

Collaborative Adaptive Management (CAM) Progress Report  
Stakeholder Committee  
January 1, 2022– December 31, 2022

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In 2011 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Hinkson Creek TMDL calling for a substantial reduction in peak flow for specified design storm events. An alternate plan was negotiated in 2012 among the EPA, Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Boone County, the City of Columbia, and the University of Missouri which involved Collaborative Adaptive Management (CAM.) “Collaborative adaptive management is a science-driven, stakeholder-based process for decision-making while dealing with the scientific unknowns inherent in many physical and biological systems. It uses an iterative process to make changes and then to determine the effect of those changes.”

The EPA provides a facilitator, MDNR provided three years of testing and participates in CAM committees, and the local entities share costs and provide support for the CAM committees. The standing committees are: Stakeholder Committee, Action Team, and Science Team. The stakeholders were selected to represent a broad spectrum of local interests who make recommendations to Boone County, the City of Columbia, and the University of Missouri. The Action Team members are professionals associated with Boone County, the City of Columbia,

the University of Missouri, Boone County Regional Sewer District, and Missouri Department of Transportation who provide support to the Stakeholder Committee. The Science Team members are volunteer scientists and a stormwater engineer. This team makes recommendations to the stakeholders about projects to learn more about Hinkson Creek and ways to improve its water quality. To date, Stakeholder Committee recommendations have been based on recommendations from the Science and Action Teams.

The goal of the CAM process is to improve the water quality of Hinkson Creek so it can be removed from an impaired status. Hinkson Creek will continue to be categorized as impaired until the overall percentage of MSCI scores greater than 16 meets Missouri's Listing Methodology definition of an unimpaired water. This determination incorporates all the macroinvertebrate data collected from Hinkson Creek. As more and more projects are implemented in the watershed, DNR will target periodic future data collection, then analyze the data to determine if the instream effects from these projects have reached the point where more recent data indicates attainment. As an aside, dissolving CAM would reinstate the EPA TMDL process.

The following is a summary of the CAM Stakeholder Committee activities for 2022 with appropriate online links. The CAM Stakeholder Committee met four (4) times. Minutes exist for these meetings and can be found at <http://www.helpthehinkson.org/CAMStakeholders.asp>.

- I. Presentations and Reports
  - a. Nicki Rinehart, Boone County: Hinkson Creek Collaborative Adaptive Management Process presentation. December 12, 2022.
  - b. Richard Perkins, Columbia Public Schools: Columbia Public Schools Weather Station Mesonet Grant presentation. December 12, 2022.
- II. Riparian Sub-Committee met six (6) times in 2021. Minutes are at: <http://www.helpthehinkson.org/RiparianSub-committee.asp>
- III. Field Trips and Special Meetings
  - a. The "Hinkson Creek Riparian Corridor Workshop" was hosted by the Riparian Subcommittee on April 15, 2022 at the Martin Luther King park in the City of Columbia. Topics included riparian corridors, vegetation, invasive species, and a nature hike.
  - b. The Stakeholders were joined by members of the Action and Science Teams for a field trip on October 14, 2022. Sites visited were the Forum Nature Area Level Spreader; a Hinkson Creek riffle section with a sampling demonstration and presentation on the history of the DNR sampling on Hinkson Creek by Dave Michaelson, DNR, a presentation by Dave Alvarez, USGS, on chemical sampling and equipment, and a mussels presentation by Caleb Kneer, MoDOT; and a site visit to the City of Columbia's Hinkson Creek streambank stabilization project.
- IV. Recommendations and Actions
  - a. Actions:

- i. Sediment Mapping Project was completed in August 2018 and is in the data analysis phase.
  - ii. University of Missouri Watershed Water Quality Assessment is underway, with 30 sites on mainstem Hinkson Creek and 10 sites on the tributaries being sampled. Five sampling events were completed in 2021. Two (2) events were completed in 2022. A final report on the results of the assessment is expected in 2023.
  - iii. LiDAR Analysis Project – Boone County GIS completed an initial analysis of the stream corridor in 2021, which showed amounts of sediment erosion and deposition. The Science Team is studying the results to determine if there are any “hot spots” along the corridor that need attention or additional monitoring. USGS Comprehensive Sampling – This project was approved for funding in 2021. The USGS collected water and sediment samples from Hinkson Creek and major tributaries in the spring and fall of 2022. Samples will be analyzed for the presence of various chemical compounds that may be contributing to the impairment of aquatic life communities in Hinkson Creek. A full report is expected in 2023.
  - iv. Lincoln University Gauging Stations – Dr. Shawn Zeiger has installed stage samplers at Dr. Hubbard’s old gauging station sites along Hinkson Creek.
  - v. Chloride Task Force - This task force was created to analyze current salt usage and application methods in the watershed; recommend practices, policies, and incentives for applying salt wisely; and explore other deicing alternatives for sodium chloride. The Chloride Task Force met four (4) times in 2022.
- b. Recommendations:
- i. Stakeholder member replacement for resigned and non-active members.
  - ii. Stakeholder volunteers were requested to serve on the Riparian Subcommittee.
  - iii. CAM website redesign.
- c. Proposals:
- i. Hinkson Creek Continuous Water Quality Monitoring Study (Chloride Study). Unanimously approved. December 12, 2022

## V. Macroinvertebrate Results

- a. Macroinvertebrate results through 2017 are presented in tabular form at: [http://www.helpthehinkson.org/documents/2017\\_Hinkson\\_MSCI\\_Table%20\(002\).pdf](http://www.helpthehinkson.org/documents/2017_Hinkson_MSCI_Table%20(002).pdf) The last nine test periods produced mixed results. The best results were in the Fall of 2014 (8 of 11 sites fully supporting) and Spring of 2016 (8 of 11 fully supporting). In the Fall of 2014 seven supporting sites were at stations HC 4-8 while in Spring 2016 seven supporting sites were at stations HC 1-5.5. The worst

results were the Spring of 2017 (3 of 11 supporting) and the Fall of 2017 (2 of 8 supporting). Every site was fully supporting at least three times (3-6) and not fully supporting at least two times (2-6). Very dry weather probably was a factor for some of the poor results.

- b. Due to the mixed results and cost of testing, the Action Team decided not to sample for the next 1-3 years until they know where to target their sampling.
- c. The Hinkson Creek Aquatic Macroinvertebrate Data Mining Project (IV.a.i. above) introduced a Request for a Statement of Qualifications (RSQ) on March 1, 2019. A Consultant was selected in July and their findings were presented at the first Science Team meeting after the contract ended in late July 2020. Findings were presented at the All Team Meeting on April 15, 2021. The recommendation of the study is “to preserve and improve the aquatic life in Hinson Creek (to) revolve around holistic watershed management, planning, best management practice (BMP), and monitoring tools to assess performance.” An area of focus identified in the study is to address Chlorides through implementation of non-structural BMPs. A list of recommendations specific to the results of this study can be found in Section 6 of the Aquatic Macroinvertebrate Data Mining Report. The report can be found at [helpthehinkson.org/documents/Hinkson%20Macroinvertebrate%20Data%20Mining%20Report.pdf](http://helpthehinkson.org/documents/Hinkson%20Macroinvertebrate%20Data%20Mining%20Report.pdf).

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The City of Columbia, Boone County, and the University of Missouri completed additional stormwater projects that were independent of CAM. Below are some of these projects.

### City of Columbia

#### Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Utility Work:

##### Stormwater:

- Quail Drive Stormwater
- Bray Ave. Stormwater
- Hickman 6th & 7th Stormwater
- Aldeah & Ash Stormwater

##### Sanitary Sewer:

- Hinkson Creek Stream Bank Stabilization
- Route B Sewer Extension
- Spring Valley PCCE
- Glennwood PCCE
- Stanford PCCE
- Stewart, Ridge, & Medavista PCCE, Phase 4A & 4B
- Bingham & Ridgeley PCCE Phase 3 & 5
- Thilly & Lathrop PCCE

### University of Missouri

- Parker Hall demolition: area converted to green space pending redevelopment.
- Old Student Health Building demolition: area converted to green space pending redevelopment.
- Noyes Hall demolition: area converted to green space pending redevelopment.
- London Hall demolition: area converted to green space.
- Loeb Hall demolition: area converted to green space.
- Pershing Hall demolition: area converted to green space.