



Annual Report

2022



A Note From the Director

A lot has changed since the notorious algae blooms in the late '90s. Local water quality has improved, and public awareness has definitely increased. Today, in many circles, you're likely to hear the James being recounted as an opportunity for local adventure and an asset to our community. I get excited when I hear someone proudly refer to our river as their "home waters". I still encounter the people who refer to it as "the dirty ol' James" and turn their nose as if it's of lesser value than other remote, pristine waters. I always tell myself those folks are more than likely Las Vegas Raiders fans who probably also don't like Pineapple Whip or big ol' feisty smallmouth. Their loss, I guess.

Regardless of your sports allegiance or dessert preferences, I'm glad you're here looking at this report, learning about our organization, and celebrating our successes.

Thanks to our dedicated members, board of directors, community partners, and volunteers, we celebrated our twenty-fifth year in a big way. I'll let this report do the talking, but I want to quickly highlight a few impressive numbers. In 2022, we were able to provide educational experiences for more than 1,650 students and interacted with more than 1,000 individuals through various presentations and events. Additionally, we provided hands-on opportunities for 570 volunteers who committed over 3,780 hours of their time to local water quality. None of this would be possible without your time, energy, and financial support. You are helping us connect people with our local waters.

Thank you for advocating for local water quality and supporting our mission. Hope to see you out on our home waters in 2023!

Sincerely,
Brent Stock
Executive Director



A BIG Thank You!

To Youngblood Auto Group for the donation of this 2007 Chevy Silverado. It is helping immensely with our education outreach, river cleanups, and so much more!

Board of Directors

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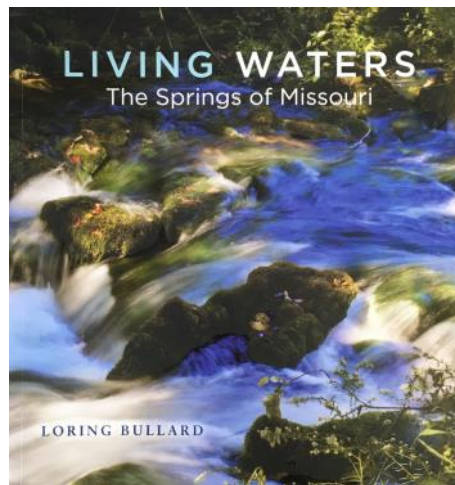
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Allison Osredker, *AmeriCorps Member*

Individual Membership

164 Members

\$16,457

Unrestricted funds generated from your membership dollars



Lifetime Members

Shiloh Beeman
Loring Bullard
Dan Chiles
Dan & Diane Hoy
Carol Hutcheson
Jim Lumpe
Chico & Molly Seay

Revenue from membership dues is a key component of our annual budget. It helps us to provide the programs and projects that fulfill our mission. **Memberships give us the opportunity to communicate with people like you who love our local waterways.**

Our memberships are much more than revenue:

- Our members contribute time and effort to our mission by assisting staff with activities and events. Many of our programs would not be possible without their support.
- Our members extend our influence throughout the community and help us speak with a more powerful voice as we advocate for clean water.

In 2022, we introduced our new Lifetime Membership level as well as new membership incentives, including Loring Bullard's book, *Living Waters: The Springs of Missouri*, t-shirts, and embroidered hats.

Visit www.JamesRiverBasin.com/membership and become a member today!



Annual and monthly memberships are available:

Level 1 - \$30 / year

Level 2 - \$60 / year

Level 3 - \$100 / year

Level 4 - \$180 / year

Level 5 - \$300 / year

Lifetime - \$1,000 once

Thank You to Our Members!

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Lynn & Michael Greenstreet
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Charlie & Mary Beth O'Reilly
Brandon West
Adam Bolyard
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Katie Wendt
Gordon & Cynthia Day
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Robert & Barbara Kipfer
Michael Bridges
James Fossard
Brian Kuehn
Louanne Danner
Dave & Elisa Coonrod
Larry O'Reilly

Level 4

Jim Lewis
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Jacob Berger
Holly & Eric Neill
Jeremy Pinegar
Sharon Weidelman
Sean Fay
Josh Johnmeyer
Gary & Amy Strauss
William Piston
Tamera & David Jahnke
CeCe Haden
Mike & Mary Chiles
Stacey Zengel
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Laurel Browning
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Joe Fry
Amber Howard
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Saki Urushidani
Larry Wantland
Laura McCaskill
Chad Hartman
Rachel Vanhoozer
Miles Sweeney
Denny & Kimberly Tudman
Todd Parnell
Brian & Denise Vaughan

