Edition #3 ST. CHARLES WATERSHEDS ALLIANCE Sept-Oct-Nov

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

QUARTERLY NEWS



TOP NEWS OF THE QUARTER

Welcome to the **St. Charles Watersheds Alliance** Newsletter. We are a 501 c3 Non-Profit involved in promoting green infrastructure within St. Charles County & beyond in our urbanized areas to provide a host of ecological services. We are also involved in conservation of all available areas throughout the County and local region to enhance and improve watershed resilience. We act as a collaborative network between other organizations, businesses and government entities.

SCWA EVENT!!



SEPTEMBER 11th

Join us at the PANEL DISCUSSION FORUM: *Integrating Construction, Planning, and Green Infrastructure for Watersheds Sustainability*.

Moderated by SCWA

NETWORK / LEARN / ASK Q&As

You MUST register prior to attend at:

https://www.stcharleswatershedsalliance.com/news

or

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/integrating-construction-planning-and-green-infrastructure-tickets-989063905767?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

EXPERIENCE GIPM

What is GIPM?

GIPM is the Green Infrastructure Planning Method.

GIPM is a method anyone can use to select the most appropriate Green Infrastructure or BMP for your site, neighborhood or City.



GIPM was designed for landscape architects, planners, engineers and especially for community groups. GIPM allows you to weight your choices to suit your goals.

GIPM was designed by SWCA.
Visit our website to download GIPM

YOUR CRITERIA, WEIGHTINGS AND SUITABLE STRATEGIES

	Site Characteristics						Spatial constraints		Post Construction Hydrology	Potential Impact		Environmental justice			Economic Criteria	Climate
	Parcel / Property size	Existing average slope	Existing topography landform type	Existing soil porosity	Existing Hydrologic Soil Group (HSG)	Depth to water table	Zoning Types	Existing walkability Index	Percent of Post-Construction proposed hardscaping / site of property	Distance from Waters of the State or environmental sensitive areas of high value	Within 500 ft of a known/documented Pollution Hotspot	Local Neighborhood health index	Local educational opportunities	Local cultural sensitivity or distinctiveness	Is business development a consideration	Is local air quality a consideration?
	Moderate (3 to 6 acres)	Slight	Plains	Medium (20-49%)	C	>8 FT	Commercial	Low (< 5%)	High > 60%	> 250 ft	Yes	< 4	Low	Highly observable and with several community outreach groups	No	Yes

