



Blue River

Urban Waters
Federal Partnership

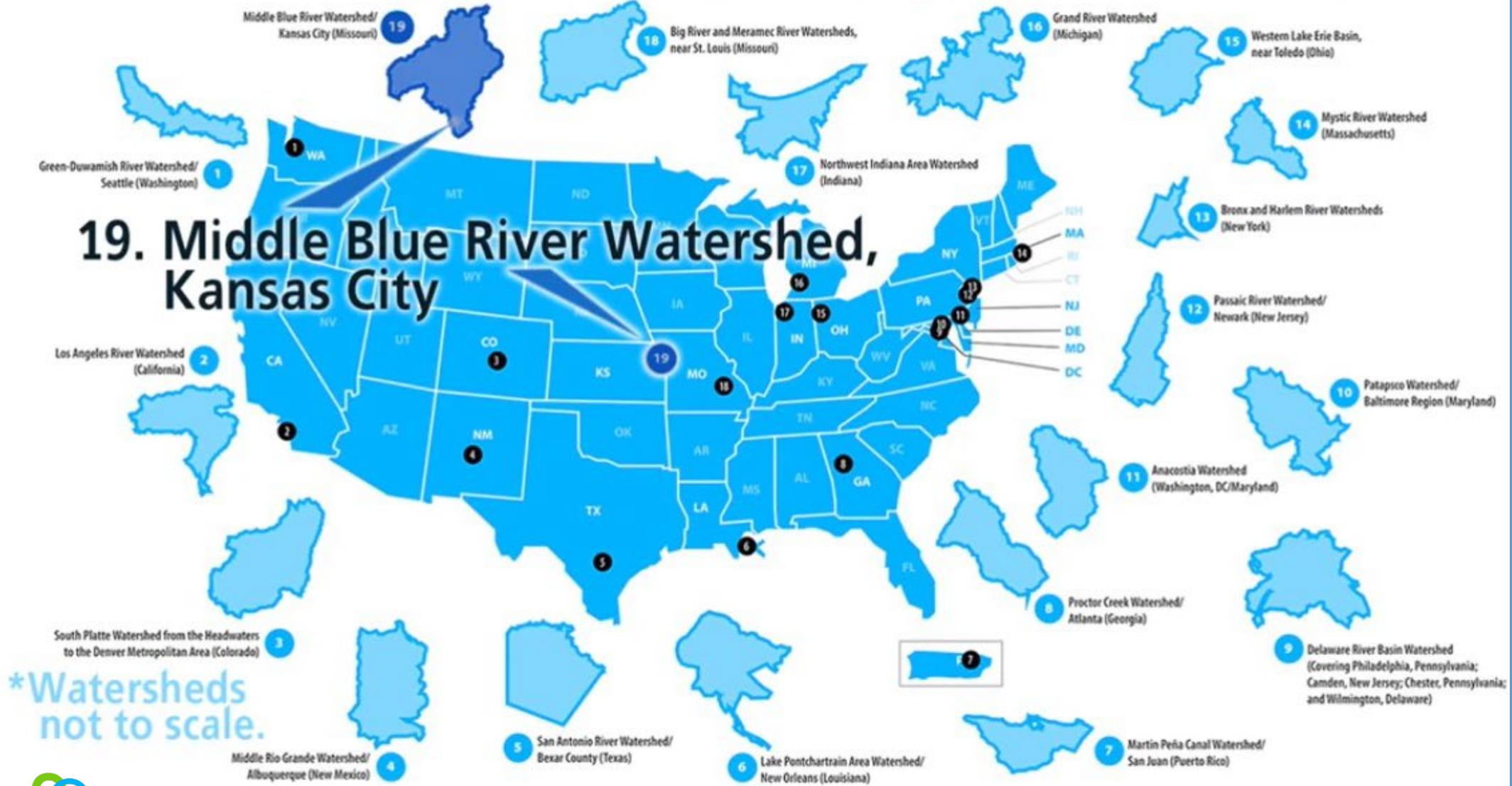
Restoring natural resources
Revitalizing communities
Reconnecting people to urban rivers & nature



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URBANWATERS Federal Partnership Watershed Locations



19. Middle Blue River Watershed, Kansas City

*Watersheds not to scale.