Tammy Trantham
Shiloh & John Beeman
Bryan & Shauna Yates
Roy Holand
James Hearron
Lisa Berger
Nancy Williams
Aaron & Ellie Robison
Chris Fortner
David Edson
Brian Edmond
Kaitlyn McConnell
Barbara Lucks
Warren Grace
Greg Burris
Cathy & Alex Primm
William Cheek
Stephanie Hurt
Charles Burwick
Andrea Croley
Bill Nesbitt
Owen & Kristin Crymes
Rita Williams
Toni Titus

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James & Lori Nighswonger
Garon Todd
Diana Sheridan
Shae Johnson
Brent Stock
Todd Wilkinson
Kelly Guenther
Kevin Hess
Chris Dunnaway
Brooke Widmar
Jerry & Hing Wah Hatch
Martin Zerr
Mandi Hubbs
John Ricketts
Dan Smith
Jason Frantz
Heather Blades
Jim Coombs
Bryan McQueary
Caleb Sanders
Peter Harris
Champ Herren
Sue Pyle
Curtis Copeland
Jud Whitlinger
Corey Fitzpatrick
Bill Marshall
John Havel
Greg Fritz
Floyd & Nancy Schmitz
Dave Tobey
Julie & Terrel Gallaway
Teresa Lucero
Vicki Campbell
Jeanette Rouse
Dan Stock

Level 1

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Brian Shipman
Joe & Bev Pitts
Rose Watson
John Chiles
Keith Seiwert
Ryan Edwards
Chelsea Russell
Tamara LaFoe
Mark O'Dell
Connie Atkins
Cody Knodell
Katherine Kranjec
Kristofor Kranjec
Cynthia Willis
Joe & Sarah Smith
Steve & Debby Spencer
Jennifer Martin
Amy & Russell Gann
Danny & Barbara Self
Chelsy Cantwell
Mark Bower
Nate Reed
Rey Gumucio
Cristen Jester
Harrison Schober
Terri Myers
Amy Shelburn-Zarins
Cindy McDonnell
John Smith
Ruth Grant
Nathan Stearns
Patrick Byers
Tonya Smith
Julie Carey
Tom Aley
Kevin Konyha
Jerusha Azjitha
Nancy Crandall
Alex Heidt
Carly Walton
Justin Brown
Mark Millsap





Our Annual Supporters



Our outstanding water resources make up the backbone of the economy in the James River Basin. Through their annual contributions, these entities show their support for protecting our waterways and the economic vitality of the region.

We are greatly appreciative of the longtime support from Bass Pro Shops. From the beginning, Bass Pro has provided our organization with annual financial support and an abundance of in-kind support for events such as our Earth Day and River Rescue cleanups and our annual Sunset Soiree.

For years, the Hulston Family Foundation has provided generous support for our education and outreach programming. We value their continued support and dedication to our Ozarks streams.

Missouri State University provides annual in-kind support by providing office space and IT services. Our affiliation with MSU grants us invaluable access to faculty and students that provides us with outreach opportunities and energetic volunteers.

We receive annual support from Greene County, City Utilities, and the cities of Nixa, Ozark, Republic, and Springfield. In exchange for this funding, JRBP hosts educational programs and activities that satisfy the requirements of their state and federally mandated stormwater permits. These partnerships greatly expand the capacity of our education outreach, and we can't thank them enough for their support!



- Bass Pro Shops: \$24,000
- Hulston Family Foundation: \$7,500
- Missouri State University: In-Kind
- Public Entities: \$83,484

- Nixa
- Ozark
- Republic
- Springfield
- City Utilities
- Greene County

Our Business Members

\$23,450 in unrestricted funds

Level 5



Level 4



Thank You!

For your monetary and in-kind support of our mission, and for your dedication to our beloved waterways. Become a business member today! Annual and monthly memberships are available. Visit www.JamesRiverBasin.com/membership.

Level 1 — \$350 / year	Level 3 — \$1,000 / year	Level 5 — \$5,000 / year
Level 2 — \$750 / year	Level 4 — \$3,000 / year	

Level 3



Level 2

Hartman & Company, Inc.

