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Living Lands & Waters Arriving for Alternative Spring Break
1,286,924 lbs. of Trash Collected and Counting

Grafton, IL, February 20, 2018 - Living Lands & Waters (LL&W) is kicking off its 9th Alternative Spring Break (ASB) season in a new location – Grafton, IL (previously held in Memphis)! Since 2010, LL&W has hosted 1,335 college students from several different colleges and universities across the US, and removed more than 1.2 million pounds of trash with this program alone. This year, 180 students will participate in cleanups along the Mississippi River, remove invasive bush honeysuckle atop the Grafton and Alton bluffs, and restore trails and buildings at [Pere Marquette State Park](#).

“We’re excited to host student volunteers from all over the country for our first event of this size in Grafton where LL&W’s founder and president, Chad Pregracke, spent many of his early years!” says LL&W Project Coordinator, Leah Cafarelli, “Virginia, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Illinois, Michigan, and even California. Seventeen different colleges in total! We’ll do our largest scale projects while aiming to exceed volunteer expectations.”

Students will find out what it’s like to be a part of the LL&W crew living the barge life during one of three week-long sessions:

WEEK 1: March 4-8

WEEK 2: March 11-15

WEEK 3: March 18-22

They will traverse the river on foot and in boats while working closely with our crew and fellow students. The LL&W fleet includes five barges, two towboats, six workboats, two skid steers, an excavator, five work trucks, a crane and a large box truck. Participation is free and LL&W provides a discounted lodging option, as well as Sunday dinner, and breakfast and lunch each day. Costs to keep in mind are transportation, lodging and some dinners. More information can be found at <http://livinglandsandwaters.org/volunteer/alternative-spring-break>.

About Living Lands & Waters – Chad Pregracke started Living Lands & Waters in 1998 as a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the beautification and restoration of America’s major rivers and the education of environmental issues. From his single boat beginning, LL&W has

