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GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY INVITES RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIRD-ANNUAL RIVER DES PERES TRASH BASH

Goal of Oct. 8 event is to clean up St. Louis City and County neighborhoods and waterways located near or within the River des Peres Watershed

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 29, 2011 ... The Great Rivers Greenway District, in partnership with the River des Peres Watershed Coalition and the St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District, is inviting area residents to join them in their fight to clean up the rivers and creeks within the River des Peres watershed. On Saturday, Oct. 8, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the three organizations are sponsoring the third-annual River des Peres Trash Bash, a family friendly event being held with the goal of improving area neighborhoods and water quality in St. Louis City and County.

Volunteers of all ages are needed to clear litter from several sites, including Gravois Creek in Crestwood/Green Park, Deer Creek in Maplewood/Ladue, Engelholm Creek near the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus, the Lower River des Peres along Germania St. in South St. Louis City and the Upper River des Peres in University City. Registration will take place from 8 a.m. to 8:30. The main sign-in location will be held at Fultz Field, located along the River des Peres Greenway on River des Peres Boulevard between Morganford and Gravois in St. Louis City. The second registration site will be at Centennial Commons, located at 7210 Olive Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63130. All cleaning supplies will be provided to volunteers.

The clean-up event will last from 8:30 a.m. to noon with a celebratory lunch taking place at Fultz Field from noon to 1 p.m. During lunch, volunteers will also be rewarded for their efforts with entertainment and prizes for the "best" trash finds.

"The annual River des Peres Trash Bash has proven to be a successful clean-up event in previous years, and we are expecting an even bigger turnout this year," said Susan Trautman, executive director of Great Rivers Greenway. "The St. Louis area is filled with residents who value our waterways and neighborhoods, and we encourage new and old volunteers, alike, to join us for our third annual event and help improve the waterways and neighborhoods located in or around the River des Peres watershed."

For more information or to register in advance, visit www.riverdesperes.org or call 314-436-8708.

About Great Rivers Greenway:

The Great Rivers Greenway District is a public organization established in November 2000 with the passage of the Clean Water, Safe Parks and Community Initiative in St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County. The organization is developing an interconnected system of trails and greenways to make the region a better place to live. For more information, visit www.grgstl.org.

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