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Springfield Brewing Company

Level 1

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Computer Recycling Center

Jack Henry & Associates
Austin's Pumping Service
Timber Ridge Rentals LLC
Hootentown Canoe Rental
Reed's Plumbing, HVAC, & Excavating

Sunset Soirée

September 17, 2022
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Exciting local venue!



The 6th annual Sunset Soiree was our most successful yet, raising **\$47,927** to support our mission of improving and protecting our local waterways.

We had perfect weather, great company, and outstanding views of the Finley from the historic Riverside Bridge thanks to our friends at Finley Farms. Our guests enjoyed live music from Drifters Mile, local beer and cocktails from Springfield Brewing Company and Ty lechyd Da, wine courtesy of St. James Winery, delicious food, and a well-stocked silent auction. As usual, the wine and whiskey pull was a favorite. Thanks to all who contributed!

The JRBP board and staff would like to extend a huge "THANK YOU!" to all of our generous sponsors, VIP table purchasers, and guests. We look forward to this event every year and hope that you will join us on September 16, 2023 for our 7th annual Sunset Soiree!



Major Sponsors



Sponsors

- PCnet
- Fiocchi of America
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- Bluestem Services
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- Great Southern Bank
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- Husch Blackwell
- Nabholz
- Liberty Utilities
- Curulli LIHTC Consulting, LLC
- Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.

In-Kind Sponsors

- St. James Winery
- 37 North Expeditions
- Springfield Brewing Company



Litter Cleanups

Our annual Earth Day Cleanup was a success, with 96 volunteers helping to collect nearly 100 bags of trash. Volunteers floated the James River from the Joe Crighton Access to Southwood and removed litter from the shorelines of Lake Springfield.

The 2022 River Rescue was a hit, with 65 volunteers braving the heat to clean the James River, starting at Shelvin Rock and ending at Hootentown Canoe Rental and Campground. Over 200 bags of trash, 500 pounds of scrap metal, and 20 tires were removed from the river. For their efforts, volunteers were treated with a lunch sponsored by Bass Pro Shops and a cold Blue Canoe Pale Ale provided by Springfield Brewing Company. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make it a successful event!



Fifteen volunteers assisted with our biannual spring and fall Adopt-A-Highway litter cleanups near the confluence of the James and Finley Rivers at Jamesville. Thanks to their efforts, 26 bags of trash were kept out of our beloved James River.

In May, JRBP staff assisted city of Ozark employees on a Finley River cleanup from the Lindenlure access to Finley River Park. Forty six volunteers covered 5 miles of stream, removing 50 bags of trash and 19 tires from the Finley River.



Over 3,700 pounds of trash removed from our local waterways by more than 300 volunteers!

We continued our close partnership with the City of Springfield by officially adopting a portion of Fassnacht Creek through the City's Adopt-A-Stream program.

In June, we partnered with staff from the Southwest Waste Water Treatment Plant to host our annual United Way Day of Caring Cleanup, where 35 volunteers from local businesses cleaned up a

stretch of Wilson's Creek. Volunteers removed over 2,000 lbs of trash and 10 tires during the morning cleanup.

Visit www.mostreamteam.org or www.springfieldmo.gov/3511/Adopt-A-Stream to learn more about how you can help clean up our local streams!

