



Life Line of the Hi-Line

MACD Annual Conference – November 2020

Partner Report

Milk River Watershed Alliance

Though this year has been less than stellar, great things have been happening with the Milk River Watershed Alliance. Sarah Hitchcock has been brought on as the new MRWA Coordinator and will be representing MRWA throughout the state of Montana; building partnerships and encouraging public engagement in the restoration and preservation of the Milk River Watershed. With a background working with diverse stakeholders and in public administration, Sarah is excited to be working with MRWA and sees endless possibilities for success with the Alliance. The Milk River Watershed Alliance has some exciting goals planned for the coming months:

- MRWA will be looking for opportunities to partner with local and state groups to collaborate on rehabilitation and outreach projects.
- MRWA will be working with the state and federal government, in addition to private entities to encourage funding and support for rehabilitation projects.
- MRWA will be building a strong digital framework for outreach among communities along the Hi-Line.
- MRWA will be a visible force for awareness; MRWA will demonstrate how critical the Milk River Watershed is to the communities along the Hi-Line by hosting and attending public events that encourage engagement.
- MRWA will maintain a strong digital base to promote activities and engagement through an enhanced website and social media tools.

Additionally, The Milk River Watershed is excited to announce a digital outreach project, “Your Story”, where we are seeking input from community members that rely on the Milk River for various needs. We have created a public appeal on Facebook that circles back to a form on our website. We’d like to use the anecdotal information we receive to better communicate with not only those communities, but to communicate those needs to decision makers and leaders. If you would consider sharing this appeal on your personal or your organization’s website, we would greatly appreciate it. This project is just the start of the outreach MRWA will be doing. You can find a link to this form on the home page of our website: milkrivermt.org or on our Facebook page: [@HilineLifeline](https://www.facebook.com/HilineLifeline).

The Milk River Watershed Alliance is thankful for the support of local and state partners and we are looking forward to the opportunities this next year will hold.

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The Milk River Watershed Alliance is a locally led organization of Conservation Districts working together to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources within the Milk River Watershed, while maintaining the quality of life.