

# *Partnership and Collaboration — The State's Perspective*

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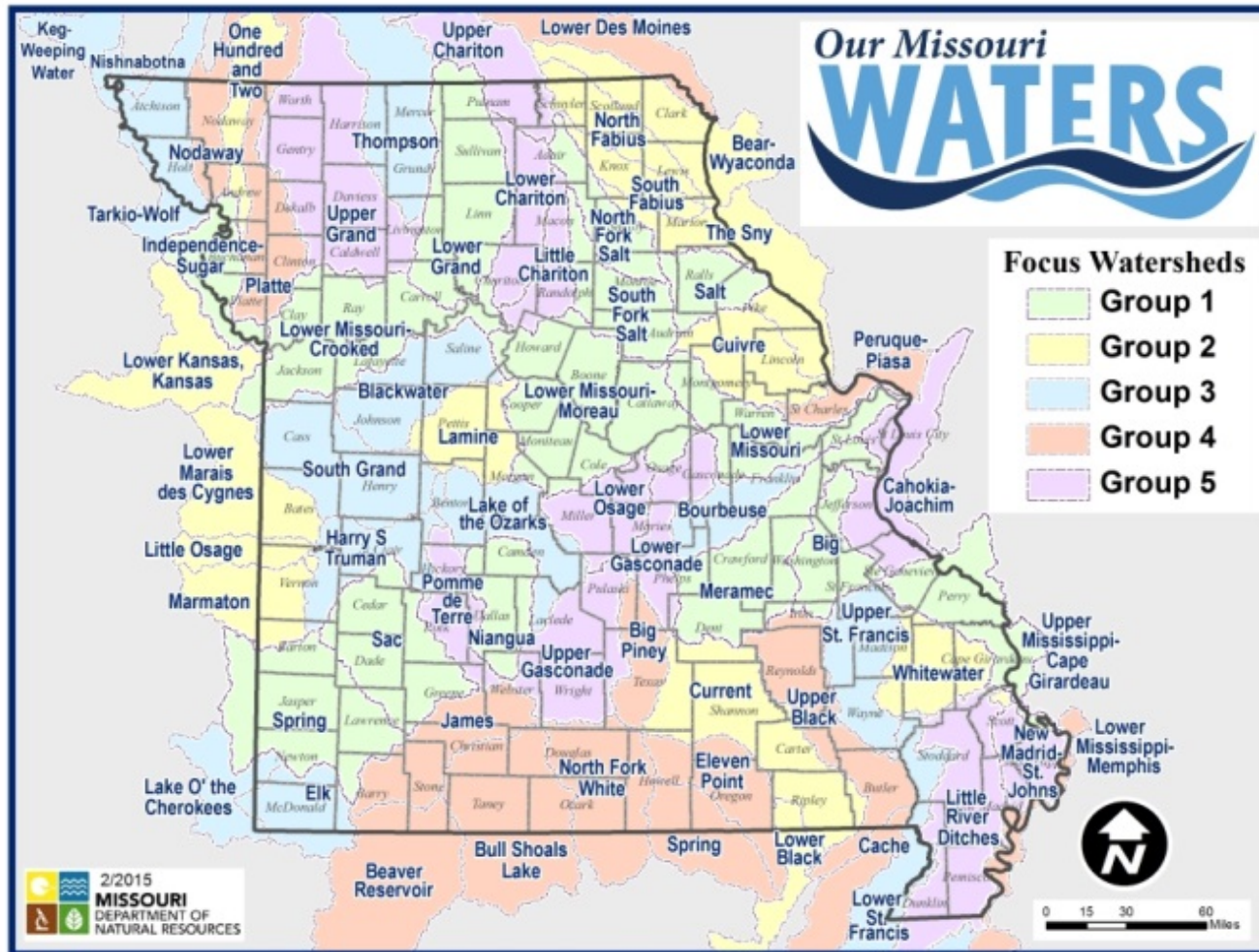
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**WATERS**

