



# Annual Report 2018



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## Mission Statement

Founded in 1965, the Open Space Council works independently and collaboratively to conserve and sustain land, water and other natural resources throughout the St. Louis region.

## 2018 Accomplishments

For over five decades, the Open Space Council (OSC) has worked to conserve and protect land and water resources in the St. Louis Region.

### **Operation Clean Stream**

Volunteers from across the region celebrated 51 years of Operation Clean Stream in 2018! In addition to the watershed-wide cleanup on August 25 & 26, volunteers removed trash and tires from floodplain areas in Lower Meramec Park and Robert Winter Park during special cleanups throughout the year. In total, volunteers gave **over 7,000 hours** and removed **376 cubic yards of trash, 1,681 tires, and 37,704lbs of metal** from the Meramec Watershed.

### **Operation Wild Lands**

In addition, OSC volunteers removed invasive bush honeysuckle from the Al Foster Trail on the MeramecGreenway, enhancing native Missouri woodlands. In the Wells Goodfellow Neighborhood, OSC worked with community members and the Outdoor Youth Corps to enhance greenspace through litter removal, tree plantings, and honeysuckle removal on vacant lots. In total, volunteers removed **10+ acres of invasive bush honeysuckle from the region.**

## Financial Information

Total Assets: \$1,348,424

Total Current Liabilities: \$9,353

Net Assets – Beginning of Year: \$1,093,009

Net Assets – End of Year: \$1,339,071

Changed in Unrestricted Net Assets: +\$

Total Revenue: \$103,661

Total Expenses: \$172,599

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