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MO Environmental Education Partnership Receives Federal Funding

The Missouri Environmental Education Association (MEEA) has received two years of additional funding through the national Environmental Education and Training Partnership (EETAP). The grant will go towards the assessment and updating of a comprehensive plan for environmental education in the state, and will help the organization develop a strategic plan for creating, increasing and promoting high-quality environmental education to a broad network. MEEA will receive \$60,000 to support their work through September, 2005.

The grant will help MEEA prepare for the Missouri Summit on Environmental Literacy scheduled for February 8 and 9, 2005, and complete an assessment of the 1994 “Report and Recommendations of the Governor’s Task Force on Environmental Education: Creating an Environmentally Literate Citizenry.”

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“We will work to bring stakeholders and decision makers together to review changes in environmental education in Missouri over the past 10 years, and determine how to shape the future direction for environmental education in Missouri,” said Ollie Bogdon, MO’s EETAP Project Manager.

As part of their EETAP project, MEEA will also create an organizational strategic plan. “This plan will provide MEEA with the policy direction to increase its ability to manage multiple programs, as well as work with other stakeholders to meet statewide environmental education needs through comprehensive, sustainable initiatives,” said Bogdon.

Missouri and seven additional states received financial support to advance environmental education statewide. These eight states receive federal funds through the Environmental Education and Training Partnership (EETAP) based at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The National Environmental Education Advancement Project (NEEAP), one of eight national EETAP partners, manages the EETAP States Program. “Missouri is advancing quality environmental education with the cooperation of state level decision makers as well as traditional stakeholders,” said Jeremy Higgins, NEEAP Outreach Coordinator. “We are excited to support MEEA’s efforts to lead the state initiatives for environmental education toward effectively meeting the common goals of environmental literacy.”

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