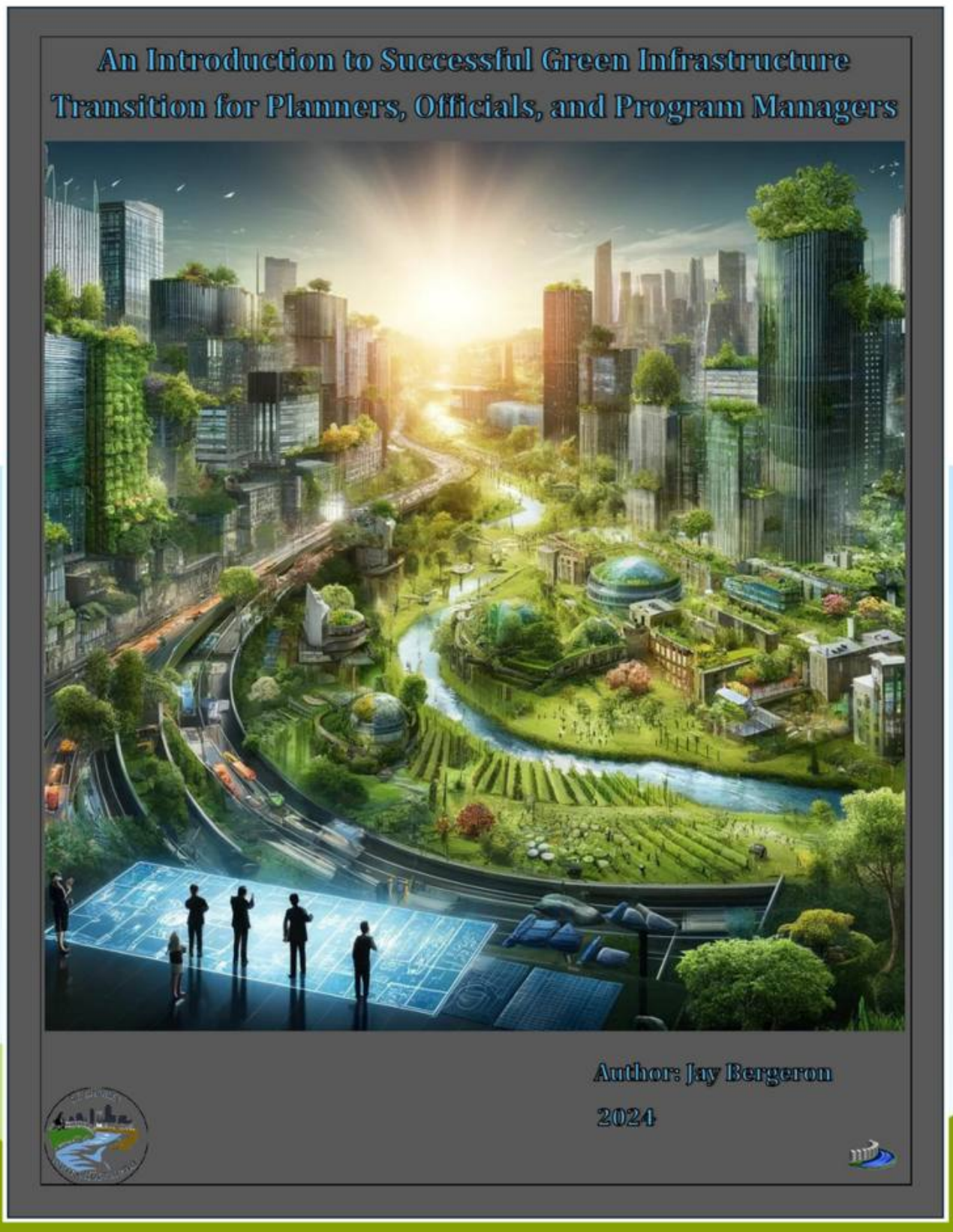
WEIGHTING CHOICES		
Environmental justice	Local Neighborhood health index	INCREASED WEIGHTING
	Local educational opportunities	HEAVY WEIGHTING
	Local cultural sensitivity or distinctiveness	HEAVY WEIGHTING
Economic Criteria	Is business development a consideration	0
Climate	Is local air quality a consideration?	INCREASED WEIGHTING

STRATEGIES TO CHOSE FROM	
List of most Appropriate Strategies	Number of Recurrences
Education Interpretive Area	26
Community Garden	19
Green Walls	16
Design Art Integration	15
Fountain	13
Planter Box	12
Shade Trees and Night lighting	12
Local Historical Placards/ Signage	10

INSERT NOTES OR IMAGES
User Notes

GET OUR NEW BOOK!

Download our new book: **An Introduction to successful green infrastructure transition for planners, officials, and program managers.**
(Find it on Amazon for your Kindle) Allproceeds will go to the SCWA



EVENT SPOTLIGHT





Sunday, July 14, 2024
12:00PM - 6:00PM
Lewis and Clark Boathouse
Parking Lot
1050 S Riverside Drive

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Frenchtown Sunset Riverwalk Market
Thursday, September 19, 2024
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Second Street in Frenchtown - Between Bayard Street and Wood Street

