

Environmental Quality and Economic Development Projects

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Our Understandings

- Local governments' resources are limited.
- Aging infrastructure means standing still is really falling behind.
- New requirements may be easier than keeping up with systems.
- Environmental protection and economic development work hand in hand.

Affordability

- Established in Statute in 2011
- Spells out criteria in Section 644.145
- Built into permit and enforcement processes
- Provides systematic basis for schedules of compliance

Cost Analysis for Compliance

- A better name for what we analyze
- Can reflect a city's ability to address environmental and other needs
- Provides a framework for discussion of what can be done
- Starts the discussion of a multi-discharger variance

Community Services

- Assistance program for small, financially-challenged communities
- Seeks to improve service for communities with populations under 5000
- Coordinates technical and financial assistance
- Regulatory, policy measures to achieve improvements w/o excessive burden

Integrated Planning

- Opportunity to examine all environmental responsibilities
- Identify highest public health and environmental risks
- Work on highest risks first
- Don't lose track of the rest, but formally recognize priorities

Our Missouri Waters

- A coordinated, holistic approach to protect and preserve water resources
- Statewide watershed approach
- Involve citizens, landowners, communities, industries and local leaders
- Selects and rotates focus watersheds
- Reflects watershed-based management

Discussion is Welcome

- Stakeholders, special interests, advisers, and citizens are all welcome to participate in each of these aspects.
- Many avenues are open:
 - Topic-specific forums
 - Advisory committees
 - Formal proceedings

Thank You

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