

Jerry Sugerman

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On August 8, 1978, people from across the region, came together to preserve the beauty of the Meramec River – saying a resounding, “no,” to the building of a federal dam. That victory, largely credited to Sugerman’s vision and perseverance, had been set in motion 25 years earlier.

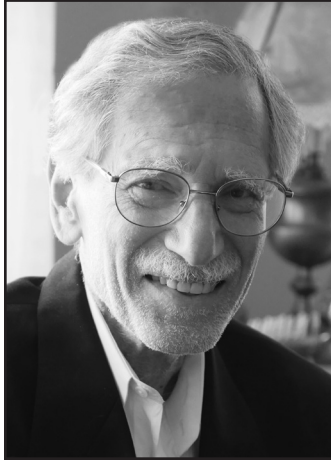
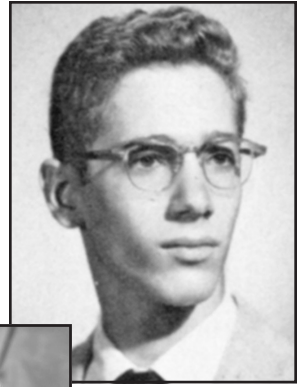
As a research planner at Monsanto, he was temporarily assigned as special assistant to U.S. Senator John C. Danforth of Missouri. The two

worked to preserve the Meramec’s pristine beauty and natural wildlife, a cause that Sugerman ultimately made his life’s work.

Sugerman, a valued resource on the subject, authored the Meramec Heritage Riverway Plan to preserve agricultural, conservation and recreational areas. He also developed a land use model for the disposition of 27,000 acres of surplus federal lands bordering 45 miles of the Meramec and its tributaries.

A long-time member and chair of the Sierra Club’s Meramec Committee, he earned the President’s Special Achievement Award and Distinguished Service Award. He also received the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Award of Excellence.

Sugerman says, 25 years ago, the Meramec was saved by people who believed in, “America the Beautiful.” It’s up to future generations to see that it stays that way. Sugerman and his wife, Darlene, are currently residents of University City.



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