

# Hinkson Creek Collaborative Adaptive Management Science Team

## Ground Rules and Team Duties

The purpose of the Science Team is outlined in the TMDL Settlement Agreement. The settlement agreement sets up a collaborative adaptive management (CAM) process, under which the Science Team is responsible for identifying, evaluating, and advancing the necessary scientific studies to determine the underlying cause(s) to the impaired aquatic macroinvertebrate community within Hinkson Creek.

Through the course of designing or recommending scientific investigations, team members are responsible for identifying any potential conflicts of interest and will be required to recuse themselves from voting on those proposals.

A quorum of members is needed for the science team to vote on proposed items. A quorum is defined as a majority (more than 50 percent) of current members present.

As outlined in the TMDL settlement agreement, the Science Team positions have no compensation associated with them. As such, team members join with the understanding that no compensation will be provided for their efforts.

The Science Team meets monthly via a public forum, the first Tuesday of the month, or as agreed upon by the team members. The Science Team will continue to meet, at the discretion of the Science Team, until the TMDL settlement agreement is fulfilled or mutually dissolved by the parties involved (University of Missouri, Boone County, City of Columbia, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Missouri Department of Natural Resources).

Periodically the Science Team will meet, communicate, or make recommendations to the Stakeholders Team and/or Action Team as outlined by the CAM in the TMDL Settlement Agreement.

