

HINKSON CREEK COLLABORATIVE ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT
ACTION TEAM Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2026

9:00 am

MU General Services Building, Rm 185 900 E. Stadium Blvd, Columbia, MO
With Virtual Attendance

Action Team Members Present: Lynne Hooper-County, Ted Haeussler-MU, Tom Wellman-City, Nicki Fuemmeler-County, Alec Brown-MU

Staff and Others Present: Jason West-City, Joshua Horne-Geosyntec, Michele Woolbright—County, Morgan Condon—MU Sustainability

1. **CALL TO ORDER** –The meeting was called to order ~ 9:00 am.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PAST MEETINGS** – None Ready
4. **AGENDA ITEMS**
 - **Stakeholder/Science Team Updates**
 - **Stakeholder Committee**
 - EPA still looking for a mediator
 - **Science Team, last meeting** – no March meeting
 - Geosyntec to present early findings on Chloride study at April 7th meeting.
 - DNR may have radar stream gauges available to use on Hinkson
 - Cost of data collection borne by MS4 partners, but it would be relatively inexpensive. Robert Voss to check further
 - **Riparian Subcommittee, last meeting February 10, 2026**
 - Stephen Bybee and Anna Do spoke about Missouri Conservation Corps activities
 - Tree plantings and invasive plant removals
 - Tyler Gerstheimer with City Sustainability spoke about heat mitigation efforts through tree planting
 - Coordinating efforts with Missouri Conservation Corps
 - Discussed Battle Riparian restoration
 - Discussed Grindstone Nature Area Riparian restoration
 - Stephen with Mo Cons Corps ordered extra trees from Forest ReLeaf
 - **Action Updates/Proposals**
 - **Chloride Study**
 - Geosyntec presented some findings and asked if they could stop grab sampling
 - Grab sample cost has increased dramatically more than the increases assumed when preparing their proposal. Lab costs have increased 50%.
 - Most grab sampling has been done.
 - When looking at the data that has been collected, the correlation with specific conductance is very good. $R^2 > 0.9$
 - More grab samples would not increase the accuracy of the correlation significantly
 - Have been able to demonstrate that the correlation is with chloride ions rather than other sources. Other ions analyzed remain steady while chloride ions spike at the same time that specific conductance spikes.

- Science Team to provide opinion on ceasing grab sample collection at their April 7 meeting.
- **Road Salt Communication-**
 - MoDOT conducting research with Missouri University of Science and Technology.
 - County MS4 staff is working with facilities staff to get better salt spreading equipment
- **Battle Riparian Restoration**
 - CPS is reviewing the plan
- **Grindstone Nature Riparian**
 - Michele working on an educational sign – existing template is very difficult to work with
- **Next Steps**
 - **Heat Mitigation Collaboration**
 - Will look for ways to work with City Sustainability's efforts to use tree plantings to mitigate heat in the urban landscape
 - May be able to achieve some economy of collaboration
- **Regulatory Updates**
 - New Waters of the US rules should be coming out this year.
- **Announcements**
 - The Greater Bonne Femme Watershed Plan hitting two milestones in the coming weeks
 - The plan will start its public process including an Interested Parties meeting, a County Planning and Zoning meeting followed by a vote and then a hearing before the County Commission
 - The three-year implementation grant for the plan has been awarded to the County.
 - Bill Florea's last day at the County is April 17th – Best Wishes, Bill!
- **Agenda Items for Next Meeting – April 17th, 2026**
 - None
- **Adjourn ~ 9:55am**