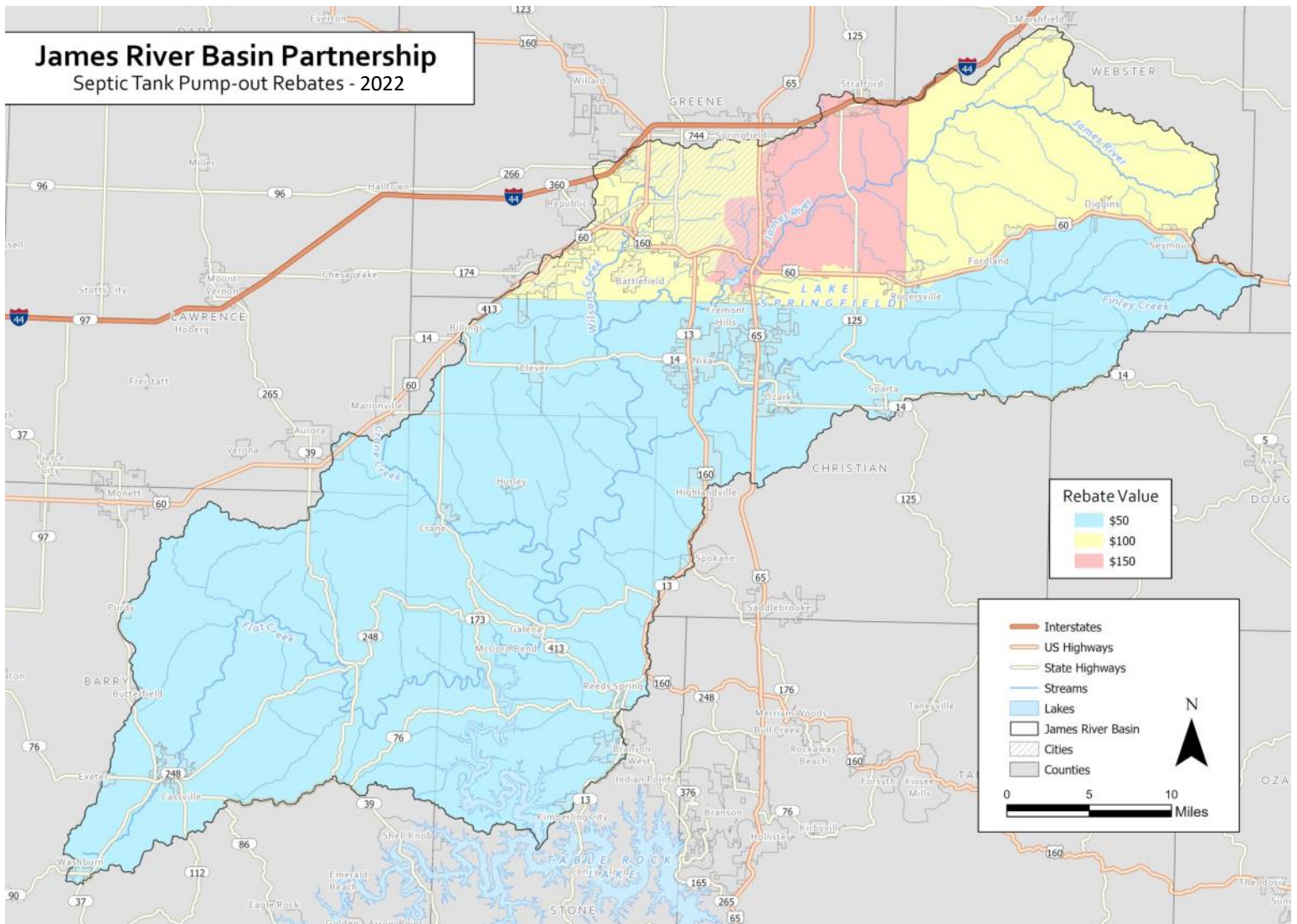


Rain Barrel Rebate Program



Rainwater harvesting is simple, fun, and helps connect people with our water resources. Thirteen homeowners were awarded \$1,009 in rebates, with a harvesting capacity of 2,077 gallons of rainwater to be used on their lawns and gardens. For Springfield residents, a rainwater harvesting system is a popular component of the City's Yard Ethic program. Learn more about how you can start collecting rainwater at www.jamesriverbasin.com/Rain-Barrel.

Septic Pumpout Rebate Program



It was another banner year for our Fresh Flush Septic Pumpout Rebate Program. Eighty-two property owners in the James River watershed received a grand total of \$7,550 in rebates. We continued our partnership with Greene County and City Utilities to offer expanded rebates in portions of the Upper James River watershed. Residents in portions of Greene and Webster counties are eligible for \$100 and \$150 rebates, while residents living outside the expanded rebate zone are eligible for a \$50 rebate.

Thank you to Greene County, City Utilities, and all the local pumpout service providers for their commitment to protect water quality and help our neighbors save money! To apply, please visit www.jamesriverbasin.com/septic.

Sustainable Landscapes



In 2022, two Springfield residents were awarded a Gold Yard Ethic certification and one received a Silver certification. One of the Gold certifications was JRBP lifetime member Loring Bullard. Two of the certification checklist components may be satisfied by participating in our Lawn Steward soil testing program and by applying for a rebate on a newly installed rainwater harvesting system.



JRBP staff collected soil tests for 19 homeowners and the City of Republic Parks Department. We also updated and streamlined our nutrient management plan template and trained more staff on soil testing and plan-writing procedures.

Are you interested in creating a more sustainable landscape?

