

# 2009

## rockin' on the river



## year in review



# Join us to clean up the Big Muddy in 2010!

## Missouri River Relief 2010 schedule of community events

- March 6** Mari-Osa Dump Clean-up Part 3  
Loose Creek, MO
- March 20** River Otter Day  
Kansas City, MO
- March 27** Confluence Trash Bash  
(Away Team) St. Louis, MO
- March 27** Blue River Rescue  
(Away Team) Kansas City, MO
- April 17** Washington, MO  
Riverfest & Clean-up
- May 8** Yankton, S.D. (Away Team)
- May 14 & 15** Omaha/Council Bluffs  
Watershed Festival & Clean-up
- June 12** Siouxland Clean-up (Away Team)
- June 12** James River Rescue (Away Team)
- June 19** Living Lands & Waters  
St. Louis, MO (Away Team)
- June 26** St. Joseph, MO Clean-up
- July 27-30** Missouri River 340 Race (Support Boats)
- August 28** Operation Clean Stream  
(Away Team) Meramec River
- Sept. 11** St. Charles, MO Clean-up
- Sept. 18** Mississippi Earthtones Clean-up  
(Away Team) Alton, IL
- Oct. 1 & 2** Kansas City, MO  
Watershed Festival & Clean-up

**Sign up on our website  
for any and all clean-ups.  
They're free. They're fun.  
And the river needs you!**

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**Groups, individuals, and all ages  
& abilities are welcome.  
Come join in the fun!**

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# Missouri River Relief

One million pounds of trash removed from our rivers!

Missouri River Relief passed a stunning mile-marker this year: with the help of 12,000 volunteers, we've removed over 537 tons of junk from the Missouri River and its tributaries since 2001. **That's over one million pounds!**

We supply the planning, coordination, equipment and know-how. Volunteers supply the labor. Partners supply boats, connections and planning help. Our dedicated funders supply the money.

What is created in the process is a large network of river lovers that put their energy where their heart is: raising awareness about the Missouri River and removing the legacy of decades of neglect from its banks.

The results speak for themselves. And citizens are writing the future of this river through their actions. We hope you'll join this effort in 2010.

*See you on the River!*

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## Connecting People & Rivers Through Action

Our Mission is to **engage individuals and communities** along the river in the **exploration, enjoyment, restoration and care** of the Missouri River through hands-on, on-the-river **stewardship and education** events and activities.

*Many families use Missouri River Relief clean-ups as an opportunity to share their passion for cleaning up rivers with their children.*

Photo by Dave Marner





# 2009 at a glance

clean-ups hosted or participated in:	15
tons of trash removed:	57
miles of river cleaned:	71
communities involved:	20
volunteers:	2,061
students and teachers:	1,298
<b>hours of volunteer labor in 2009:</b>	<b>8,967</b>



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# Clean-up Stats

Clean-Ups	Clean-up Volunteers	River Relief Core Crew	Miles Cleaned	Tons of Trash	Description
MariOsa Dump Part 2 - Osage River	162	29	3	13.1	Attempt #2 at cleaning up an ancient hillside dump.
River Otter Day - Kansas City, MO	237	15	3	9	The third annual clean-up in downtown Kansas City.
Old Plank & River Road - Easley, MO	43	43	5	.9	Our annual clean-up of our homestretch river road.
Blue River Rescue - Kansas City, MO	36	16	1	1.8	Teamed with Bayer employees at the mouth of the Blue River.
Confluence Trash Bash - St. Louis, MO	53	10	1	1	We tackled the new Cora Island Unit of Big Muddy Refuge.
Rocheport, MO - Missouri River	73	32	2	5.7	A targeted assault of a historic stretch of river.
Yankton, SD - Missouri River	11	12	1	.3	We brought two boats to the sixth year of this event.
Sioux City - Missouri River	182	23	12	3.4	The first city of the channelized Missouri River.
Post 4th of July River Road Clean-up Easley, MO	5	6	5	.5	Getting rid of fireworks trash on the River Road.
Whole Foods Clean-up - St. Louis, MO	17	8	5	.5	Worked with a group of Whole Foods Market employees.
42nd Operation Clean Stream - Meramec River - Kirkwood, MO	6	9	8	1	Playing our part in the oldest clean-up in the state.
Jefferson City, MO - Missouri River	272	37	13	5.6	A massive clean-up of the Missouri state capital.
Sustain Mizzou Clean-up - Easley, MO	28	11	9	1.9	A campout and clean-up with Sustain Mizzou, a college group.
Service Club Clean-up - Huntsdale, MO	2	4	.2	.3	Worked with a group of high school service club members
Kansas City, MO & KS - Missouri River	394	33	12	12	Our biggest clean-up tradition of the year!
<b>2009 CLEAN-UP TOTALS</b>	<b>1,521</b> Volunteers	<b>278</b> Crew	<b>80.2</b> Miles	<b>57</b> Tons	<b>Rock On!</b>