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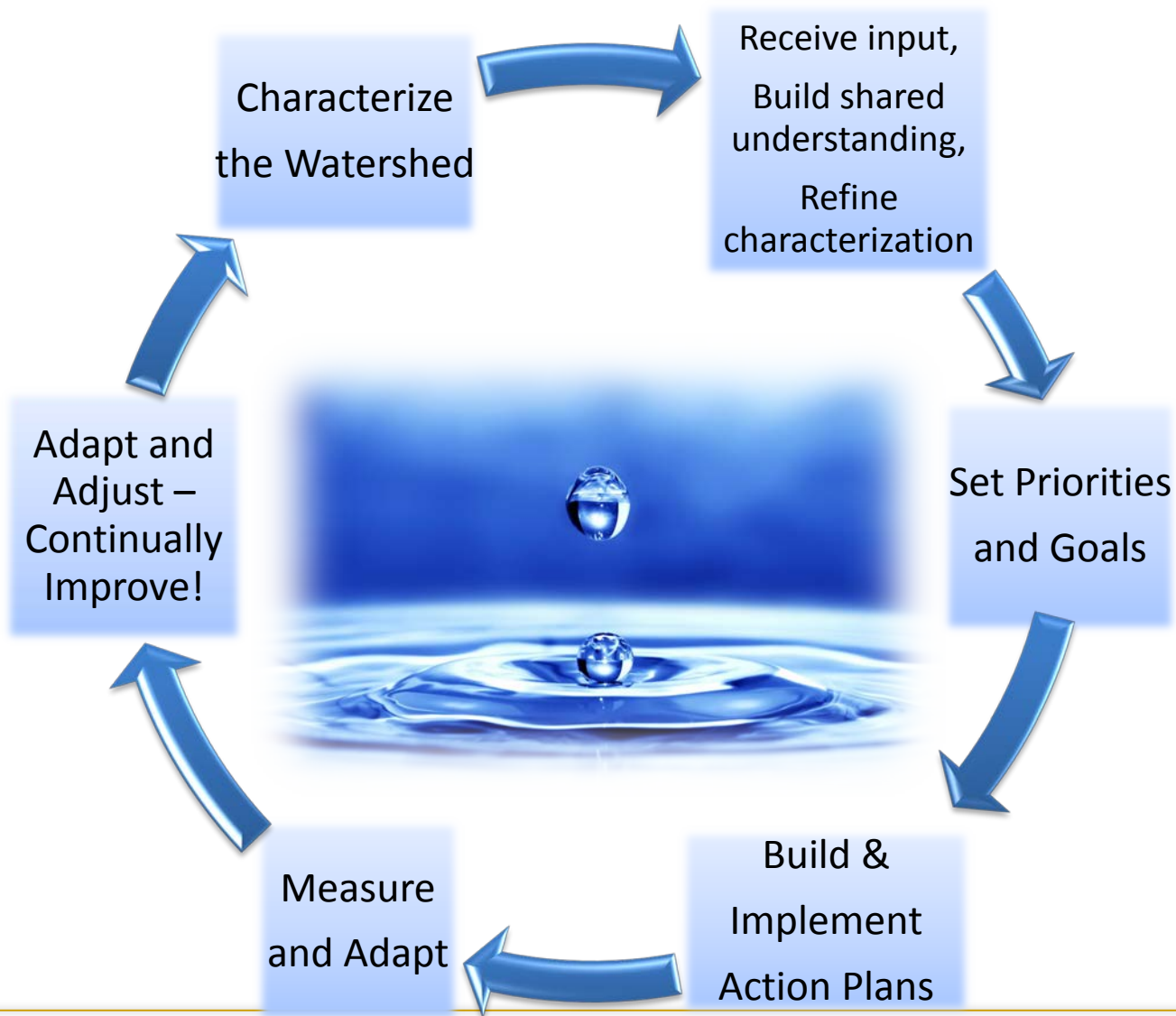
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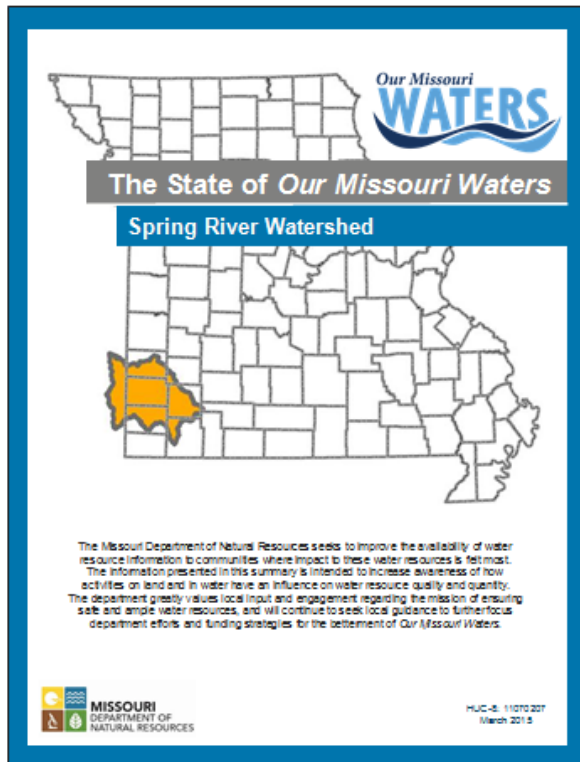




