Kiosk

Helping patrons better utilize the Watershed Center is an ongoing task for Watershed Staff. This year, we will unveil a keystone exhibit—the main informational kiosk. The kiosk will be located near the Lakeside Learning Station. It will consist of three panels mounted between cedar posts, which were harvested from the site as part of our Forest Stewardship Management Plan.

One panel will have an updated map of the site that correlates with our interpreters guide; another will be a bulletin board of current events (fishing regulations, Parks activities, Watershed Activities, etc.); and the third will have information about how our sponsors have helped make the Watershed Center possible. The kiosk should help improve the experience of all visitors.

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