**One million pounds removed from our rivers since 2001!**

# River Clean-ups

*Gathered by thousands, measured in tons*

It's been eight years since Missouri River Relief held our first community clean-up in Easley, MO. Since then, we've brought over 12,000 volunteers to the Missouri River to clean it up, learn from it and restore it.

Volunteers are what make it happen. From old dumpsites and neglected "party spots" to tons of debris washed in by the river in high water. One piece of trash at a time, one person at a time, one hand at a time. It all adds up!

What also adds up is the change in volunteers' hearts. Suddenly they realize that the Missouri River is their river. Their hard work has visible results - dumpsters overflowing with trash; piles of heavy, mudfilled tires; beautiful, pristine riverbanks. **The result is a better river for us all.**

“ **On a trip down the river today, you meet people of every stripe whose first exposure to the river came during MRR river cleanups.**

**A river that once had almost no friends now has a growing host of passionate protectors, thanks to Missouri River Relief. ”**

- Jim Low, writer,  
Missouri Dept. of Conservation

## Away Teams

The Missouri River Relief crew loves to take our boats to help other organizations with their clean-ups.

### We call these Away Teams.

Since 2005, we've done 32 Away Teams, from Yankton, SD, to the Confluence of the Missouri & Mississippi.

#### **River Otter Day - Kansas City, MO**

Hosted by Port Authority of Kansas City

#### **Blue River Rescue - Kansas City, MO**

Hosted by: Friends of Lakeside Nature Center

#### **Confluence Trash Bash - St. Louis**

Hosted by: Confluence Greenway, Trailnet and St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District

#### **Yankton Clean-up - Yankton, SD.**

Hosted by: National Park Service

#### **Operation Clean Stream - St. Louis, MO**

Hosted by: Open Space Council & MANY others!



Photo by Dylan Lehrbaum

*Trash cans full of debris were moved down a steep hill on the Trash Flume at this year's Mari-Osa Dump Clean-up on the Osage River.*



# Clean-up Highlights 2009

*A small sample of some of our most exciting events*

## **Mari-Osa Dump Clean-up**

162 volunteers attacked the confluence of the Maries and Osage Rivers, cleaning up seven old dumpsites including a retaining wall built of tires. The highlight was a trash “flume” made of a discarded culvert that zoomed full trash cans down a steep bluff.

## **Siouxland Clean-up**

For our second trip to the head of the channelized river, we were welcomed by a huge, organized local crew of river cleaners. One student group, the Siouxland Mudpuppies, was inspired by last year’s clean-up.

## **River Camp Clean-ups**

Our mid-Missouri River Camp was bracketed by two clean-ups. The first was a campout/clean-up with Sustain Mizzou, a student environmental group. The following Saturday was a clean-up below the state capitol dome in Jefferson City.

## **Kansas City Clean-up**

The seventh year for our biggest clean-up of the year. With Coca-Cola employees, we started our first large-scale river-trash-recycling effort in KC. Working on both the Missouri and Kansas Rivers, we removed 12 tons of urban trash from the riverbanks.

*A volunteer in Sioux City, IA, loads one of 636 tires removed from the Missouri River and its tributaries in 2009.*

Photo by Dylan Lehrbaum



*Above: Volunteers work on cleaning up an ancient dump overlooking the Osage River.*

*Right: EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson pitches in at a clean-up in Kansas City as part of the Summer of Service program.*

Photos by Dylan Lehrbaum and David Richter



**The results speak for themselves.  
Find more details on the web: [www.riverrelief.org](http://www.riverrelief.org)**

# Meet the Crew

## *The Missouri River's Clean-up Crew*

After River Relief clean-ups, we often hear compliments from locals about how we are like a “well-oiled machine”. This is because of the Missouri River Relief Crew.

