

2008 ANNUAL REPORT



COMING TO A RIVER NEAR YOU...

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DEAR FRIENDS OF THE RIVER

Thank you for helping to make 2008 one of our best years ever. High water, fast currents, waves, rain, cold and, worst of all, flooding caused schedule changes and special challenges that lasted throughout the season. We rallied to face them head-on, bringing about our most productive, rewarding year since the organization's beginning in 1998. We kicked into high gear for removal of a record-setting 250 tons of garbage from the Mississippi, Illinois, Ohio, Cedar, and Wisconsin Rivers of which a large majority was collected during our flood relief efforts in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Lake Delton, Wisconsin.

Despite these challenges, we were still able to attain our goals for 2008. LL&W coordinated and participated in 83 community-based river cleanups with over 1,300 volunteers. We spread the message about the need to protect our natural resources to more than 2,500 educators and students through on-the-river workshops and in-school presentations. We worked in five states with a dozen different partners to plant 4,800 trees and prairie cordgrass plants, and to remove three acres of invasive species. Over 55 individuals and groups gathered an estimated 338,000 acorns during the fall for planting in our Beardstown, Illinois, nursery. The Adopt-a-Mississippi-River Mile Program grew to 93 groups cleaning 214.1 river miles. We launched the new Adopt-an-Illinois-River Mile Program, enrolling six groups to care for 25 miles.

We continue to see the results of our past efforts as many of our volunteers have become stewards of the river, companies have stepped up to the plate by creating volunteer opportunities for employees, and numbers of participants in river cleanups are increasing.

None of this would have been possible without your help. We realize these are tough times, and your support is especially needed to carry out the goals we've set for another exciting and challenging year. Thanks for making it happen!

Chad Reynolds



LIVING LANDS & WATERS' MISSION:

To aid in the protection, preservation and restoration of the natural environment of the nation's major rivers and their watersheds.

To expand awareness of environmental issues and responsibility encompassing the river.

To create a desire and an opportunity for stewardship and responsibility for a cleaner river environment.



2008 LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Plan your work and work your plan. Good advice. But what happens when the flood comes; actually two floods? Improvise. Improvise big time. Such was 2008. I am so proud of Chad, the Crew and those who assisted in 2008. Much of 2008's plans were washed away. And yet, they achieved most of their goals in number of river cleanups and educational experiences conducted, acorns and trees planted, invasive species removed, hearts lifted, and backs and spirits strengthened.

But the floods came. For two weeks the LL&W Crew sandbagged in Missouri. For three weeks they removed debris from Cedar Rapids on the Cedar River in some of the most back breaking and heart wrenching situations ever. For three weeks more they cleaned up the devastation left below Lake Delton's broken levee on the Wisconsin River.

In November of each year LL&W conducts its Planning Session. I was impressed as the crew presented the results of their 2008 activities. But I was astounded by how energetic they were in providing plans to do so much more in 2009. Hadn't they heard all the crippling financial news? Simply stated, Chad and the Crew are ready to step up to the plate because the work/need is there and they are willing. Their mantra is to "do more with less." Sensible and exciting.

Chad always says LL&W's efforts would not be possible without the VOLUNTEERS and FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS. This statement cannot be emphasized enough. The Board of LL&W expresses its profound thanks to the volunteers, financial supporters, Chad, the Crew, and the Office Staff for sweating the little things, thinking the big thoughts, helping in ways large and small to make 2008 a success and for laying the groundwork for 2009. We are all the LL&W team.

