

**Ruth Wallace**  
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Ruth Wallace has worked for the State of Missouri since 1990. The majority of time, she has worked with the Department of Natural Resources where she is presently employed as the Municipal Storm Water Program Coordinator – overseeing roughly 150 permits for municipal separate storm sewer systems. Ruth has spent the past 15 years providing stormwater technical assistance to local governments and individual developers - promoting site designs and integrated management practices that serve to protect Missouri's stream and lake systems. For four of those years (from 2000 to 2004), she provided these same services through the Department of Conservation in the Kansas City region.

Prior to her stormwater management experience, Ruth worked on issues related to safe drinking water and air pollution control. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Horticulture and Landscape Design from the College of Agriculture at the University of Arkansas and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Missouri. Prior to working for DNR, Ruth was a landscape designer, a stay-at-home mom and a botany instructor at Crowder College in Neosho, Missouri. Prior to that she made electric motors and sewed toes in pantyhose.