



Spring Gardener Workshop Series

The Healthy Yards for Clear Streams workshops have something for the beginner and avid gardener. This program is an educational effort to help landowners and businesses become more environmentally responsible with lawn and landscape practices.

Pulaski and Phelps County Spring Workshops:

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Session 1: March 2th at The Centre in Rolla

March 3rd at Pulaski County Courthouse in Waynesville

- Why Connect Yards to Streams? Speaker Emily Brown, Chief of Environmental Compliance, Ft. Leonard Wood
- Healthy Yard Care, Speaker Andy Read, Horticultural Specialist, Phelps County Extension

Session 2: March 9th at The Centre in Rolla

March 10th at Pulaski County Courthouse in Waynesville

- Right Plant, Right Place, Speakers Gary Peters, Owner of Suncliff Nursery and Landscaping (Phelps Co.) James Rinck, Owner of Bluestem Nursery (Pulaski Co.)
- Using Native plants and Rain Gardens, Speaker Pat Perry, Founding member of Meramec Hills Master Naturalists

Session 3: March 16th at The Centre in Rolla

March 17th at the Pulaski County Courthouse in Waynesville

- Healthy Soils, Speaker Will McClain, PhD Soil Science, Agronomy Specialist Crawford Co. Extension (Phelps) (Pulaski—TBA)
- Integrated Pest Management and Effective Use of Garden Chemicals, Speaker Jim Duncan, Manager of Custodial and Landscape Services, Missouri University of Science and Technology (Phelps) (Pulaski—TBA)

Pulaski and Phelps Counties are starting their own HYCS programs this year!

Phelps County is partnering with the city of Rolla, Rolla Public Works, Phelps County Master Gardeners, Meramec Hills Master Naturalists, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Department of Conservation, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Brewer Science. Pulaski County is partnering with the city of Waynesville, the City of St. Robert, Pulaski Master Gardeners, Meramec Hills Master Naturalists, Missouri Department of Conservation, and Natural Resources Conservation Service. Watersheds that could potentially benefit from these programs include: Dry Fork Creek, Upper Meramec River, Upper Bourbeuse River, Gasconade River, Little Piney Creek, Upper Gasconade River, Roubidoux Creek and Big Piney River.

Both these programs are getting local support since HYCS fits so well with each city's efforts to improve water quality and educate the public about what they are doing. Rolla Public works plans on having a day in May set to tour "best practices at businesses and homes" with a Public Works Day. The city of Rolla has some major projects planned for protecting watershed properties and adding rain gardens in their public parks. The City Land Use Administrator in Pulaski County and the Waynesville City Administrator are both helping with the publicity of the program. Both cities are concerned with environmental soundness in regard to bank stabilization of waterways, trail construction, and landscaping throughout the cities. The Roubidoux is of particular concern, as it runs right through town and is a top trout stream.

If you would like to start a Healthy Yards for Clear Streams program in your area, please contact Dr. Chris Starbuck: starbuckc@missouri.edu or (573) 882-9630