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# The South Grand Current

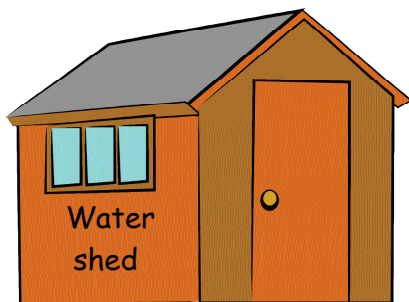
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## Do You Live in a Watershed???

Watersheds come in all shapes and sizes. They cross county, state, and national boundaries. No matter where you are, you're in a watershed!

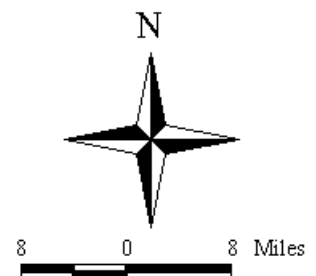
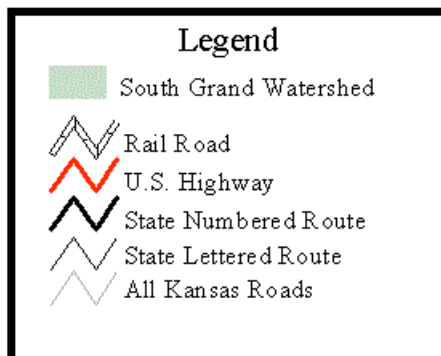
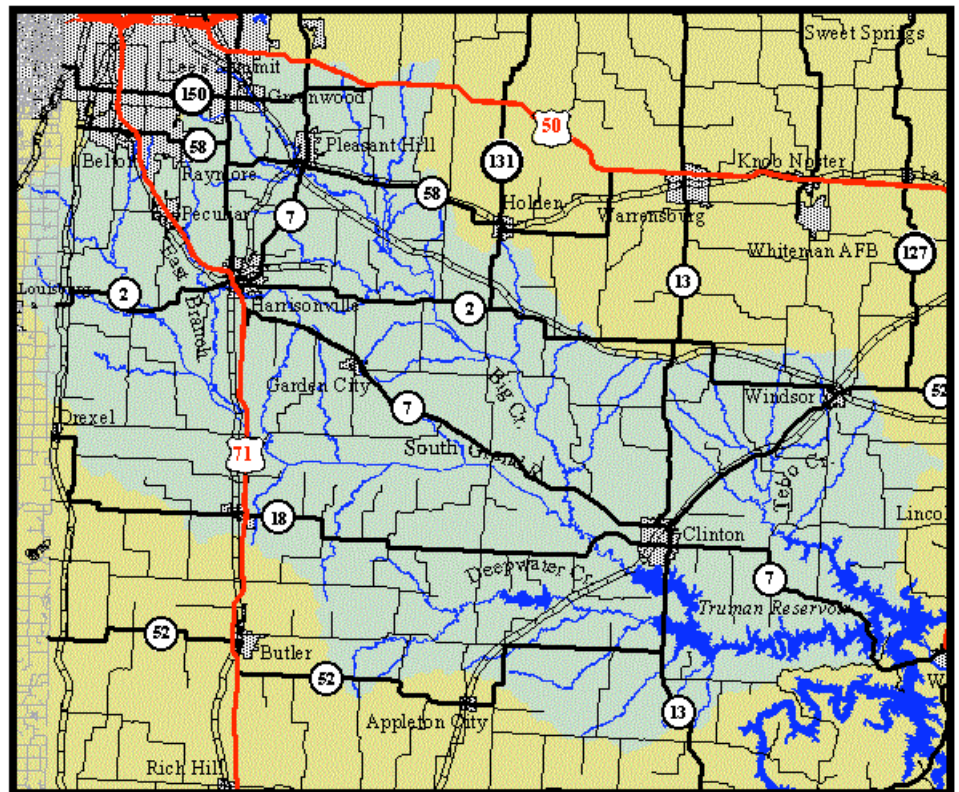
John Wesley Powell, scientist geographer, put it best when he said that a watershed is:

"that area of land, a bounded hydrologic system, within which all living things are inextricably linked by their common water course and where, as humans settled, simple logic demanded that they become part of a comunity."



## The South Grand River Watershed

The South Grand River Watershed drains a 2,046 square mile area located in eight Missouri counties and a small portion of two Kansas counties. The Truman Reservoir at Clinton, Missouri is the end of the journey for the waters in the South Grand River watershed.



## South Grand River Watershed Alliance

### Who we are...

The South Grand River Watershed Alliance (SGRWA) was formed when three stream teams joined their efforts for the purpose of promoting the preservation, protection and restoration of the waters in the South Grand River watershed by providing information, educational programs and activities for members of the community—residents, students, businesses, local governments, schools and civic organizations—about the need for each of us to take an active role in protecting our water resource.

### What we do...

The SGRWA offers quarterly

programs for members of the community to learn more about watersheds, the characteristics of healthy streams, stormwater, rain gardens, actions we can each take for a healthier watershed, and reasons to protect our waterways. The SGRWA also offers an annual Open House so the community can meet and talk with representatives of various federal, state and local government agencies and local organizations to learn about their role in water related issues.

The SGRWA applies for grants for projects to address water quality within the South Grand River watershed. In 2007 a grant was received from the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) to construct a rain garden at the Raymore-Peculiar Middle School. This project was

carried out in partnership with the Ray-Pec School District, with the eighth grade students at the Middle School participating in the planning of the rain garden, and researching, planting and mulching the plants.

Another MARC grant has been approved to install rain gardens at the Justice Center, 71 Highway in Harrisonville. Work will begin on this rain garden in September. Grants have also been awarded by WalMart to help with SGRWA's educational activities

The SGRWA also provides information about protecting, preserving and restoring the waters of the watershed in a "Know Your Watershed" feature which is published in local newspapers and through an informational website: [www.southgrandwatershed.com](http://www.southgrandwatershed.com)

### Group Presentations Available

The SGRWA has power point programs on various water related topics such as stormwater, rain gardens, characteristics of healthy watersheds, etc., and is available to do presentations for your group or organization.

For information, contact us at [www.southgrandwatershed.com](http://www.southgrandwatershed.com) or call 779-6708 or 331-2824.

### A few actions you can take to protect our water resource

**Eliminate** or limit pesticide use.

**Conserve** water

**Wash** your car on the grass instead of the driveway to reduce runoff into the stormwater sewer.

**Pick up** pet wastes and dispose of properly

**Use** the least toxic product for the job

**Dispose** of cleaning products, paints, oils, pesticides etc. at household hazardous waste recycling sites.

**Plant** native plants in your landscaping

**Maintain** a vegetated buffer when disturbing ground cover

**Redirect** your downspout toward vegetated areas instead of driveways or the street.