



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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The Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition offers our support for HB1736, that provides the flexibility to allow a county to use tax funds for nature based stormwater solutions in parks. This will provide another tool in the toolbox for communities to better manage stormwater and reduce the damage from intense rainfall events and flooding in their communities. Rainfall data from Missouri shows patterns of increasing intensity of rainfall during short amounts of time. Missouri communities should work to plan to capture and slow down rainfall using nature based solutions, to reduce downstream damage to homes, businesses, and properties. This bill helps provide a path for additional funding for these projects that can help make communities more resilient to intense rainfall events.



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I am Opposed to this Bill and yet another Sales-Tax.



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| WITNESS NAME: SARAH BERRY | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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I oppose HB 1736 because it expands and entrenches a county sales tax scheme that distances taxpayers from control over how their money is spent and redirects local dollars through layered regional structures with limited accountability.

Sales taxes are among the most regressive tools government uses.

When imposed for decades at a time and routed through metropolitan boards and grant commissions, they become exactly what voters distrust most: permanent revenue streams with shifting purposes.

HB 1736 increases that risk by hard-coding allocation formulas, long bond timelines, and administrative overhead while reducing the ability of counties and residents to reassess whether the tax is still justified.

If counties want parks, greenways, or stormwater projects, they should fund them locally, transparently, and directly—not through regional redistribution schemes that siphon off large percentages before funds ever return to the communities that generated them.

Government should not assume it knows better than local taxpayers how long a tax should last or how far their money should travel. When voters approve a tax, it should stay close to home, remain narrowly defined, and sunset cleanly unless reapproved under clear, locally determined terms.

For these reasons, HB 1736 should not advance.