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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Mr. Dan Atwill, Presiding Commissioner
Boone County Commission
Boone County Government Center
801 E. Walnut, Room 333
Columbia, MO 65201-7732

RE: Department of Natural Resources Acceptance of the Hinkson Creek Watershed Management Plan

Dear Mr. Atwill:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (the Department) Water Protection Program's nonpoint source staff has reviewed your Watershed Management Plan (WMP) for the three Hinkson Creek Watersheds (HUC 103001020601, 103001020602 and 103001020603). Staff reviewed the WMP to ensure that all nine critical planning elements required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) were addressed. Elements that were considered during the evaluation process included: land use and sources of impairment, expected load reduction, proposed management measures, technical and financial assistance, information/ education and public participation, implementation schedule and milestones, load reduction evaluation and a monitoring component.

After carefully reviewing the document, it is our opinion that your plan does address each of the required elements and it meets the basic requirements established by EPA. Congratulations on the completion of a successful WMP. Your organization is to be commended for taking the initiative to start this project and make it a success. The development of a WMP using a locally led process demonstrates the importance of citizen involvement as we address the water quality issues of Missouri. The plan should be revisited on a regular basis and revisions made as new information become available to keep the plan current. A Department accepted plan puts your organization and other watershed partners in a position to apply for other funding opportunities as you begin or continue to implement the plan.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment on your WMP. A copy will be forwarded to EPA Region 7. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to call John Johnson or myself at (573) 751-7144, or by mail at Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM


Greg Anderson
Nonpoint Source Coordinator

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c: Mr. Bill Florea, Project Manager, Boone County Resource Management