Visit www.yardethic.com/residential/ for more information.



On the Horizon in 2023

We're excited to begin work on our new Upper James River Implementation Project, focusing on addressing non-point source pollution in the James River watershed from Lake Springfield to the James River's headwaters in eastern Greene and Webster counties. Several waterbodies in this region are listed on Missouri's 303(d) list, including Pearson Creek, Lake Springfield, and the James River. We will begin work in early 2023.



River Cleanups: Check our website to Register!

- Earth Day on April 22
- River Rescue on June 10

Our annual **Sunset Soiree** fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 16 on the historic Riverside Bridge at Finley Farms. Sponsorship opportunities are available!

Watch for more information about our upcoming events at www.jamesriverbasin.com/events, on JRBP's social media, and in our quarterly e-newsletter "The Current".

Education & Outreach

We welcomed our newest employee, Brooke Widmar, who serves as the Education Outreach Coordinator. While education has always been a large part of JRBP's mission, this is the first time we've had a full-time educator on staff. After starting in April, Brooke was able to jump in on existing projects, and create new ways to connect community members with their local water resources.



At the beginning of the year we wrapped up our virtual members-only speakers series with presentations on Gigging in the Missouri Ozarks, Mussels of the Ozarks, Foraging the Ozarks, and Ozark Hellbenders. Staff worked with Academy of Exploration students on a stream field day, and with OTC students during classroom presentations. JRBP was well represented at many tabling events, including the Lawn & Garden Show, Springfield Conservation Nature Center's Native Plant Sale, and the Chase Charity Fair.



Our summer was focused on summer school lessons and ecotourism opportunities. We worked with 5th grade students from Nixa's John Thomas School of Discovery on a four-week series of water quality lessons which culminated in a field trip to a local creek for water sampling and other activities. Republic's 5th grade students and Springfield's Phelps School students also received summer school lessons on topics such as watersheds, citizen science, macroinvertebrates, and more. In August, through a partnership with Stream Teams United, JRBP staff provided on-the-water education for a 3-day, 22-mile float on the lower James River for a Paddle MO James trip. Over 40 participants took to the water during our trip, and more than half of them were experiencing the James River for the first time.

The fall season was busy with opportunities to work with children and adults of all ages, from the smallest preschoolers to our oldest birders. For adult education, classes on nature journaling and fish printing were taught by JRBP staff during the Wonders of Wildlife School in Cassville. We offered stream-side training for the newest Missouri Master Naturalist class, and gave a presentation to the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society chapter. We worked with kids galore through Springfield's Homeschool Outdoor Fair and a fishing trip with 7th grade students from Reeds Spring Middle School.



Wilson's Creek 319 Implementation Project

We closed the book on our Wilson's Creek 319 Implementation Project in 2022.

Here are a few highlights from the final grant period:

- In February, a section of Fassnacht Creek was stabilized by the City of Springfield staff under the supervision of an experienced local contractor. The various steps of the project were captured in a report that will be used as a handbook for streambank stabilization projects within the Springfield city limits.
- In March, we held our final round of macroinvertebrate monitoring along South Creek. Collected data was sent to both the City of Springfield and Missouri Stream Teams.
- In June, 28 volunteers from the Nova Center of the Ozarks and the Missouri State University Marketing and Communications Department participated in our annual cleanup event for the United Way of the Ozarks Day of Caring. The City of Springfield's Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant joined us this year to provide logistical assistance as eager volunteers removed over 2,000 pounds of trash and 10 tires from Wilson's Creek.
- In July, 35 volunteers sampled 65 sites within the James River watershed during our triennial volunteer Snapshot Sampling event. JRBP staff and City of Springfield employees served as runners and assisted with analyzing samples at the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant lab. A volunteer appreciation event was held in October at Springfield Brewing Company, and a final report will be released in early 2023.
- We produced a brochure focusing on nutrients and non-point source pollution, and partnered with the Beaver Watershed Alliance on a second edition of the *Riparian Planting Guide of the Ozarks*.
- JRBP partnered with staff from the Missouri Department of Conservation to develop management plans for four conservation easements along Wilson's Creek.



