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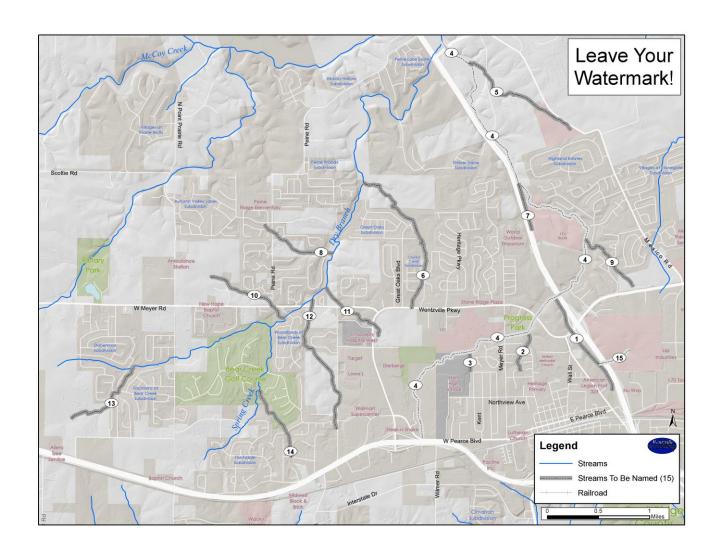
STREAMS IN DRY BRANCH WATERSHED OFFICIALLY NAMED U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES APPROVES RECOMMENDED NAMES

WENTZVILLE, MO – JUNE 10, 2013 – The City of Wentzville has received official approval for nine proposed names for unnamed streams from the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. The Board approved the names <u>Legion Creek, Progress Creek, Crossroads Creek, Great Oaks Creek, Peine Ridge Creek, Rio Run Creek, Lower Peine Creek, Fountains Creek, and <u>Wilderness Creek</u>. This was the outcome of a public Stream Naming Contest held last summer as part of the City's 319 grant project to increase awareness of water quality and local water resources. Approved stream names will appear in local, state, and federal maps or publications. The names have been entered into the Geographic Names Information System, the nation's official geographic names repository, which is searchable online at http://geonames.usgs.gov.</u>

Approved creek names, descriptions, and contest winners are as follows:

- 1 Legion Creek This 1 mi. long stream runs north behind American Legion Post 323, submitted by Linda Polka.
- **2 Progress Creek** The 0.3 mi. stream flows north from Woodhollow Dr. into Progress Park, submitted by Mary Knopf.
- **4 Crossroads Creek** This 4.5 mi. stream begins near I-70 at Wentzville Middle School, crosses under Hwy. 61 and heads north to Hwy. P. The name reflects that Wentzville is known as the "Crossroads of the Nation." Submitted by Adam Hackbarth.
- **6 Great Oaks Creek** The name refers to the stands of mature, native oak species near this 1.2 mi. creek that starts at Wentzville Parkway and along the east side of Great Oaks subdivision. Submitted by Dennis Brown and Mary Knopf.
- 8 Peine Ridge Creek This 0.6 mi stream flows southeast and is named in association with nearby Peine Road and Peine Ridge Elementary School, submitted by Dennis Brown.
- **9 Rio Run Creek** This stream is located near Mexico Road and is relatively short (0.6 mi.) running from Hwy. A into Crossroads Creek behind White Fence subdivision, submitted by Linda Polka
- **10** Lower Peine Creek A 0.3 mi. stream flows southeast and is named for its location near Peine Road and W. Meyer Rd., submitted by Linda Polka.
- **Wilderness Creek** Characterized locally as wilderness, the area of this 1.1 mi. stream runs along May Rd. and between Woodlands at Bear Creek and Creekside, submitted by Linda Polka.
- **13 Fountains Creek** The 0.6 mi. stream borders flows northeast, just west of the Fountains at Bear Creek, submitted by Linda Polka.

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