Frenchtown Sunset
RIVERWALK
Market
with the St. Charles Lions Club

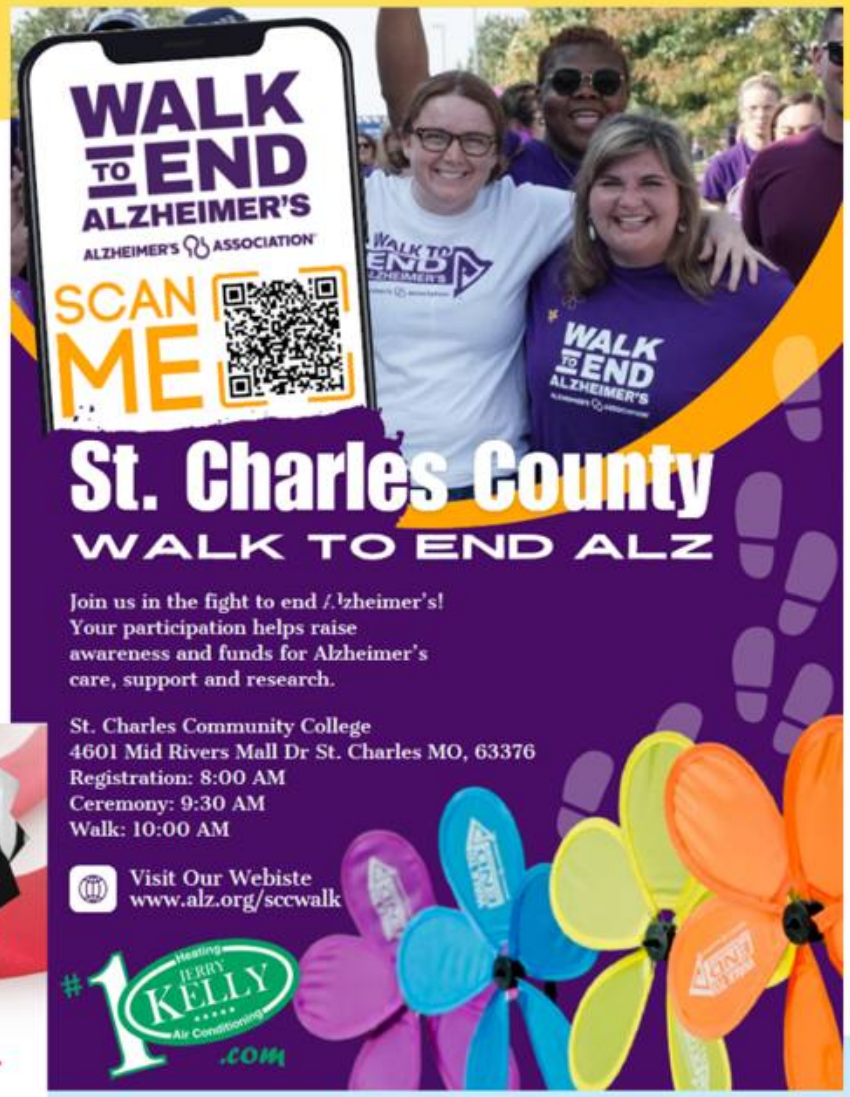


The St. Louis Renaissance Festival
September 14, 2024 - October 27, 2024
weekly on Saturday, Sunday
Rotary Park
2577 West Meyer Rd.
Wentzville, MO 63385

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

September 28th





EVENT SPOTLIGHT

September 27, 2024 - September 29, 2024
Free
Friday 4-11PM, Saturday 10AM-11PM, Sunday 10AM-5PM
Recurrence:
Recurring daily
Frontier Park
500 S. Riverside Dr.
Saint Charles, MO 63301

St. Charles Oktoberfest



EVENT SPOTLIGHT

MID AMERICA VETERANS MUSEUM

THE FALLEN HEROES MEMORIAL

Exhibit Begins: 3-SEP 29 @ 4:00 PM
Exhibit Ends: 8-SEP @ 8:00 AM
410 E. Elm Street
O'Fallon, MO 63366

A powerful memorial is coming to the Mid America Veterans Museum this summer.



On September 3, 2024 the Veterans and Athletes United will bring the memorial exhibit Honoring Fallen Heroes of the War on Terror from across the U.S. to Mid America Veterans Museum. The memorial will be on display through September 7th.

The Fallen Heroes Memorial features a 28-foot American flag with the dog tags of 7,040 fallen heroes and 50 gold stars in honor of the family members of fallen soldiers who died while serving in the War on Terror from 2001 to present day.

