



IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE'S

**UPPER MISSISSIPPI
RIVER INITIATIVE**

WATER MONITORING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

OUR MISSION

To empower local communities, cultivate conversations, and bring forth actions that will restore the soil, land and water of the Upper Mississippi River Watershed for generations here and yet to come.



THE PROBLEM

- The ***Fishable and Swimmable*** standards in the 1972 Clean Water Act are far from being met.
- Streams carry harmful amounts of fecal bacteria, sediment, nitrogen, and phosphorus that continue to degrade our waters, making them risks to humans and animals.

THE SOLUTION

- UMRI works to give local citizens the tools to assess the water quality issue within their communities through water monitoring.
 - The results will inform citizens on stream health and how to address the root causes of pollution.

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YOU CAN HELP! - BECOME A WATER MONITOR

- Volunteering to monitor your local streams is the first step in assessing local water impairments
- Join the Clean Water Challenge – this program gives citizens the tools to get started!
- Host a River Clean Up with local groups to start the conversation
- Monitoring teams are trained in standardized protocols, depending on your interests and expertise – UMRI will help pair you with local experts