

Hinkson Creek  
Collaborative Adaptive Management  
Stakeholder Committee  
September 30, 2025 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM  
Virtual and In-person – Microsoft Teams  
801 E. Walnut, Room 301, Columbia, MO 65201

Online/Phone: EPA Facilitator Jodi Harper, Mike Kruse, Dee Dokken, Dennis Elmore, Commissioner Justin Aldred, Leanne Tippett Mosbey

Online/Phone Guests: Michele Woolbright, Ted Haeussler

In-Person: Jeanine Pagan, Diane Oerly

In-Person Guests: Lynne Hooper, Nicki Rinehart, Jack Russell

Absent: Susan Hart, Rob Wolverton, Scott Hamilton, Councilwoman Betsy Peters, Jeff DeShon, Isaac Ellis, David Seamon

**1. Welcome to Process, Participants and Introductions**

Stakeholders and guests introduced themselves.

**2. Approval of previous meeting minutes**

A motion was made and seconded (Oerly/Kruse) for the March 2025 minutes to be approved. Motion passed.

**3. MDNR/MS4/Stakeholder/Watershed Updates**

MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) permit renewal - Nicki Rinehart mentioned the MS4 co-permittees (City of Columbia, Boone County, and MU) are working on their permit renewal. The MS4 is in compliance with and operating under the current permit and is working on getting the Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) approved. Mike Kruse added that the current MS4 permit is being administratively continued until the new one is issued.

**4. Science Team Updates**

Hinkson Creek MDNR Sampling has been tabled for Fall 2025 and will resume in Spring 2026. Lynne Hooper shared that flow is minimal.

**5. Action Team Updates**

USGS Chemical Sampling – Lynne Hooper stated that we are waiting on a summary report on the findings. USGS is scheduled to give a presentation to the Science Team at their October meeting, but this may be tabled due to the impending federal government shutdown. We anticipate receiving the report at this time. The presentation and report will be posted to the CAM website.

Leanne Tippet Mosby asked if anyone knew if CERC still had Ecosystems Mission Area funding in their budget, or if it had been cut. She thought losing that funding may impact getting the final report.

CAM All-Team Field Trip Recap – Nicki Rinehart provided an update. The Stakeholders, Science Team, and Action Team went on a field trip in June to the 3M Wetland and the City of Columbia's Hinkson Creek stream bank stabilization site at UMC Drive. Josh Horne, Geosyntec, gave a presentation at the 3M Wetlands on how they collect samples for the chloride study. Diane Oerly added that she thought it was a good opportunity to get to know everyone in a different setting, other than just at the meetings.

Lynne Hooper added that the chloride study is ongoing.

#### **6. Riparian Subcommittee Updates**

East Campus Neighborhood Workshop – Cancelled due to lack of interest in neighborhood. Michele Woolbright said she was looking at a different approach in another neighborhood and partnership with US Fish and Wildlife.

Battle HS Riparian Buffer Improvements – Lynne Hooper stated that the City of Columbia Stormwater Utility is finishing a proposal for a project at Battle High School, that would involve transitioning from fescue to a pollinator habitat and restoring riparian corridor, and maintenance requirements. Once finished, the proposal will go to the school board for their approval, and then on to the Stakeholders for approval. Jeanine Pagan asked if we knew what it would cost. Lynne said she was not sure but did not think it would be terribly expensive. Jeanine asked if there would be a specific group within the school that would be targeted. Lynne thought there would be a connection with the science teachers and students, but that would be determined after school board approval. Jodi Harper also suggested agriculture and horticulture teachers. Jodi asked if there was a timeline for approval. Lynne was not sure, but thought the city was almost done with the proposal and would require two readings at the school board. She hoped it would be ready at the next Stakeholder meeting.

#### **7. New Business**

Diane Oerly asked for an update on the Science Strategy.

Michele Woolbright provided an update on the SaltSmart campaign and mentioned new information has been posted to the CAM website.

#### **8. Old Business**

CAM Stakeholder representative replacements – Nicki Rinehart mentioned that the Stakeholder Committee has an open spot for someone in the Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

#### **9. Collaborative Adaptive Management Committee Discussion of Next Steps**

Nicki is going to have the draft annual report ready for the next Stakeholder meeting. Lynne Hooper is going to check on the Science Strategy updates. Diane Oerly asked if the County could update the Hinkson Creek Urban Retrofit Grant page to show when that grant was active and that the project has been finished.

Jodi Harper mentioned that if the federal government shuts down, there will be essential staff working, but the day-to-day operations will cease.

**10. Adjournment**

Jeanine Pagan made a motion to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicki Rinehart

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