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Ms. Peggy Horner
Executive Director
Ozark Regional Land Trust
P.O. Box 1512
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Dear Ms. Horner:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (Department) released a Request for Proposal (RFP) in September 2016 that would fund applicants up to \$500,000 towards implementation of successful compensatory groundwater restoration projects in the Springfield area that would benefit the James and Sac River watersheds. Proposals were evaluated and recommended for funding based upon the project requirements published in the RFP and the project specific scoring matrix developed for the RFP.

The Department is pleased to announce that the Ozark Regional Land Trust has been awarded \$100,000 to implement compensatory groundwater restoration projects in the Tier 1 including the South Dry Sac Creek Focus Area. The awarded funds will be used to acquire conservation easements to protect karst recharge areas and will compensate the public for natural resources injured by the releases of creosote, an industrial wood treatment chemical, to groundwater at the former Kerr-McGee Corporation (Anadarko Petroleum Corporation) facility in Springfield, Missouri.

The Department's natural resource damages staff will be in contact with you in the near future to develop a contractual agreement for implementation of the awarded funds. We look forward to working with you and improving Missouri's natural resources with these funds.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Carol S. Comer,
Director

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