- Four interpretive signs were developed and placed along Fassnacht Creek. These signs describe green infrastructure projects at the Springfield Art Museum, urban stream restoration, riparian protection, and conservation easements.
- In the spring, the City of Springfield's stormwater improvement and streambed restoration at the Springfield Art Museum was completed. JRBP contributed a grand total of \$188,733.75 in grant funds to water quality improvement projects along Fassnacht Creek.
- JRBP staff collected eleven soil tests and prepared three-year nutrient management plans for property owners in the grant area.



For more information on this project, please visit www.jamesriverbasin.com/wilsons-creek-grant

The Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 through a Missouri Department of Natural Resources grant provided partial funding for this project under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.

Fundraising

Blue Canoe

JRBP's partnership with Springfield Brewing Company continued with exuberance, as both JRBP and SBC celebrated our 25th anniversaries in 2022. We received a \$918 donation from the proceeds of Blue Canoe sold at SBC and local distributors. In addition, SBC sponsored the James River Float Series and Outdoor Education Series with 37 North Expeditions, and hosted JRBP staff for a Paddles and Pints Membership Drive.



Find Blue Canoe near you:

brewery.springfieldbrewing.co.com/our-beers/blue-canoe-pale-ale/

Education Outreach Fund

Started in 2022, this new fund was created to support our ever-expanding educational projects. During Giving Tuesday and December fundraising, we raised over \$1,750 for the fund! Thank you to all who contributed! We're excited to share how funds will be used in 2023 to further our education goals across the watershed.

For more information, please visit the [Education Outreach Fund page at www.jamesriverbasin.com/educationfund](http://www.jamesriverbasin.com/educationfund)

Schitty Canoe Company



Our friends at Schitty Canoe Company donated a one-of-a-kind, hand-painted canoe to be raffled off to support JRBP's mission. \$500 was raised, and the winner was drawn during our Earth Day Cleanup. Congrats to Amy Shelburn-Zarins for winning this unique boat!



In March, we partnered with local lifestyle apparel company Illumine Collect to offer a limited-edition run of "Connect with what you Protect" stickers and apparel. A portion of the proceeds from each sale benefitted JRBP. Thanks to this partnership, we received \$738 from the proceeds. Thank you to everyone who supported us!

Ozarks Smallmouth Fly Co.



Ryan Walker with Ozarks Smallmouth FlyCo donated a handmade fly tying base and tools from Anadromous Fly Company. We raised over \$100 in raffle ticket sales. Thank you Ryan for this donation!

ORW Boards

Our friends at ORW Boards generously donated one of their Finley board packages to help raise funds for JRBP. We raised over \$1,160 in raffle ticket sales. Thank you ORW Boards for your support, and thank you to all who took part in the raffle.

Congratulations to Jackie Chen, the lucky winner!

Keep an eye out for another raffle in 2023!



Small Grants

Each year, JRBP applies for a number of grants to cover the costs of programs and materials not included within our larger grants and community contracts.

MEEA Environmental Educator Mini-Grant (\$250)

JRBP received funding from the Missouri Environmental Education Association to purchase supplies for watershed education lessons. The supplies purchased were well-used in 2022 and will continue to help educate the community about our local water resources.

Smith Atwell Girls Recreational Grant Program (\$500)

Funding from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks' Smith Atwell Grant is being used to plan a Women's Float on the James River, coming in Spring 2023.

Marshfield Area Affiliate Grantmaking Program (\$500)

Funds received from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks' Marshfield Affiliate are being used to provide watershed education lessons to Marshfield students.

ExtremeTerrain's Clean Trail Grant Program (\$250)

JRBP received a grant from ExtremeTerrain to buy supplies for a trash cleanup along the Wilson's Creek Greenway Trail at Rutledge Wilson Farm Park. The grant purchased 16 new trash grabbers that will be used for years to come.



In January 2023, our AmeriCorps volunteer, Allison Osredker, ended her 12-month service with JRBP and Missouri Smallflows Organization. Here is a reflection from her about her experience:



AmeriCorps

"During my time as an AmeriCorps VISTA member for the James River Basin Partnership I gained experience working with non-profit organizations, building partnerships, organizing events, and so much more. This position was extremely enriching not only for my professional development, but it has also expanded my interest in conservation work as a whole.

Highlights of my service include networking, hands-on field experience with water quality monitoring and soil testing, learning about grant research and writing, and visiting classrooms to teach water quality lessons to students.



