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Weldon Spring, Missouri MS4 Environmental Scavenger Hunt

This is a fun scavenger hunt you can do in the City of Weldon Spring! Look around our park and your neighborhood when you are out walking with your family. **Make sure to keep your social distance and don't touch anything!** Try to find everything on this sheet. Some may be easy to find, and others may be a little harder to spot. The items below are all good for the environment! **When you complete this hunt, email a copy of the completed form to stormwatermanager@weldonspring.org, include a photo with one of the scavenger hunt discoveries and ask for a "Junior Weldon Spring Naturalist Certificate"!**

The Flowering Dogwood is Missouri's state tree. Look for white flowers in the Spring! Planting native trees is good for the environment.



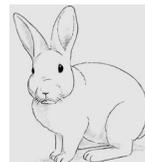
Covered trash cans help to keep litter out of our storm water system, streams and rivers. Throw your trash away into a covered trash to help keep our environment clean and healthy. Weldon Spring has installed new trash cans and pet waste disposal bags. Can you spot them?



Storm drains catch runoff from the roads and flows into our streams. Weldon Spring has new manhole covers warning "No dumping—Drains to Stream". Can you spot one of these?



Wildlife is part of a healthy environment. Squirrels help to plant native oak trees, as they forget where they bury all of their acorns! Can you spot a fish, squirrel, rabbit, bird or deer?



Detention basins can be found in most of our subdivisions. They capture water after a big rain and slowly release it into our local streams. This helps to prevent erosion and flooding.



Streams collect the rain and ground water runoff in our area and then flows to the Missouri or Mississippi Rivers. Our drinking water normally comes from these two rivers. Keeping the water clean is important for all of us to stay healthy!





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The following are **HARMFUL** to our environment! Hopefully you don't find many of these items in our City. If you do, please discuss with your parents/guardians what can be done to make it better. Wearing the proper protective clothing and gloves, there are volunteer opportunities each year to make our community better: removing trash from streams, removing invasive bush honeysuckle, etc.

The water we drink normally comes from the local rivers. Trash or litter in a creek or stream is bad for everyone!



Creek erosion causes silt to flow into our streams and rivers. This is bad for the environment and is harmful to property.



Bush honeysuckle is not a native species. It chokes out other plants and leads to erosion and loss of habitat.



Plastic water bottles aren't the best for the environment. A better choice is a reusable cup or bottle. If you do use these bottles, make sure to recycle.



Oil stains on a driveways means a vehicle is leaking and needs repair. This can run off into our streams and contaminate our drinking water.



Litter should always be placed in a covered trash can. Litter pollutes the environment and needs to be properly disposed.