The Crew is made up of a growing crowd of volunteers that devote countless hours all year long to keep our clean-up machine in top shape.

From motorcycle mechanics and chefs to ecologists and government officials, the River Relief Crew loves to work hard and enjoy the river. During events, they drive boats, conduct safety trainings, plan on-the-river strategies for clean-ups, cook meals for volunteers, haul and sort trash, present educational games and booths, and keep our events running smoothly.

“ I’ve learned what “community” is in a way I’ve not experienced before. We have a community working toward a cleaner world and that’s going to be positive for everyone, not just us. ”

- Ruthie Moccia, MRR Crewmember



*The Missouri River Relief Crew joins with the “Sioux Crew” after a successful Siouxland Clean-up.*

photo by Dylan Lehrbaum

## Board of Directors

### 2009 Officers

**President: David Richter** - Founder and president, Intellectual Property Management Group, Inc.

**Vice-President: Dave Stous** - Chief Water Supply Hydrogeologist, Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company (retired 2009 - congratulations Dave!)

**Secretary: Kathy Love** - public information officer for the Missouri Department of Higher Education; former editor of *Missouri Conservationist* magazine

**Treasurer: Jan Weaver** - Director of Environmental Studies, University of Missouri, Columbia

### 2009 Board

**John Brady** - HVAC Technician, Fisher Controls. Former big river barge pilot. One of River Relief’s founding crewmembers and fleet quartermaster.

**Mike Crist** - Executive Director, Enterprise Development Corp., Managing Member of Tatanka Resources. Works in project finance, business lending, and alternate energy projects.

**Dr. David Diamond** - Landscape ecologist. Director of the Missouri Resource Assessment Partnership (MoRAP), University of Missouri

**Bill Fessler** - Conservation Corps supervisor with Kansas City Parks and Recreation Dept. Leads volunteer and staff crews in KC park restoration and education.

**Jim Karpowicz** - Founder and former coordinator of Missouri River Relief; founder and owner of the Documentary Group film production company.

**Steve Mahfood** - Climate change and environmental consultant. President of Mahfood Associates and Partner with Tatanka Resources. Former Director of Missouri. Dept. of Natural Resources.

**Tim Nigh** - Resource Scientist, Missouri Dept. of Conservation. One of River Relief’s founding crewmembers. Coordinates River Relief mapping services.



# Missouri River Relief Staff 2009

*Diverse skills in a group dedicated to the Missouri River*



## **Jeff Barrow - Director**

Jeff has been involved in clean water issues for years, from being a founding member of Show-Me Clean Streams and Missouri River Relief to his work at Greenbelt Land Trust. He is also co-author of "From the Bottom Up - One Man's Crusade to Clean America's Rivers" published by National Geographic Society. He's been involved in MRR since the first clean-up as a coordinator and board member. He rejoined staff in 2009 as Director.



## **Vicki Richmond - Middle Reach Manager**

Vicki works with Kansas City and communities further upstream. She became involved in river clean-ups in the early 90's as a volunteer, then as coordinator, of the Project Blue River Rescue in Kansas City. Her water and restoration projects have earned many awards, including the Missouri Department of Conservation's "Master Conservationist Award" and the Conservation Federation of Missouri's "Water Conservationist of 2006". She is also a Stream Team Assistant with MDC.



## **Steve Schnarr - Lower Reach Manager**

Steve lives in Rocheport, MO, a stone's throw from the Missouri River. His love for the river developed from years of exploring its waters by canoe. He was drawn to Missouri River Relief as a clean-up volunteer, later serving as event coordinator, MegaScout coordinator, MRR board member and Program Manager. Steve has cultivated a diverse career, working as a journalist, carpenter, organic farmer, park ranger and forest restoration worker.



## **Melanie Cheney - Administrative and Event Assistant**

Melanie has been a crewmember with Missouri River Relief since 2002, working on clean-ups, special projects, and educational events. As an Americorps Stream Team Assistant she networked with Stream Teams in the area, developed education programs and helped coordinate events. She continues to do all of those things, as well as tighten up things in the office.



## **Jan Thompson - Office Manager**

Jan is a semi-retired CPA and has done public accounting for 20 years. She spends her free time with her grandchildren, as well as gardening, hiking and biking. She lends her accounting expertise to non-profit causes. In the past, she served as campaign treasurer for local Green Party elections. This is her sixth year managing our finances.

