2016 was a year of growth for the #watershedfamily!

We kicked off the year with a packed house at the MWCC Annual Meeting, sustained and grew our network through the Watershed News, and introduced two new people at the 2016 MWCC Symposium - Jill Feldhusen, Watershed Outreach Coordinator and my son William “Tupper” Farris-Olsen. In the midst of growth, MWCC ended the year with money in the bank for a productive 2017.

MWCC is working to diversify our funding profile in order to serve as a sustainable and reliable resource for watershed groups. A primary goal of MWCC is to increase the amount of funding we make directly available to watershed groups and to advance watershed coordination statewide.

The MWCC Partnership Program is a significant step in the direction of organizational financial sustainability. The Partnership Program will better define the MWCC network, including service recipients and essential contributors. Our objective is to ensure that MWCC can increase support to local watershed groups while continuing to improve core services including our newsletter, trainings, Annual Meeting, Symposium, and every day activities that connect watershed groups to the resources necessary to engage in community based conservation.

Thank you for supporting MWCC and our network. We look forward to building and strengthening our partnership with you to ensure that all Montana communities are successfully advancing natural resource stewardship.

Sincerely,

Erin Farris-Olsen
Executive Director
The MWCC Water Activities Work Group (WAWG) redesigned its website to provide up to date information and resources. MWCC plans to host Project Management Training webinars to enhance watershed restoration planning. MWCC launched its Partnership Program to enhance its capacity and meet critical needs for natural resource conservation planning. Partnership categories include: Watershed Group, Agency, Non Profit, For Profit, or Individual. The benefits vary by category as well as suggested partnership fee.

Donate!

MWCC relies on general support for many of our regular services - Annual Meeting, Website, Information Sharing, Legislative Bulletin, Watershed Group Check-ins, and WSN.

Volunteer!

MWCC connects Watershed Groups to much needed human, technical, and financial resources. That could be you! Support your local Watershed Group!

Check our online directory.

Thanks to Montana artist, Dale Livezey, for his creation of this beautiful Missouri landscape.

JANUARY

• Register for the MWCC License Plate Partnership.
• Support your local Watershed Group.
• April 6th: Region 3 April Webinar.
• April 28th: MWCC National Membership Meeting.

FEBRUARY

• MWCC member check-ins.
• Capacity building for watershed groups in eastern Montana.
• Addressing nonpoint source pollution.
• Drought management.

MARCH

• Missouri Headwaters Partnership.
• Watershed Groups highlighted in the first ever State of the Watersheds Report.
• 800 people read the Montana Watershed News.
• 58 people packed the Fish Wildlife & Parks Wild Center.
• Fall Art Walk in Helena.

APRIL

• 160 people attended the Fish Wildlife & Parks Wild Center.
• 100 people networked with state leaders.

MAY

• BIG SW - Missouri Watershed Restoration & Resilience Symposium. 20 Big SW workshops.
• 2016 Montana Watershed Council Annual Meeting.
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JUNE

• Montana Water Resources Conference.
• Natural Resource Grant tracking sheet.

JULY

• 3 Water Quality Assessment. 100 people attended.
• Trainings:
  - Iowa Dairy Sustainability Program.
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AUGUST

• The tour explored restoration projects at Browns Gulch, the Ueland Ranch, and Silver Bow Creek outside of Butte. The tour concluded with a visit to the Mt. Haggin Wildlife Management Area.
• The Watershed News increased its audience to over 800 natural resource professionals statewide. With an open rate that nearly doubles the industry average and a 20% click through rate, the Watershed News is a premier method for sharing information regarding Montana natural resource related activities.

SEPTEMBER

• The MountaineersArtists at Work 2016 Annual Meeting.
• 100 people attended the Fish Wildlife & Parks Wild Center.
• 100 people attended the Montana Watershed News.
• 100 people gathered in Billings, Montana.

OCTOBER

• MWCC brought together local natural resource organizations and businesses to commission a mural that reminds the people of Helena of the city's unique placement within the Ten Mile watershed ecosystem. The mural is on permanent display at Ten Mile Creek Brewing Company.

NOVEMBER

• 100 people attended the Fish Wildlife & Parks Wild Center.

DECEMBER

• MWCC plans to host Project Management Training.
• The W3s project is making progress.

WAYS TO SUPPORT MWCC

Tell us how it’s going.

Fell off in recent years.

NOVEMBER

• Nonprofit, Regional, and Tribal license plate partnerships.
• Apostle Islands and Wisconsin-Minnesota Partnership.

OCTOBER

• Stewardship grant program.
• Region 4 Community Action Planning.

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