

Meet Our Bloggers

MCE provides some in-depth articles on various topics and this page introduces you to the authors and what they write about. To review all of a bloggers articles click their linked blog title. Their most recent articles are listed below their description.

[River Roils Blog](#): Brad Walker – Rivers Director



Exploring the confluence of greed, entitlement, delusion, and taxpayer subsidies in the management of mid-America's rivers. This blog is about our rivers. It is not a travelogue or a nostalgic cry for what has been lost. It will be a no holds barred, hard-core discussion about what we have done within and around the rivers to exploit them without consideration for future generations or the health of the current generation. It is about special interests manipulating the political system, our institutions, and the public for their benefit and largely at taxpayer expense.

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- [MCE Attends the 2017 Democracy Convention in Minneapolis](#)
 - [Thoughts on the River](#)
 - [2017 American Society of Civil Engineers Report Card Fraught with Errors](#)
 - [The Troubling Double-Standards on Our Rivers](#)
 - [It Takes Two Sides to Debate, But Only One Side to Dictate - Summary](#)

[Food & Farm Blog](#): Melissa Vatterott – Food & Farm Coordinator



Sharing what's going on in the world of local food, sustainable agriculture, healthy food access, and small-scale farms in St. Louis and the Midwest. This blog features three segments: Local Food Heroes, Food and Farm Events, and the work of the new St. Louis Food Policy Coalition. “Local Food Heroes” spotlights the farmers, local foodies, and other individuals who are building up thriving local food systems. “Food and Farm Events” summarizes happenings that the MCE Food and Farm Coordinator attends, such as panels, conferences, film screenings, and networking events. The St. Louis Food Policy Coalition segment will feature the work of the STLFC which formalized in October 2015 and is made up of stakeholders working in diverse fields, such as community gardening,

organic farming, public health, nutrition, community development, and farmers market managing.

- [St. Louis Food Policy Coalition Report](#)
- [Animal Agriculture Ordinance in the Works for the City of St. Louis!](#)
- [Local Food Event: MCE Staff Visits Kansas City to Meet with Western Missouri Allies](#)
- [Local Food Event: Farmplcity Launch Party](#)
- [Local Food Hero: Community Action Agency of St. Louis County \(CAASTLC\)](#)

[Reel Earth Eco Film Reviews Blog](#): Caitlin Zera – Development Coordinator

Discussing current documentary and narrative films that cover a range of environmental



issues from various perspectives. This blog will feature reviews of environmental films that have upcoming screenings in the region as well as those previously released or widely available for home viewing, with a special focus on films produced by independent and nontraditional filmmakers. Filmmaking is a powerful tool not only for raising awareness about important environmental issues but also for engaging audiences in critical discussions about solutions. As access to digital camera technology

increases, those most affected by today's environmental crises have more opportunities to document their stories and share them with the broader community.

- [Not so Strange Bedfellows: Reflections on the Democracy Convention](#)
- [Gray Area: A Dwindling Wolf Population is Saved by a Delicate Balance](#)
- [This Cold Life: A Genre-Bending Portrait at the Edge of the World](#)
- [MCE Attends the 2017 Democracy Convention in Minneapolis](#)
- [Tiny House Hunters – A Binge-Worthy Break](#)

[Clean Water Reflections](#): Alicia Lloyd – Clean Water Policy Coordinator



Meandering through the world of Missouri waters. This blog delves into the currents of water pollution protection and the policies and interests that subvert it. It focuses on what we can and should do to defend Missouri's exemplary water resources from agricultural pollution, urban stormwater contaminants, and industrial destruction. It is about the ways federal and state policy protects and neglects the Missouri waters that flow through and among over 180,000 stream miles, tens of thousands of lake acres, innumerable wetlands, into the Mississippi River and ultimately, the Gulf of Mexico

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- [Trump Attacks the Clean Water Rule, McCaskill supports him](#)
 - [Dicamba Damage Reported in Startling Numbers in Missouri](#)
 - [FY17 Conservation Funding Wins, Uphill Battle in FY18](#)
 - [Chesterfield Sports Complex in MO River floodplain won't happen, City remains non-compliant with mitigation for prior wetland destruction](#)
 - [Chesterfield is at it again.](#)

[West Lake Landfill Blog](#): Ed Smith - Policy Director



West Lake Landfill Blog. MCE unpacks the complicated issues at the smoldering and radioactive West Lake Landfill Superfund site. This blog breaks down the technical and political issues involved at the West Lake Landfill. We provide a place for readers to get in the weeds about specific issues and a place to share new information as it is obtained through the use of the Freedom of Information Act. It's no secret the EPA has a troubled history of handling the site properly and that the Army Corps of Engineers FUSRAP should be in charge. It's also no secret that long-lived radioactive contamination should be removed from an unlined landfill in the Missouri River floodplain that was never designed or permitted to contain such dangerous material. We'll explore these issues and more.

[MCE Request Prompts EPA Release of 17,000+ Pages of Draft Documents](#)

[Adequate Testing at West Lake Needed Before Proposed Remedy](#)

[The Safe Side of the Fence: STL's Nuclear Legacy Is Personal](#)

[Local Food Event: MCE Staff Visits Kansas City to Meet with Western Missouri Allies](#)

[Do we need nature? A fragile response.](#)