# Education

## *Hands-on, on-the-river learning*

Cleaning up all the trash on the Missouri River is a daunting goal. Very quickly we realized that the easiest way to get rid of trash is if it never ends up in the river in the first place.

That happens through education. Get people on the river, engaging their hands **and** their minds. Get their feet muddy!

## **Watershed Festivals**

Hands-on learning is the focus. The riverbank is the location. River Relief and its partners bring dozens of scientists, educators and volunteers together to share their expertise with hundreds of school children.

### **Yankton Missouri River Watershed Festival**

May 7, Yankton Riverfront Park, Yankton, SD

**185 students and teachers**

### **Missouri River Watershed Festival**

October 3, La Benite Park, Sugar Creek, MO

**30 exhibitors, 317 students and teachers**

**In 2009, we brought 1,298 students and teachers to the river to learn about its secrets.**



Photo by Dylan Lehrbaum

*Reach out and touch the river. Kids explore native fish up close at the Siouxland Missouri River Clean-up. Nebraska Game & Parks biologists brought the tank and big river fish.*



Photo by Kate Corwin

*MRR Middle Reach Manager Vicki Richmond shows Green Works of Kansas City students a unique view of downtown Kansas City.*

# River Outreach

*Bringing river education to the people - bringing people to the river*



Photo by Steve Schnarr

*University of Missouri Forest Ecology students visit a variety of riverside forest types, viewing them from a “river-first” perspective.*

“ Before my ride I was very against going near the river.

Now I have a new appreciation for the river and its purpose.”

– ‘Green Works in Kansas City’ student after her first river excursion.

## River Camp

A week of clean-ups, networking and river education in the Manitou Bluffs Conservation Opportunity Area.

One of the highlights was the Sandbar Banquet. As a thank you to our sponsors, partners and friends, we boated 150 folks out to an island for food, fellowship, river talks and great music.

## Canoe Races

Recreation on the Missouri River is growing by leaps and bounds. The **Missouri River 340**, a paddler’s race across the state of Missouri is one shining example. We brought our crew skills and boats to serve as safety patrol for this 100 hour race. We also served as a safety crew for **Greenway Network’s Race for the Rivers**.

## Big Muddy Sessions

*In partnership with Friends of Big Muddy & Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge (NFWR).*

Monthly presentations are given on Missouri River topics by the experts in their field. History, biology, hydrology, and river uses are just some of the topics. Presenters include: US Geological Survey River Studies, Missouri Dept. of Conservation, Big Muddy NFWR, US Fish & Wildlife Service and more.

## Community Festivals

### Eco-Art-Fest

This music, arts and education festival is hosted at Cooper’s Landing, on the banks of the river. MRR hosted a trash-to-art booth and took festival visitors on educational river trips.

## River Excursions

Learning best takes place on the river itself, where every moment brings a new experience.

### Earth Day at Overton Bottoms

- Student workshop involving many local partners and Eldon High School.

### Birds, Bugs and Botany Bio-Blitz

- Part of our River Camp week. We invited a variety of professional and amateur naturalists to inventory plants, birds and insects of a small stretch of river.

### University of Missouri Forest Ecology Field Trip

- We teamed up with Mo. Dept. of Conservation biologists for a look at the altered ecology of riparian forests along the river at Plowboy Bend and Eagle Bluffs Conservation Areas.

### Douglass High School Service Club River Trip & Clean-up

- Huntsdale, MO

### Greenworks Kids Day on the River

- Kansas City, MO - These students are getting out in their communities and learning about the emerging green economy.



# Partners

## *A growing network of river stewards*

When you work across 811 miles of the Missouri River, there are lots of opportunities to work with like-minded groups. Our events serve an important role of bringing together folks with a common interest that aren't already working together.

*These groups make our mission possible:*

### **Non-profits**

Local organizations bring muscle and local knowledge to clean-ups and education events. These events give them an invaluable networking opportunity to work with others that think clean rivers are worth the effort.

### **Communities**

We help cities capitalize on their ties to the river by taking residents out on the river to see their hometowns from a new perspective and improve them.

### **Government Agencies**

Our clean-ups would be impossible without the help of river biologists and agents that bring their skill and boats to clean-ups to put volunteers on the river.

