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Planning Commission

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## June Announcements

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### **Watershed Education opportunity for Callaway Countians June 21**

What can you do to protect clean water resources? If you live, work or play in Callaway County, the answers will be revealed in a program on Tuesday, June 21 at 7:00p.m. at the Callaway County Extension Center, 5803 County Road 302, just west of Fulton on County Road 304. With support from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the MMRPC has organized this and other educational sessions for landowners and businesspersons. The event is free and open to the public.

Presenters at the Callaway County event will include: a local farmer explaining how select techniques can be used - such as Best Management Practices (BMPs) -these have helped him reduce business costs while lessening erosion and chemical runoff into area streams. Other speakers include: a local Master Gardener explaining how to grow flowers and vegetables naturally and a University Extension specialist offering low-impact development guidelines. A question and answer session will follow.

While watershed education is the primary goal of the event, the MMRPC will also use the event to determine if local support exists for ongoing watershed planning work in the county. Possible follow-up activities to the Callaway County event include participation in a countywide youth watershed festival or convening a watershed stakeholders group to learn about and address issues related to Callaway County growth.

For more information about the watershed education event planned for Callaway County or what is happening in other Mid-Missouri communities and counties, contact the MMRPC at 573.657.9779.

### **Low-Impact Development (LID) Seminar and Luncheon**

Addressing the use of low-impact development techniques will be the focus of a seminar and luncheon to be held on June 22 at the Lenoir Community Center in Columbia. Low-Impact development techniques may offer developers a viable tool and a more cost effective way to address storm water management in the site

design of their particular project. The event is being coordinated and sponsored by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and is co-sponsored by the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission, Boone County, the City of Columbia, the National Association of Counties, and the National Association of Home Builders.

A technical seminar catered to practitioners (consulting engineers, developers, planners, public works directors and inspectors etc.) will be held from 8 to 12. The technical seminar will review potential cost benefits, local programs utilizing these techniques, and site design practices. Highlighting the morning activities will be a presentation by Larry Coffman, Co-founder of the Low Impact Development Center in Maryland, who is considered one of the nation's leading experts on low-impact development (LID) technology for water resources protection, and LID case study review of projects currently being built in Missouri.

A luncheon that will include a local officials roundtable discussion will follow the technical seminar. The luncheon and discussion will be from 12-2. Cost for the event is \$15, allowing you to attend one or both activities. Register by phone 1-800-361-4827, on line at [www.dnr.mogov/oac/swworkshop.htm](http://www.dnr.mogov/oac/swworkshop.htm).

### **Washington, Mo-To Be Featured on "Town Haul" TV Show**

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has issued a news release that Washington, Missouri will be featured on The Learning Channel "Town Haul" television show.

In "Town Haul" communities come together and create changes in their town by assisting the crew's expert crew in improving building and facilities in the community. The "Town Haul" crew is expected to be in Washington the entire month of June and into July. They are scheduled to work on at least six different projects, but have not divulged which locations have been selected. The show is expected to air on The Learning Channel (TLC) in August.

For more information-Discovery Channel Contact: Don Halcombe (240) 662-2952, [Don\\_Halcombe@discovery.com](mailto:Don_Halcombe@discovery.com) and the local contact is Bridgette Epple:(636) 239-1743, [Bepple@downtownwashmo.org](mailto:Bepple@downtownwashmo.org).

## Visit Our New and Improved Websites!



The MMRPC website, [www.mmrpc.org](http://www.mmrpc.org), has a new look! Sean Burge has been working on revamping the RPC website. Check it out!

Another website to visit is the Regional Marketing page at [www.leusshowyou.us](http://www.leusshowyou.us). This website is being developed to promote available sites, buildings, and tourist attractions throughout the region.

Combined these websites will give the MMRPC the ability to more effectively use the Internet to support the development of our region.

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## Upcoming Events

**June 15-16, 2005...Community Development Block Grant Administrative Training** at Harry S. Truman Building, 301 West High Street, Room 490-492 in Jefferson City, Missouri. If questions please call 573.522.6155.

**June 21, 2005...Callaway County Watershed Discussion**, Callaway County Extension Center, 5803 County Road 302, off County Road 304 west of Fulton. For more details please call 573.642.0755.

**June 22, 2005... Low-Impact Development: Cost-effective Tools for Storm Water Management**, Technical Seminar and Local Officials Luncheon, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Lenoir Community Center, Columbia, Missouri, \$15,  
<http://www.dnr.mo.gov/oac/workshop-lid-brochure.pdf>

**June 22, 2005...Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission, Executive Board Meeting**, 5:00 p.m. at MMRPC Office in Ashland, 573.657.9779

**June 28-30, 2005...The Grant Institute--Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop**, Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pastor Student Union, Ballroom East. To register Call 1-888-824-4424, online—[www.thegrantinstitute.com](http://www.thegrantinstitute.com) or email: [info@thegrantinstitute.com](mailto:info@thegrantinstitute.com)

## **DNR Funding Available**

DNR is hoping to assist at least 10 small public water systems in Missouri. They have a small amount of funds available for qualifying communities to receive monies for engineering report services. **The application deadline is June 17, 2005.** Deadline will be extended if not enough applications are received. Funding for the program is coming from monies set aside under the Drinking Water SRF Program.

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