- ### PARTNERS
- Corporation for National and Community–AmeriCorps VISTA**
 - Bike Walk KC
 - Blue River Watershed Association
 - Blue Valley Neighborhood Association
 - Boys Grow KC
 - Bridging The Gap–Heartland Tree Alliance–Kansas City WildLands Center for Neighborhoods
 - City Of Kansas City, Missouri –KC Water**
 - Planning Department**
 - Brownfields Department**
 - KC Parks and Recreation**
 - Housing and Neighborhood Department
 - KC Land Bank
 - Deep Roots (formerly KC Native Plant Initiative)
 - Giving Grove
 - Green Works KC
 - Health Forward Foundation
 - Healthy Rivers Partnership
 - Heartland Conservation Alliance**
 - US Housing and Urban Development
 - Kansas County Parks + Recreation
 - Kansas City Public Schools
 - K-State University
 - Marlborough Community Coalition
 - Mid-America Regional Planning Council**
 - Missouri Department of Natural Resources
 - Missouri Department of Conservation**
 - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
 - National Parks and Recreation Association
 - Shumaker Family Foundation
 - The Conservation Fund
 - The Nature Conservancy - Kansas**
 - Urban Trail Co.
 - Urban Neighborhood Initiative
 - University of Missouri -Kansas City
 - US Forest Service
 - Wichita State University
 - Urban Waters Learning Network
- **member of Steering Committee



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Filming for Blue River Documentary - canoeing on Coffee Creek in Kansas on June 2, 2019

HEARTLAND CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

Together protecting places we love



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OUR MISSION

Heartland Conservation Alliance proactively conserves, protects and restores natural lands within the Kansas City region, benefitting the community and future generations by improving water quality, creating recreational opportunities, protecting life and property, and preserving our natural and cultural heritage. We accomplish our goals through collaboration with a network of public and private organizations that share our goals, values and objectives, and through public outreach and education.