My favorite part of my service is how much independent development I had. It pushed me out of my comfort zone to reach out to organizations, individuals, and department leaders to work with them on a project or ask for their financial support. I gained a lot of public speaking experience - which no one can ever have enough of! There have been so many opportunities through my service that I never would have had otherwise. I never felt pressured to "prove" myself like in many past entry level positions. During my service year, I was constantly in an encouraging environment where everyone wanted me to succeed, gain experiences that would benefit me, and prepare me for the future."

Thank You for Your Assistance!

We'd like to thank several groups and individuals that assisted JRBP staff with our programming and events in 2022:

- MSU Service Learning Student, Joy White
- OTC Service Learning Student, Jeff Johnson
- Drury Film Lab

Community Partnerships

An important aspect of our mission is creating and maintaining ties with the community. We do this by partnering with a number of civic and government organizations to reach new audiences and provide education and resources. During the past year we have been very successful in maintaining and expanding these valuable partnerships.

Integrated Plan Field Day:

Each year, we partner with the City of Springfield, Greene County, City Utilities, Ozark Greenways, and Watershed Committee of the Ozarks to educate team members about the Springfield-Greene County Integrated Plan for the Environment.

Attendees enjoyed a tour of the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant and a presentation on the environmental history of the region. After lunch, participants headed to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield for a presentation and educational float. We learned about the National Park Service's efforts to monitor and protect water quality, as well as the impact the Springfield metro area has on this tributary of the James.



Memberships in Civic Organizations:

JRBP's membership with the Springfield, Nixa, and Ozark chambers of commerce allows us to spread our water quality message throughout Southwest Missouri. By networking with local businesses and community leaders, JRBP continues to develop corporate partnerships that provide sustainable funding for our mission and an opportunity to bring our mission, programs, and events to new audiences.

Invasive Species Monitoring



JRBP is a member of the Missouri Department of Conservation's Southwest Missouri Hydrilla Working Group, which is made up of a collection of local organizations that assist with aquatic invasive species monitoring and eradication. In late summer 2022, JRBP assisted with hydrilla monitoring on Lake Springfield.

Heading out for a day on the lake or river? Always remember to follow "Clean, Drain, Dry" principles and inspect your boat and gear for aquatic hitchhikers. Never dump live bait or aquariums into local waters.

For more information on how you can help us fight hydrilla and other invasives, please visit www.mdc.mo.gov OR www.stopaquaticinvasives.org



Collaboration with 37 North Expeditions

Springfield Brewing Company Outdoor Education Series:

JRBP, 37 North Expeditions, and Springfield Brewing Company hosted a monthly education series from March to August, with each session featuring presentations on topics related to conservation and outdoor recreation. Attendees learned about paddling safety, birding, bike maintenance, and toured the Jordan Creek underground. Thank you Springfield Brewing Company for hosting this series!

James River Float: While poor weather and low water cancelled most of the original float series, we did get out on the water with 37 North on one adventure, from Tailwaters to Rivercut Golf Course. It was a hot day, but the water was cool and refreshing, and participants were able to experience a beautiful and seldom-visited section of the James River.



Stay tuned for more ways to experience the James in 2023!

Paddle MO James

JRBP partnered with Stream Teams United to host a Paddle MO James float – a 3-day, 22-mile adventure from Hootentown to Galena. The event attracted forty participants, many who were experiencing the James River for the first time. Paddlers enjoyed presentations by JRBP staff in the evenings, including a history of the Jim Owen float trips, the flora and fauna of the James, and local foraging. During each day's float we experienced geographic wonders like the Hootentown Natural Arch, identified macroinvertebrates, and learned about other critters living in and around the river.



