

Protect Our Streams and Rivers



Your Green Solutions Can Help

St. Joseph residents can take simple steps to help protect the quality of water in streams, lakes and rivers.

St. Joseph's sewer system is unable to handle all of the stormwater flowing into the system, causing sewer overflows into the Missouri River. The impact to water quality can be decreased by removing excess stormwater from the system.

While the City of St. Joseph is committing millions of dollars to protect our waterways, the City cannot do it all alone. The individual actions of citizens are important.

Because everyone lives in a watershed, you can make a difference with Green Solutions on your property, and in everyday activities to protect and improve water quality.



Rain gardens can absorb stormwater on properties.

Photo: URS Corporation

What are Green Solutions?

Green Solutions are actions to lessen the impact humans have on the environment. The City of St. Joseph is reaching out to residents and businesses and encouraging individual actions to improve water quality through Green Solutions.

What You Can Do

- Disconnect Gutter Downspouts
- Install a Rain Barrel
- Plant a Rain Garden
- Disconnect Sump Pumps from the Sanitary Sewer
- Pick up After Your Pet
- Wash Your Car in the Right Place
- Keep Lawn Chemicals Out of Streams
- Keep Litter Out of Streams



Be a Friend of Watersheds

Volunteer your group, neighborhood, church, or school to help stencil storm drains.

Attend a workshop on disconnecting downspouts, installing rain barrels or a rain garden.

To learn more about any of the Green Solutions, workshops, or how to volunteer, call 816-271-5318.

City of St. Joseph Water Protection Program Goals

- Protect water quality
- Continue meeting regulatory requirements
- Protect the Missouri River as a recreational resource
- Accommodate development and redevelopment
- Reduce flooding
- Integrate community benefits

