



## **River des Peres Watershed Coalition Annual Meeting**

**April 16, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.  
Richmond Heights Community Center**

**Guest Speaker: David Wilson  
Environment & Community Planner**

### **“The Role of Urbanization on the River des Peres”**

Last year the remnants of Hurricane Ike caused the River des Peres to flood with such severity that it caused millions of dollars in damage and took the lives of two University City Residents. Although the River des Peres has flooded throughout the history of St. Louis, in recent decades the flooding has grown in intensity and frequency. This is largely due to the increasing amount of development within the River des Peres Watershed.

Founded in 2001, The River des Peres Watershed Coalition is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the condition of the River des Peres watershed through habitat restoration, community advocacy, and the implementation of alternative storm water practices.

As part of our community advocacy mission, we are delighted to welcome David Wilson as our guest speaker for this year’s annual meeting. David is the Senior Manager of Environment & Community Planning at East-West Gateway Council of Governments. In addition to his work at the East-West Gateway Council, he is also a member of the executive board at the American Planning Association – Missouri Chapter. He has served as the Vice President of Education at EcoGroup Inc., as the Director of Education at the St. Louis Science Center, and as the Manager of Education at the Missouri Botanical Garden. David is an adjunct professor of Environmental Studies at Webster University and a co-editor of At the Confluence: Rivers, Floods and Water Quality in the St. Louis Region, Missouri Botanical Garden Press, 2003.

This event is free and open to the public; we look forward to seeing you!

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