### **Corporations**

Businesses are often looking for ways to serve their community and environment. What better way than a day of service or a donation of support to clean-up the Missouri River?

### **Schools**

The river classroom is always ready to teach students, it just needs them to come and visit. If you're staying to pick up trash, all the better. Both clean-ups and formal education on the river teach lessons about the Big Muddy that you could never learn onshore in a building.



photo by Dylan Lehrbaum

**Osage and Cole County Conservation Agents Pat Masek and Mark Haviland team up on the river to haul trash on the Osage River.**

## **2009 Missouri River Relief “Partner of the Year”**

awarded to

### *Missouri Department of Conservation Stream Unit*

an important part of...

## **Missouri Stream Team**

Missouri River Relief is Missouri Stream Team #1875, one of over 4,000 teams in the state. **This year was the 20th Anniversary of the Missouri Stream Team program**, a grassroots yet state supported program that trains citizens to monitor and restore their favorite stream.

Stream Teams from dozens of watersheds come to our clean-ups, lend their expertise and get

out on the big river. From water quality demonstrations to watershed festival booths to being the only one with a gas-powered chop saw, Stream Teams shine across the state of Missouri.

In return, Missouri River Relief brings our boats and equipment to other Stream Team events, to get the big stuff that doesn't fit in canoes.

**In 20 years, Stream Team has matured into a skilled, knowledgeable and statewide force for stream stewardship.**



# Clean-up Manual

Teaching others how to organize a cleanup

## Many Hands Make Light Work

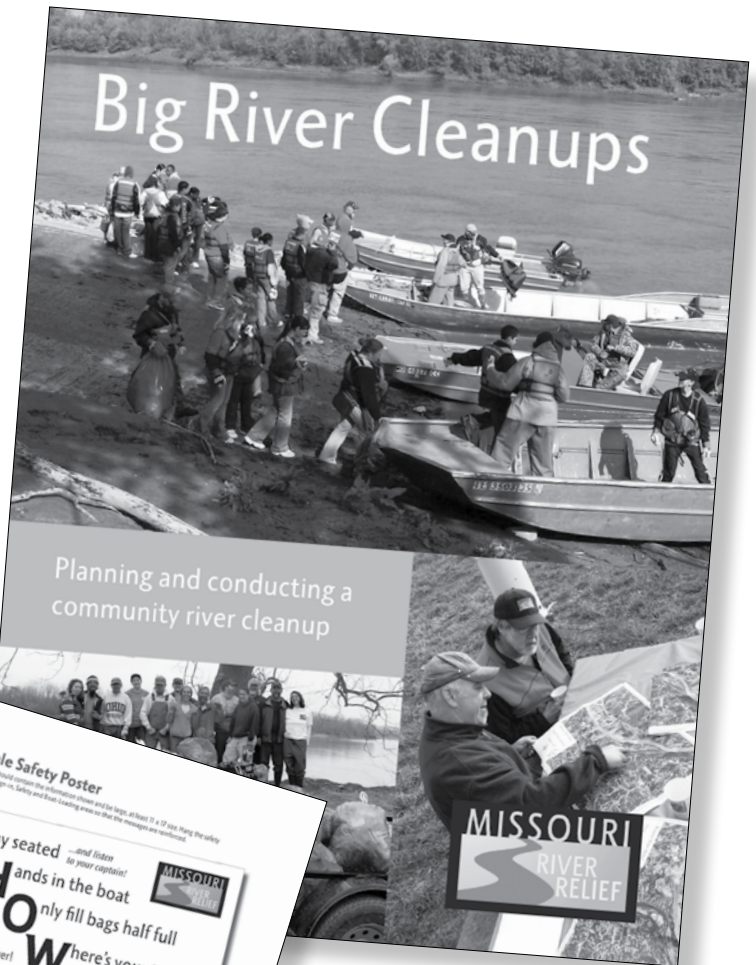
We certainly work hard cleaning up the river. But without other groups joining the effort throughout many watersheds, the work will never get done.

Thanks to a grant from the **National Park Service**, we published a **Big River Cleanup Manual**, compiling our time-tested systems and lots of great tips for folks organizing new events.

Printed copies are being distributed throughout the country, and the entire manual has been posted online.

