

Statement of Qualifications



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The Upper White River Basin Foundation (also doing business as Ozarks Water Watch) has prepared this Statement of Qualifications to solicit water quality related projects including Source Water Protection Plans, MS-4 Storm Water requirements and other water quality and environmental projects. Our staff holds a diverse set of relevant skills and knowledge to accomplish these important tasks. We feel we have the resources and team that can give you the desired outcome. Our project team is familiar with your geographical area and unique Ozark karst topography. Our staff is located in close proximity and will be available to attend regular public and committee meetings. Our Project Team, David Casaletto, Executive Director and Holly Neill, Projects Director, is available for a face to face interview at your offices at a mutually agreed on time. In addition, our schedule would allow timely completion of projects.

The Upper White River Basin Foundation (the Foundation) is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote water quality in the upper White River watershed through bi-state collaboration on research, education, public policy and action projects. The focus of the Foundation is on the four major impoundments on the upper White River: Beaver, Table Rock, Taneycomo and Bull Shoals Lakes and the rivers and streams which drain into these impoundments. The Foundation works with federal, state and local government, regulatory agencies and interested citizen groups as an advocate for clean water projects, as a catalyst to create and implement projects to improve water quality and as a community educator on the causes and impact of reduced water quality.

In order to gain an effective edge on projects and to maximize available resources, the Foundation sets priorities and goals which set the direction and pace of work produced by the organization.

1. Monitor and report on water quality in the basin.
2. Serve as an advocate on policy issues which affect water quality and watershed through regulatory and legislative means.
3. Emphasize public information, education, promotion and communication about water quality issues.
4. Support and encourage allied watershed groups working for common purposes.

The foundation has successfully completed many grants and projects. In addition, the foundation's project team also has an extensive history of administering environmental grants and projects on time, on budget and with all milestones completed.

Relevant Qualifications

David Casaletto, President & Executive Director, Upper White River Basin Foundation: David Casaletto was hired in September 2010 as the President and Executive Director of the Upper White River Basin Foundation, a nonprofit water quality organization formed in 2002. Previously, David was employed by Table Rock Lake Water Quality as Executive Director from August 2000 until September 2010. David received his B.S. in Accounting from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas. Upon his graduation from Pittsburg State in 1975, David worked with in the family retail business becoming President and CEO. The business was sold in 1999. David has an extensive background in business, accounting, management and advertising.

David is also President of Ozarks Clean Water Company (OCWC), a nonprofit sewer and water company. OCWC owns and operates water and wastewater treatment plants in the Upper White River Basin Watershed and currently has 450 active members using their services.

David currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Table Rock Lake Chamber of Commerce and as Advisory Committee Chairman for the Ozarks River Heritage Foundation.

David served from 2006 until 2010 as Executive Director for Missouri Smallflows Organization, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that provides continuing education opportunities for onsite wastewater professionals in the state of Missouri.

David currently resides on Table Rock Lake near Cape Fair, Missouri with his wife Diane and is a water testing volunteer for the Lakes of Missouri Volunteer Program.

Administered Grants and Projects:

Evaluation of the movement of septic system effluent from lake development into near-shore areas of Table Rock Lake (2001) - Project Administrator for the 319 grant to study septic effluent entering the lake untreated from homes built along the shore of Table Rock Lake.

National Decentralized Onsite Wastewater Demonstration Project - Program Coordinator for the 5-year, \$2 million cooperative agreement with EPA to find technical and management solutions for failing onsite (septic) systems in the Table Rock Lake watershed.

319 Septic Remediation Cost Share Grant - Project Administrator for the 319 Septic Remediation cost-share grant for the Lower James River watershed. The grant helped homeowners repair or replace failing septic systems and provided public education through meetings, publications and electronic media.

Lower Meramec River Source Water Protection Demonstration Project - Served as a member of the Strategy Exchange Team responsible for onsite wastewater information for the Lower Meramec River Source Water Protection Demonstration Project in conjunction with the United States Forest Service (Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry Division), the Open Space Council of St. Louis, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments and The Trust for Public

Land. The demonstration project to help protect the Lower Meramec River was supported by the USFS, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Norman J. Stupp Foundation, and other private donors.

National Fish Habitat Initiative - Project Administrator for the nutrient abatement portion of the National Fish Habitat Initiative at Table Rock Lake. The project provided funds for public education and cost share for remediation for failing septic systems and septic system pumping.

Water Quality Improvement Project Grant (WQIP) - Project Administrator for the Water Quality Improvement Project Grant to develop and present seminars to the onsite wastewater professional for continuing education needed to renew their licenses with the Department of Health and Senior Services.

Holly Neill, Projects Director, Upper White River Basin Foundation: Holly is a graduate of Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Masters of Natural and Applied Science. Thesis research was conducted at the Ozark Underground Laboratory on “The Effects of Land Use on Tumbling Creek Cave in Taney County, Missouri”. Holly served in the Peace Corps in Jamaica at Discovery Bay Marine Lab where she assisted with Reef Fishery Research. She was also part of a National Science Foundation Fellowship Program at Missouri State to integrate scientists into the public school system. Her focus, as a part of the fellowship, was water quality and environmental education.

