

**Deer Creek Watershed Alliance
Community Leaders Task Force
May 12, 2026, 2:00 - 3:30
Ladue City Hall**

Attendees

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| Allison Joyce, DCWA/MBG | Josh Ward, GRG |
| Anne Lamitola, City of Ladue | Len Madalon, City of Frontenac/EDM |
| Bola Akande, City of Brentwood | Marcie Mouton, MSD |
| Bryan-Nicole Samuels, St. Louis County | Margot Martin, City of Frontenac |
| Chris Bergmann, MSD | Maureen McCarthy, East-West Gateway |
| Dione Garson, City of Creve Coeur | Nicholle Spencer, MSD |
| Fran Chronister | Stacy Arnold, DCWA/Stormwater Solutions |
| Hannah Gibson, DCWA/MBG | Taylor Heuermann, DCWA/MBG |
| Jeffrey Riepe, MSD | Tim Brunsman, City of Richmond Heights |

MSD: Municipal Stormwater Grants Program and Trunk E Sanitary Relief

- Stormwater Capital Program (Result of Prop S passing in 2024)
 - Accepting applications this year, projects already going in the ground
 - Projects prioritized in order of impact determined via cost-benefit analysis
- Municipal Stormwater Grant Program (Result of Prop S passing in 2024)
 - Now accepting applications quarterly with no designated expiration on funds
 - Marcie Mouton administers program
 - Resource hub: msdprojectclear.org/stormwatergrants
 - 30% of Prop S funds go to municipalities, funding amounts based on municipal population size
 - Municipalities can “team up” on projects and pool funds
- OMCI Grant Program
 - Only 3 OMCI accounts remain active as most municipalities have opted to use the new Municipal Grant Program instead
 - Deer Creek, University City River des Peres and Sugar Creek OMCI remain active
 - These funds can only be spent within municipal boundaries, but they can be paired with Municipal Stormwater Grant funds
- Webster Groves Trunk E Project Status
 - Goal to increase wastewater capacity in the area and eliminate 2 Sanitary Sewer Overflows
 - Phase 1 construction is complete (1,200 feet of pipe)
 - Phase 2 construction to begin mid to late Summer 2026 (5,600 feet of pipe)
 - For reference, a mile is 5,280 feet!

Great River Greenway: Deer Creek Greenway

- [Deer Creek Center to River des Peres Greenway](#)
 - Work scheduled to begin in June 2026
- [Oxford Bend Park](#)
 - Construction underway, anticipated completion September 2026
- [Shady Creek: Elm Ave to Gore Ave](#)

- In the design phase, anticipated groundbreaking Summer 2027
- [Brentwood to Tilles Park](#)
 - In the planning phase. Three open houses scheduled for community input: Tuesday, June 9 (Ladue), Wednesday, June 10 (Brentwood), and Wednesday, June 17 (Rock Hill)

City of Ladue: Stormwater Program

- Ladue's Stormwater Program started in 2015
- Currently expanding the program – previously relied on part-time work from retired engineers, now have capacity for a full-time staff engineer
- Clayton Rd. Culvert project just wrapped up
- [Small Stormwater Grant Program](#)
 - Award 4 per year, Ladue matches 50% up to \$35,000.00
 - Projects focus on stormwater drainage, erosion control, flooding mitigation, etc.
- Deer Creek Preserve – to become part of the Greenway

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- Phase V
 - Phase V on track to close out approved amendment by June 30, 2026.
 - Volunteer day at Lorraine Davis Park on Friday, May 29 as part of closing out Phase V.
- Phase VI
 - Approved by the EPA, will begin July 1, 2026
 - Includes the 20th anniversary of the Alliance, planning for a creek crossing and watershed signage campaign
 - Reimbursement funds for brining equipment through the Rainscaping Cost-Share Program will be available in this phase.
- Watershed planning update
 - Plan will be rewritten in Phase VI.
 - There may be additional planning meetings as part of this process.
 - Let us know if you have non-point-source implementation projects in mind that we could partner on in the next several years.
 - Submit municipal stormwater master plans so that we can reference them.
- Rainscaping Cost-Share Program, Round 2026
 - Eblasts to 2,580 program registrants and mailed letters to 1,107 people in priority sub-watersheds
 - 48 people attended live orientations (28 in person, 20 virtual) and 21 have watched the online recording
 - Contractors have confirmed they're receiving plenty of inquiries and planning to submit applications with clients, hoping for a robust response.
 - **Application deadline, Friday, June 5, 2026. Award notifications will be sent Friday, July 17, 2026.**

Notes compiled by Taylor Heuermann and Allison Joyce. Please contact info@deercreek.org with corrections or suggestions.