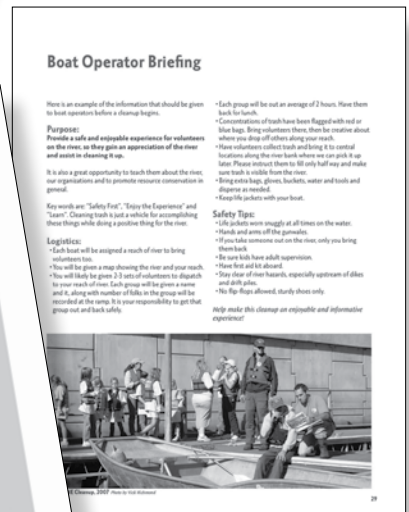
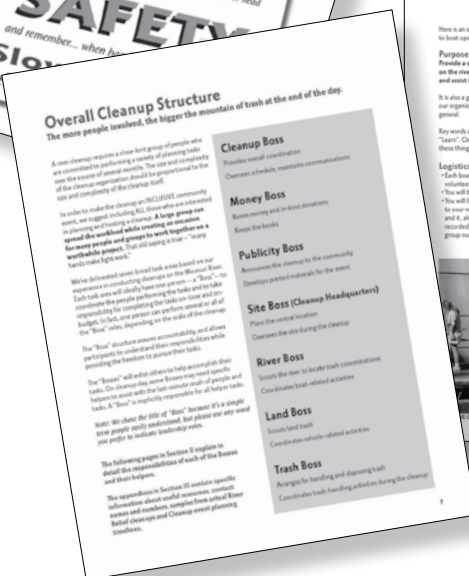
You can find it here:

<http://www.riverrelief.org/updates/entry/big-river-clean-up-manual/>



“ I recommend that all Missouri residents work with Missouri River Relief at least once in their lives. I came away from the experience feeling a new allegiance to the river and to my fellow cleaners. In making a place more beautiful, we also learn more about it and about ourselves. ”

— Tina Casagrand,  
Sustain Mizzou member



# Trash Tally

*A sample of what volunteers hauled out of the Missouri River in 2009:*

*Note: the items most commonly found are plastic bottles and bits of styrofoam and are not counted.*

926 Bags of Trash  
 370 Bags of Recyclables  
 636 Tires  
 13.7 Tons of Scrap Metal  
 42 Big Chunks o' Styrofoam  
 29 – 5 gallon plastic Buckets,  
 2 with Tar  
 13 – 55 gallon Metal Drums  
 12 – 55 gallon Plastic Barrels  
 1 – 300 gallon Diesel Tank

## **Appliances & Furniture**

2 Hot Tubs  
 8 Hot Water Heaters  
 5 Freezers  
 11 Refrigerators  
 3 Dryers  
 13 Washing Machines  
 9 Propane Tanks  
 16 Box Springs  
 26 Chairs & Recliners  
 3 Microwaves  
 5 TVs  
 1 VCR  
 2 Computer Monitors

## **Automotive**

1 Jeep Tail Gate  
 2 Gas Tanks  
 1 Car Door  
 4 Car Bumpers  
 7 Headlights  
 2 Antifreeze Jugs, full  
 Several Car Batteries  
 ½ of a car Front End-Grill &  
 Headlight  
 1 Tractor Gear Box  
 1 1966 Iowa License Plate  
 1 1948 blue Buick  
 Roadmaster Hood  
 1 railroad car Hand Brake  
 Actuator

## **Construction**

10 1-gallon Paint/Varnish  
 Cans  
 Several boatloads of Fence  
 Wire & barbed wire  
 3 Toilets & 1 Toilet Float  
 Several hundred pounds of  
 Roof Shingles  
 2 Kitchen Sinks  
 3 4' x 20' Plastic Culverts  
 38 Pieces Corrugated Metal  
 Roofing  
 160 ft. of misc. Metal Piping

## **Misc.**

3 Messages in a Bottle  
 18 Coolers  
 6 Coast Guard Navigation  
 Buoys  
 1 very ugly Old Woman  
 Rubber Mask  
 1 Lock Pick Set  
 1 – 14 ft Fiberglass Boat  
 1 Shopping Cart  
 1 Woman's Purse found – no  
 I.D.  
 1 Newspaper Dispenser  
 1 Fishing Gaff  
 1 Pogo Stick  
 1 Bowling Pin  
 1 full Can of Beer-Miller Lite  
 1 small U.S. Flag  
 1 polished Native Copper  
 Stone from Santa Rita, NM