Holly also has experience in the environmental consulting field where she worked in the Midwest region focusing primarily on groundwater well monitoring. Monitoring included sampling for volatile organic compounds introduced by industry.

Holly served as the executive director of the James River Basin Partnership (JRBP) for six years that focused their efforts on water quality research, better management practice implementation, education/outreach efforts, and watershed management planning.

Currently Holly serves part-time as the executive director for the Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition. Her role in this organization is to promote and support watershed based Stream Team Associations, by serving as a resource for information, education, stewardship and advocacy.

Holly grew up in the town of West Plains and currently resides in Southwest Missouri with her husband and budding biologist toddler near the James River.

Administered Grants and Projects:

State of the Streams Report, Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition- Report focused on showcasing Missouri Stream Team macro invertebrate data within watersheds state-wide. Report is designed to be useful for a variety of audiences including Stream Team Volunteers, city and county leaders, state agencies, and general public.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Riparian Corridor Preservation Program - Program focused on establishing riparian corridor easements along the lower James River and Finley River. Program will also work with private landowners to implement riparian corridor enhancement and restoration projects within the James River watershed.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Stormwater 319 - Project focused on implementing innovative stormwater reduction practices, creating education/outreach programs focused on reducing stormwater runoff, and monitoring stormwater runoff of residential areas.

Environmental Protection Agency, Water Quality Improvement Project - Direct appropriation funding to encourage low impact development in Southwest Missouri. Primary focus was implementing innovative stormwater reduction practices on commercial retail sites. This project supported the first retail LEED platinum development in the Midwest region.

Community Foundation of the Ozarks, Environmental Stewardship Project - Project focused on increasing public awareness of non-point source pollution issues related to urban stormwater runoff and solid waste management. Developed and implemented an educational/outreach campaign. Implemented stormwater reduction practices in targeted residential area that acted as a case study to demonstrate and promote to other local residential areas the effectiveness and benefits of reducing storm water runoff.

Community Foundation of the Ozarks, County Wide Watershed Festival - Implemented county wide watershed festivals within the James River Watershed. Festivals educated 5th grade students with hands-on activities related to surface water and groundwater quality issues.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Watershed Management Plan - Collaborated with local governments, agencies, community groups, and stakeholders to develop a Watershed Management Plan for the James River Basin.

Environmental Protection Agency, Poultry Grant - Project focused on understanding public perception of utilizing poultry litter as a nutrient source. Project also determined poultry and poultry litter production in Southwest Missouri, hosted nutrient management schools, and developed nutrient management plans for private landowners.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources, James River 319 - Focused on non-point source pollution reduction by education/outreach efforts and implementation of better management practices (BMP's) across the watershed. Project developed many education/outreach programs that led to long term programs of JRBP such as urban soil testing and septic tank pump out programs.

U.S. Forest Service, Forest Change in the James River Basin - Project produced technical report on land use changes in James River Basin between 1972-2000. Created geo-visualizations utilizing satellite imagery data to visually communicate land use change to wide audience.

Scientific Publications

Neill, Holly D., Land Impacts on Water Quality of Tumbling Creek Cave in Taney County, Missouri; Geological Society of America: 2003 Abstract with Programs, vol. 35, No. 2, page 8.

Neill, Holly D., The Effects of Land Use Practices on Tumbling Creek Cave in Taney County, Missouri; Environmental Geology.

Relevant Projects Completed by Upper White River Basin Foundation

Targeted Watershed Grant - Upper White River Basin Foundation was awarded one of the first Targeted Watershed Grants by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This project was designed to further the goals of the Clean Water Act by developing community-based, results driven scientific and environmental practices. The project accomplished the following goals: developed a basin-wide watershed management plan, created a unified Geographic Information System database of all available watershed data, monitored water quality in rural areas after eliminating septic tanks, implemented new monitoring stations and improved data analysis to document environmental progress.

Project Budget: \$300,000

Water Quality Improvement Project - This project focused on implementing innovative conservation design for stormwater management in the Ozarks. Designed to educate the development and real estate community, this project promotes conservation design and low impact development techniques. This project collaborated with the Green Circle Shopping Center, located in Springfield, Mo, to implement and showcase low impact development techniques and create educational and outreach campaign to a variety of audiences.

Project Budget: \$400,000

Bull Creek Teaming with Wildlife Grant - This project supported the development of a stakeholder/watershed group focused in the Bull Creek watershed. The development of this group will assist in promoting ongoing conservation of streams and related habitat in the Bull Creek watershed in Christian and Taney Counties. In addition, the project created a public educational campaign and hosted educational events such as field days and riparian buffer plantings.

Project Budget: \$2,500

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