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## Characterize Watershed



## Receive Input, Refine & Build Shared Understanding

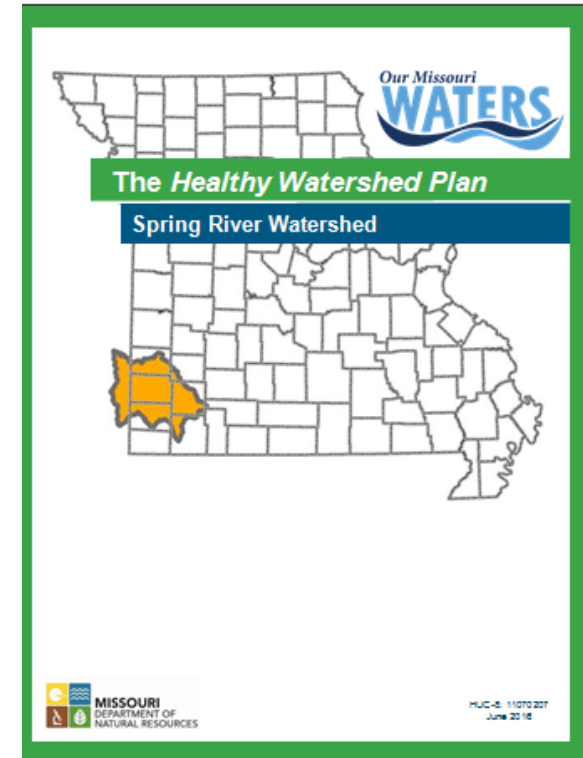
The Collaborative Watershed Process

Objectives:

- Local Watershed Advisory Committee
- Series of meetings to:
  - Educate/Inform
  - Share/Discuss
  - Set Priorities & Next Steps

**Deliverable is Statement of Priorities and Next Steps**

## Set Priorities & Goals

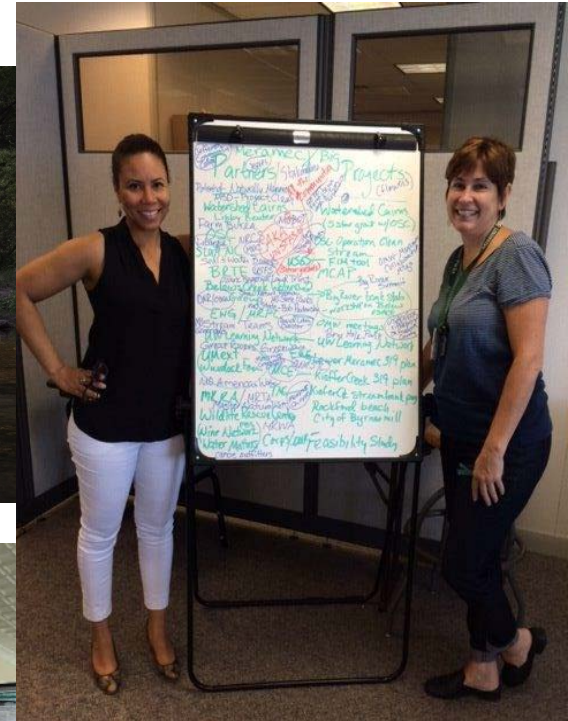






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# *Moving Forward*





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# *Meramec River*

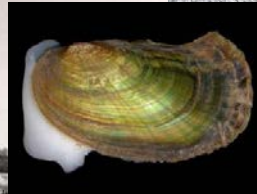
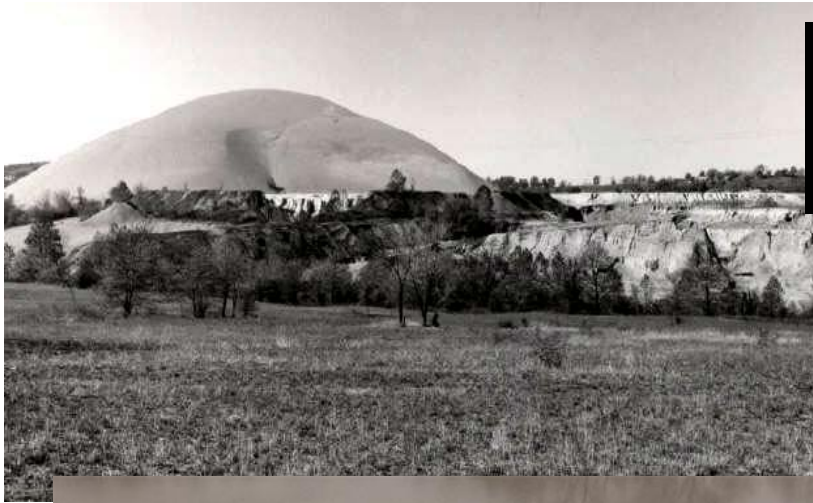






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# Challenges





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# *Middle Blue River*





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# *Challenges*

**RESTORE** riparian forests,  
upland habitats and wetlands.

**REVITALIZE** brownfields and  
urban neighborhoods with  
connections to the river.

**ENGAGE** the community to  
connect people — especially  
neighbors — to the river.






# *Partners*

- City of Kansas City, Missouri — Parks and Recreation, Planning and Development, and Water Services departments
  - Heartland Conservation Alliance
  - Mid-America Regional Council
  - Missouri Department of Conservation
  - Missouri Department of Natural Resources
  - National Park Service
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7
  - U.S. Forest Service
  - U.S. Geological Survey
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The background of the slide is a photograph of a wide river, likely the Mississippi River, flowing through a lush green landscape. The river is brownish and reflects the light from the sky. The banks are covered in dense green trees and vegetation. In the distance, there are rolling hills under a cloudy sky. The sun is visible through the clouds, creating a bright, hazy glow. The text "Q&A" is centered over the image in a large, black, sans-serif font.

Q&A

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