

James River Headwaters Regional Conservation Partnership Project (RCPP)

Landowners in the Upper James River have unprecedented access to cost-share incentives to implement practices that promote land health and clean water in the Upper James River.

Who

Local partners joined together to compete nationally for RCPP funds. The funding was successfully brought home to our local area from the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. Partners in the project include the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, MFA Inc., James River Basin Partnership, City Utilities, Greene County, the City of Springfield, and more.



Where

The project area is defined as the James River Watershed from Lake Springfield and upstream/above which is shown in the map on the reverse page.

Why

There are many reasons these practices are valuable and important, but basically, the practices available help improve the health and productivity of private land while keeping our surface and groundwater clean. Many people rely on private wells in the project area, and the water that collects in the James River is a major drinking water source for Springfield. People and water are worth investing in now and for future generations.

What

RCPP provides access to conservation easements and cost share for landowners' needs like fencing, forest management, livestock watering, establishing native plants, and much more.

When

The program began on March 7, 2023, and will run through March 7, 2028. The sign-up period is ongoing.

How to Participate:

To learn how to take advantage of this opportunity, call the Greene County USDA service center at (417) 831-5246 or call the Webster County USDA service center at (417) 468-2088

More information can be found on our website: www.watershedcommittee.org