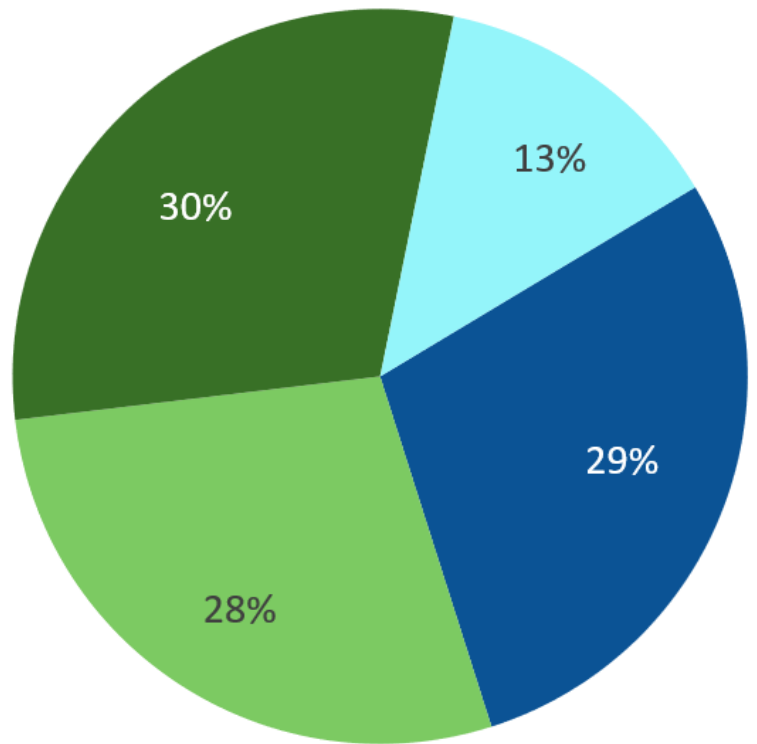
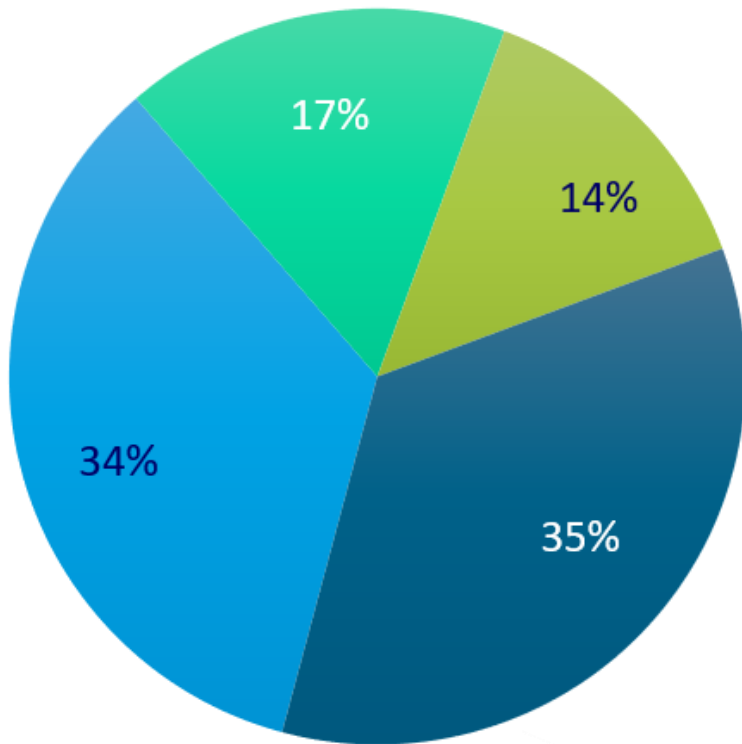
Financial Summary

In addition to our operating funds, JRBP has an endowment fund held by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. This fund helps to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of our organization. The value of this fund at the end of the fiscal year was \$582,480.58.

JRBP has historically depended on federal grant revenue for the majority of our funding. In order to maintain a more healthy and sustainable blend of revenue, a target was established for the total revenue stream to be composed of 25% grant funding, 25% membership fees, 25% fundraising, and 25% contract income. Through an increased focus on contracts, our membership program, and our annual Sunset Soiree fundraiser, we moved closer to these goals.

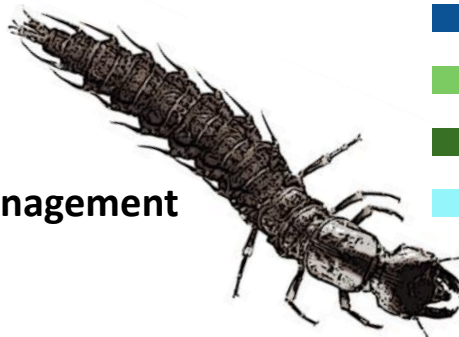
Expense Summary	
Contracts	\$96,722
Fundraising	\$47,669
Administrative & Management	\$38,516
Grants	\$97,735
Total	\$280,642

Income Summary	
Contributions & Fundraising	\$91,219
Grants	\$84,877
Memberships	\$39,907
Contract Revenue	\$86,984
Total	\$302,987



- Contracts
- Fundraising
- Grants
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- Contract Revenue
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- Contributions & Fundraising
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