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The Blue River Watershed



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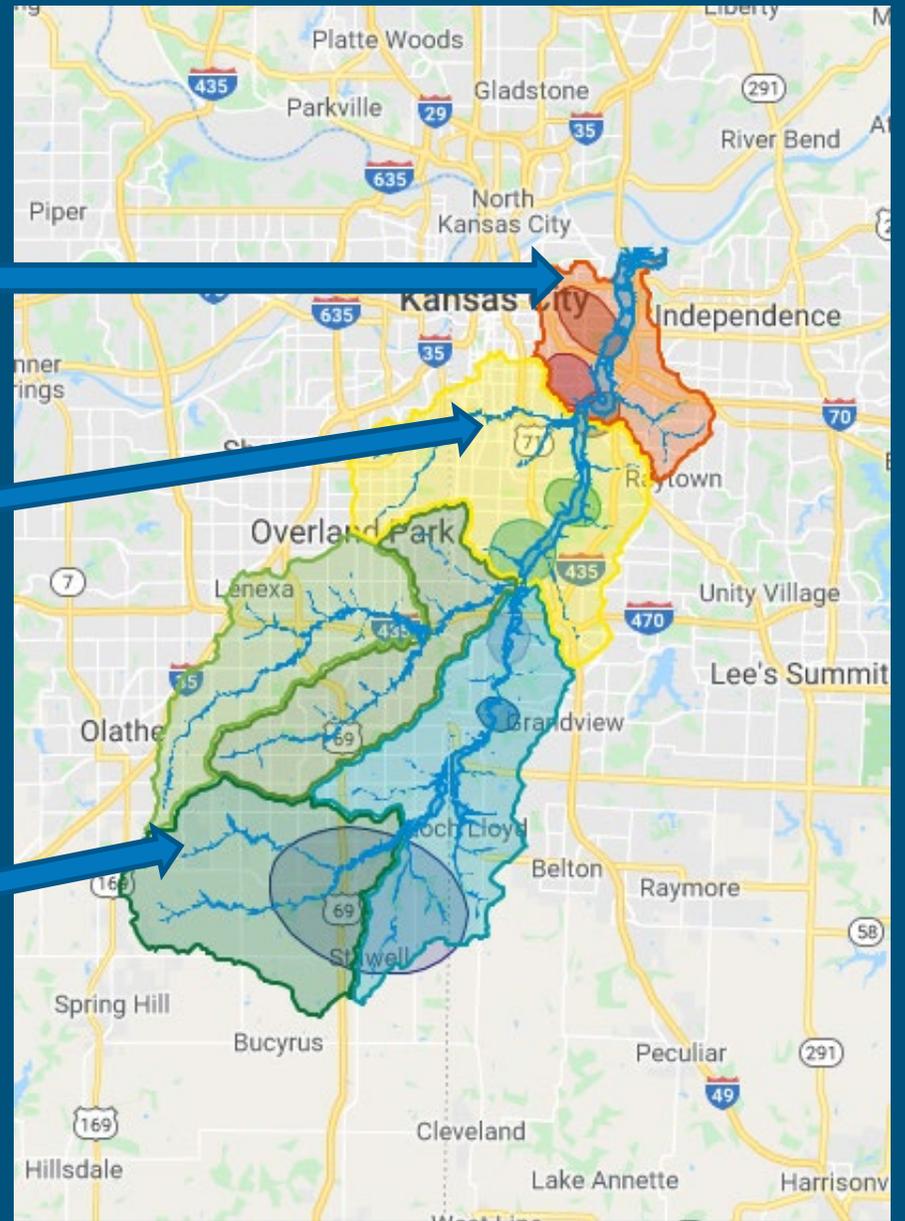
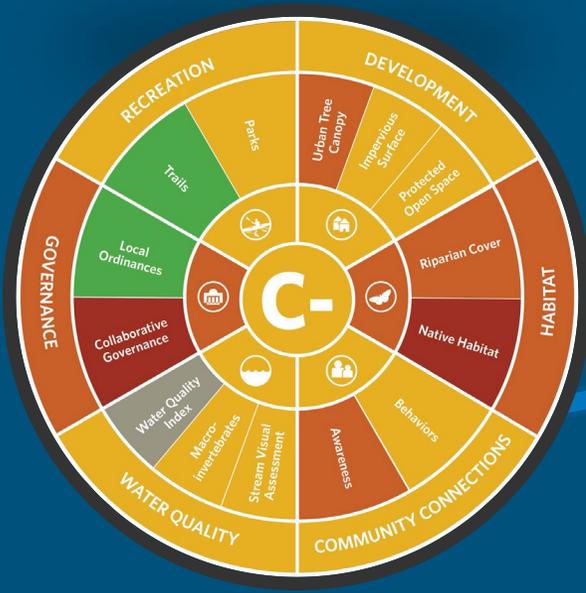
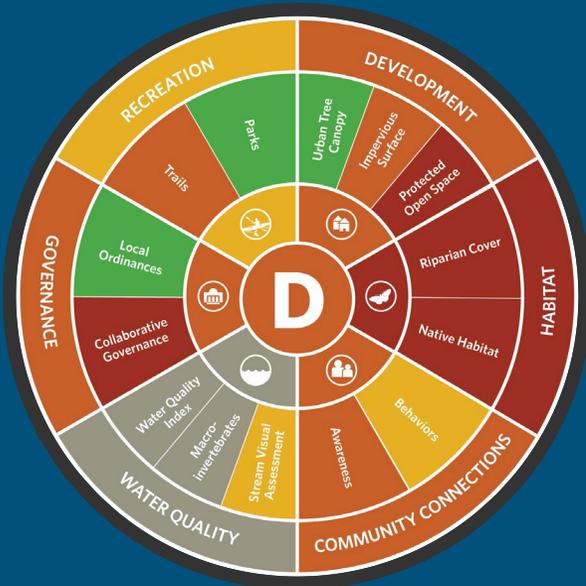
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JACKSON COUNTY, MO

PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

POPULATION	MEDIAN AGE	MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
584,451	37.6	\$80,553
0.74% GROWTH		2.82% DECLINE
POVERTY RATE	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	MEDIAN PROPERTY VALUE
5.61%	317,340	\$242,900
	1.47% GROWTH	5.2% GROWTH

POPULATION	MEDIAN AGE	MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
691,801	36.5	\$50,815
0.61% GROWTH		5.4% GROWTH
POVERTY RATE	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	MEDIAN PROPERTY VALUE
15.6%	346,157	\$139,100
	2.67% GROWTH	6.35% GROWTH



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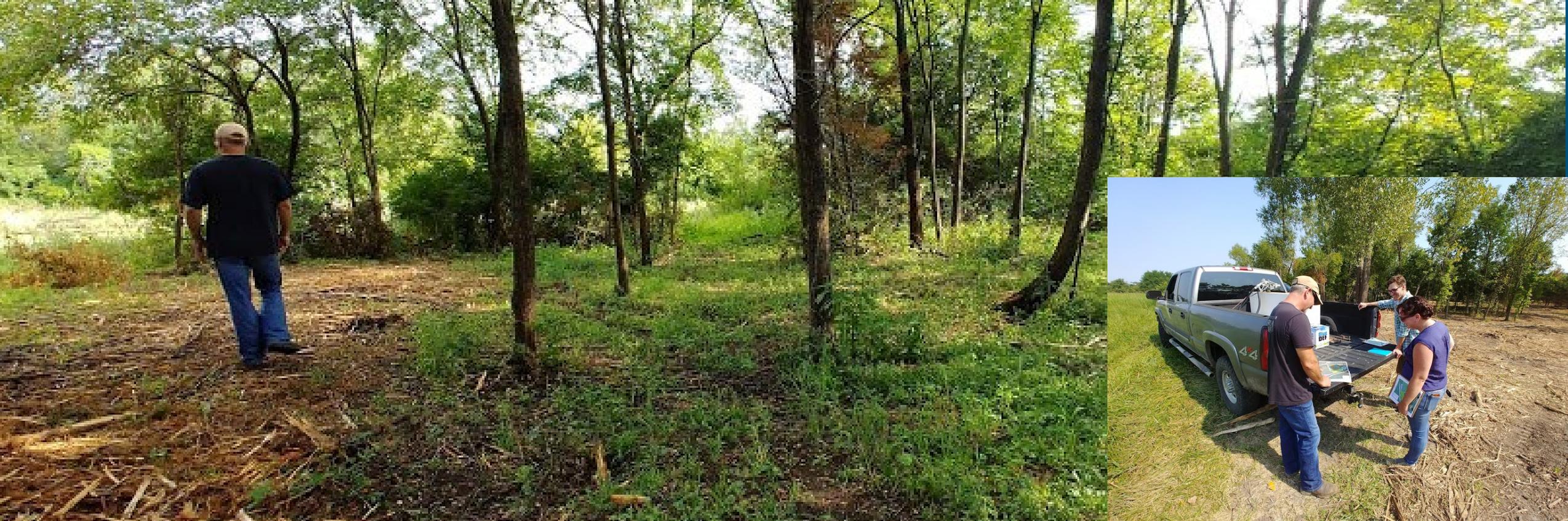


Lykins Neighborhood hosts a Saturday workshop with community members to imagine park improvements and designs for a vacant lot being repurposed as a pocket park.

Partnerships and Funding

Sustainable Funding Options

- ❖ Set-aside funding
- ❖ Grant Applications
- ❖ MO DNR 319 grant



Municipal Farm Restoration Project

Urban Restoration Projects

KCMO Municipal Farm Restoration
Blue Valley Park Restoration
Marlborough Parks with Purpose
Restoring Vacant Lots



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EPA's Althea Moses teaches HCA 2019 Spring Green Guard Stewards at East high School about Environmental Justice

Community Engagement

Renew The Blue Campaign
Blue River Documentary and Oral History
Green Guard Stewardship Training
Kansas City Water Equity Roadmap



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Thank you!

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