Created by an all-volunteer veteran's organization, the display symbolizes a flag draped over a fallen soldier's casket. We hope to raise awareness of the sacrifice paid by our nation's heroes that keep this country free and flying under one flag.



The outdoor exhibit will be on display **24 HOURS** and a special ceremony with Guest speakers and Color Guard is planned for each evening (Sep 4-7th).

Hosting this powerful traveling exhibit is a small way that the Mid America Veterans museum honors our Global War on Terror fallen heroes and Gold Star families. The museum hopes to build a permanent War on Terror Tribute on the grounds honoring all those who served in the near future. We recognize that when many of our troops come home, their battle just begins. The mission of the Mid America Veterans Museum is to honor their service and share their stories.

For more information, call us at **636-294-2657.**

THE MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN
132 CONSECUTIVE HOURS
TO HONOR OUR FALLEN HEROES.

LOCAL STORY SPOTLIGHT

VAU Fallen Heroes Memorial

The Fallen Heroes Memorial serves as a powerful and poignant tribute to the service members who have given their lives in the ongoing Global War on Terror. Veterans & Athletes United (VAU) completed the first Global War on Terror Memorial Flag on Memorial Day 2018.

The Flag is more than just a symbol; it is a moving and dynamic memorial that honors over 7000 fallen heroes and their families. The memorial represents a commitment to remembrance and a recognition of the ultimate price some veterans paid. It aims to keep the memory of these fallen heroes alive, ensuring their sacrifices are never forgotten.



The 28-foot-wide and 6-foot-tall American flag symbolizing the shape of the flag when draped on a fallen service member's casket. It is composed of over 7000 dog tags, each representing a service member who died in the War on Terror. The dog tags are arranged alphabetically and then chronologically by the date the service member was Killed In Action (KIA). Tags range from September 11, 2001, to December 31, 2017, after which they are arranged solely by the date of death.

There are 50 gold stars embedded within the flag, each one representing a Gold Star family of the fallen service members. In front of the flag stands a battlefield cross, sculpted from mahogany wood by veteran artist Alicia Dietz. This sculpture further enhances the memorial, adding a solemn and respectful focal point to the tribute.

The Fallen Heroes Memorial serves to raise awareness about the sacrifices made by service members and their families combating the Global War on Terror. It stands as a testament to the bravery, dedication, and sacrifice of the nation's heroes, ensuring their legacy endures. It serves as a reminder that freedom is not free. As the conflict continues, the memorial adapts, with blank tags being filled in to honor those who continue to fall.

VAU website: https://www.vetsau.com/contact

LOCAL STORY SPOTLIGHT

MID AMERICA VETERANS MUSEUM

BUILDING A DREAM • ONE STORY AT A TIME

Ralph Barrale, a World War II veteran who served under General George Patton, fought hard for veteran recognition in St. Charles County. He wanted to keep their memories in the forefront of the citizens of today so that their sacrifices would not be forgotten. Throughout his life he enlisted community support for many projects in the county to bring recognition to veterans.

Ralph's last dream was to build a museum where families could contribute artifacts, photos, and most importantly the *stories*, of veterans to be shared and exhibited for current and future generations. He hoped that the precious memories and artifacts would be displayed, rather than sitting in a forgotten cardboard box. After many years of hard work and planning, and with the help of the City of O'Fallon, and scores of community contractors, merchants, and volunteers, the current location at 410 E. Elm Street opened in the spring of 2019. There you will find Ralph's story, among over 400 others like his, who served our country, because Ralph felt, ***"No one is ever gone, as long as someone still has memories of them."***

In 2023, to reflect the growing popularity of the museum, the Board of Directors approved a name change from St. Charles County Veterans Museum to Mid America Veterans Museum, to signify the broadening of its mission to include all areas of the Midwest. Currently open to visitors, free of charge, on Wednesday through Saturday, the museum features the stories, uniforms, photos, and memorabilia of local veterans from the Civil War to the present day.

The museum is actively seeking new volunteers, donations, and sponsors. There are many different ways you can help. If you'd like to be a part of Ralph's Final Mission, please contact us.



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