## **Signs**

1 "No Wake" sign  
 1 MO 98 Road Sign  
 1 shot-up Sign that  
 reads: "\$50 Reward for  
 information leading to  
 arrest and conviction of  
 any person or persons  
 found willfully mutilating  
 or destroying this sign. The  
 O.J. Gude Co. NY"

## **Household items & toys**

1 box full of household chemicals  
 1 Welcome Mat  
 1 Home Depot "green" bag  
 1 Baby Stroller  
 Many Tennis Shoes, Crocs & Flip-  
 Flops  
 Many Unbroken Lightbulbs  
 1 "My Little Pony" Lunch Box  
 1 Fire Extinguisher  
 2 Push Lawnmowers  
 8 Fishing Poles  
 1 Head-less Doll  
 1 Doll-less Head  
 2 Pet Carriers  
 1 mangled Bicycle  
 2 bicycle helmets  
 1 Oxygen Tank  
 1 Snoopy Soap Dish  
 1 Giant Bubble Wand  
 1 Bottle of Brut Cologne  
 3 Baby Bottles  
 1 Child's Toilet Seat  
 1 foam Bert from Sesame Street  
 1 toy Cash Register  
 1 soggy book titled "Shaping  
 History"  
 1 toy metal Dump Truck  
 1 See Saw  
 1 antique French Fry Cutter  
 1 Hog Waterer



photo by Jim Armer

*Missouri River Relief crews bring in the final boatload of trash at the Kansas City Clean-up at Kaw Point Park.*



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# 2009

Thank you!

This project would be impossible without the generous and dedicated support of our many sponsors.

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## \$10,000 to \$20,000

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Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources  
Whole Foods Market



Mid-Missouri Solid Waste  
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**Kansas City Water Services**  
**Kansas City Port Authority**



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Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation  
Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources  
Missouri River Communities Network  
Missouri River Historical District  
Rivermiles, LLC  
St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Ecological  
Services Columbia Field Office  
Waterways Council

## \$500 to \$1,999

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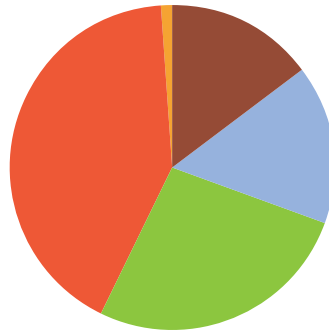
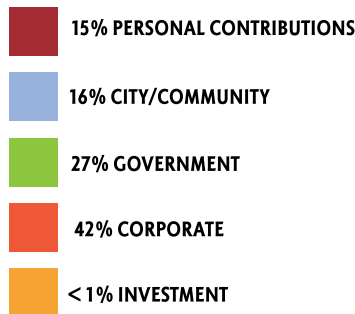
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Lindsey Rentals  
Missouri Stream Team  
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Olathe Ford  
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Veolia Environmental Services

# Annual Report

# 2009

## REVENUE

	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Personal Contributions (& misc.)	\$ 24,270	15%
City/Community	\$ 26,870	16%
Government	\$ 44,539	27%
Corporate	\$ 68,669	42%
Investment	\$ 261	<1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$164,609</b>	



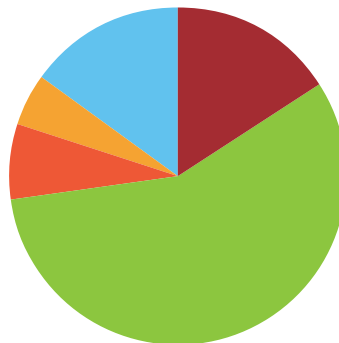
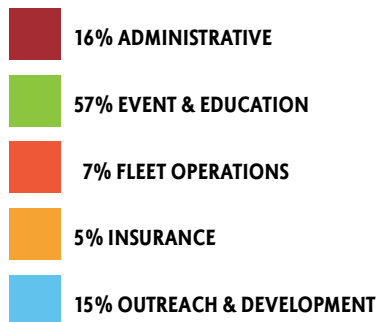
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## EXPENSES

	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Administrative	\$ 30,344	16%
Event & Education	\$104,454	57%
Fleet Operations	\$ 12,744	7%
Insurance	\$ 9,208	5%
Outreach & Development	\$ 28,122	15%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$184,872</b>	



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