

Treasurer

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Team LEAF Ladue High School 1201 South Warson Rd. St. Louis MO 63124

Dear Team LEAF,

On behalf of the Soil & Water Conservation District of St. Louis County (SWCD), I'd like to congratulate Team LEAF on the work that they have done. Impaired waterways, due to excessive and polluted stormwater runoff, are a serious problem in developed areas.

Because of their many environmental benefits, affordability, along with broad appeal and application options, rain gardens are a very good, effective choice as a tool to help improve water quality. Those are just some of the reasons SWCD has recently launched the ShowMe Rain Gardens initiative.

As part ShowMe Rain Gardens' outreach, the SWCD will be happy to help disseminate the materials developed by Team LEAF in the following ways:

- 1. Provide a link from the SMRG website to Team LEAF's website
- 2. Post the Team LEAF curriculum on our site under our Education Resources
- 3. Include the Team LEAF members in our volunteer directory
- 4. Add the Team LEAF rain garden site to the SMRG Rain Garden Registry
- 5. Post pictures of the Team LEAF rain garden in our SMRG Gallery and include it in future rain garden tours

Good stewardship of our soil and water resources not only benefits everyone, but needs everyone's involvement. Your students are to be commended on their efforts. What they have accomplished over the course of this project will be carried forward with them as they pursue their lives and careers. As a result, I believe they will continue to be positive forces for environmental stewardship in their communities all along the way.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lewis/

District Manager