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ST. CHARLES COUNTY PARK TO OFFER FROG WATCHING TRAINING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SAINT LOUIS ZOO

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – The St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department is teaming up with the Saint Louis Zoo to offer FrogWatch USA training for those interested in learning about the wetlands in their communities by reporting on the calls of local frogs and toads. The training will be held from 6:30–8:30 p.m., Friday, March 16 at Broemmelsiek Park near Defiance.

You don't have to be a frog or toad expert to be a FrogWatch USA volunteer. All you need to do is have an interest in frogs and toads, join the Saint Louis Zoo's FrogWatch Chapter, participate in our volunteer training session and commit to monitor a site of your choosing for at least three minutes twice throughout the breeding season—of February through August.

Be a part of this monitoring program to become directly involved with gathering information that can ultimately lead to practical and workable ways to stop amphibian decline.

FrogWatch USA is a long-term citizen science monitoring program that was started by the U.S. Geological Survey in 1998 to report on observation of frogs and toads throughout the US, and is sponsored by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Visit <https://www.aza.org/become-a-frogwatch-volunteer/> to learn more, or contact Michael Dawson, naturalist instructor at the Saint Louis Zoo, at dawson@stlzoo.org or 314-646-4551.

The volunteer training session is free, but pre-registration is requested. Call the parks department at 636-949-7535 or go online at <http://bit.ly/2mSB5ki> to register. Broemmelsiek Park is located at 1795 Highway DD near Defiance.

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About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department offers unique parks, diverse facilities and a broad range of programs and special events for all ages. The County currently operates 12 parks, including a Youth Activity Park and the recently acquired Historic Daniel Boone Home. Plans for a new park at Kisker Road and Highway 94 are underway.

For more information and specifics about each park, visit www.stccparks.org.

About St. Charles County

Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 385,840, St. Charles County is home to large employers including Citi, MasterCard Worldwide, Boeing and General Motors. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.



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St. Charles County employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop.

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