Curtis Lundy
2008 Board Chairman



Greg Boll



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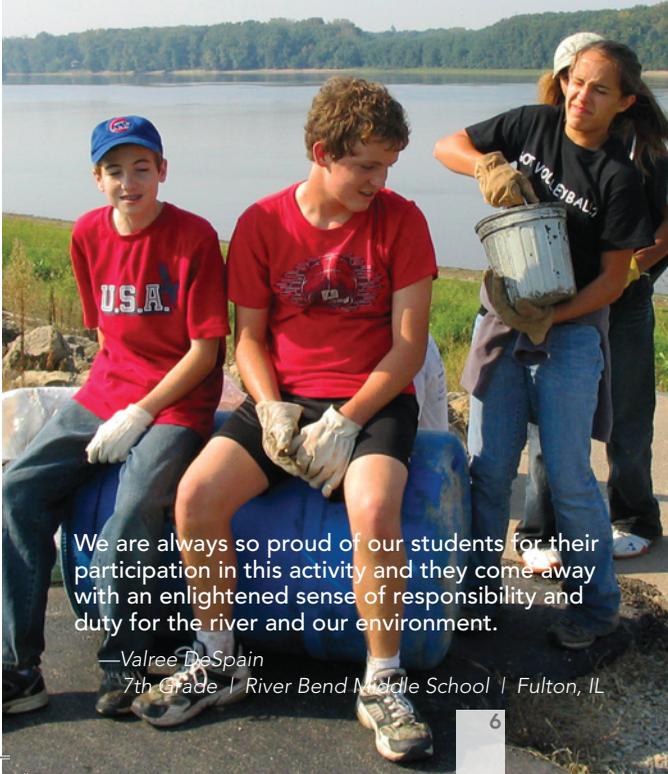
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ADOPT-A-RIVER MILE PROGRAM 2008



We are always so proud of our students for their participation in this activity and they come away with an enlightened sense of responsibility and duty for the river and our environment.

—Valree DeSpain
7th Grade | River Bend Middle School | Fulton, IL

MISSISSIPPI RIVER – GROUP NAME	# OF MILES	MILE MARKER #s
CYC-June Combs	2	108 – 110 IL
AmeriCorps-Belleville/East St. Louis	1	180 – 181 IL
Azcon Corporation	3	202.5 – 205.5 IL
Twillman, Joan	2	212 – 214 MO
Mississippi Crews	10	273 – 283 MO
Hannibal Early Bird Kiwanis	1	308 – 309 MO
Greenwell Family	1	309 – 310 MO
Warsaw High School	2	359 – 361 IL
Kibbe Life Science Field Station	2	362 – 364 IL
AmerenUE	2	364 – 365 IL/IA
Bob Flam Family	1	371 – 372 IA
Lee County Conservation Board	1	376 – 377 IA
Reida, Jon	2	381 – 383 IL
Beelman Sisters	1	382 – 383 IA
Ft. Madison High School	1	383 – 384 IA
Motorcyclists For Jesus	34	384 – 401 IL/IA
Cascade Boating Association	2	401 – 403 IA
Burlington Rotary	2	403 – 404 IL/IA
Archer Daniels Midland Grain – Gulfport, IL	1	404 – 405 IL
Mississippi Manor B&B	1	404 – 405 IA
Notre Dame Elementary School	1	405 – 406 IA
Archer Daniels Midland Grain – Burlington, IA	1	406 – 407 IA
T & T Wealth Management, Inc.	5	415 – 420 IL
Archer Daniels Midland Grain – Keithsburg, IL	1	427 – 428 IL
Wapello H.S. Conservation Science Class	1	431 – 432 IA
Westmer Elementary School	1	432 – 433 IL
Showalter/Sedam Group	1	433 – 434 IL
Millage, Todd	2	451 – 453 IA
Derkson Family	4	453 – 457 IA
Morse Family & Friends	10	457 – 462 IL/IA
Muscatine Izaak Walton League	1	462 – 463 IA
LACMRERS Research Station & Students of IHR-Hydroscience & Engineering, University of Iowa	2	463 – 465 IA
Docherty, Melonee	1	465 – 466 IL
Loud Thunder River Patrol	2	466 – 468 IL

BRAT Family	1	467 – 468 IA
Plummer, Julie	1	468 – 469 IA
Derek & Friends	1	468 – 469 IL
Henkel Family	1	472 – 473 IA
Buffalo Elementary School	1	473 – 474 IA
Lafarge Corporation – Davenport Plant	1	474 – 475 IA
MidAmerican Energy Employees	1	475 – 476 IA
Ryan Family	1	477 – 478 IA
Augustana College	1	478 – 479 IA
American Society Of Civil Engineers	1	479 – 480 IL
Izaak Walton League – Davenport	2	479 – 481 IA
Master Naturalist	1	480 – 481 IL
Norcross Safety Products	1	481 – 482 IL
Moline Conservation Club	2	481 – 483 IA
Missman, Stanley and Associates	1	482 – 483 IL
American Water Company-Iowa	1	483 – 484 IA
Rock Island Arsenal Volunteers	3	483 – 486 IL
Lindsay Park Yacht Club	1	484 – 485 IA
US Coast Guard Auxiliary – Flotilla 9-5	1	485 – 486 IA
Russell Construction Company	1	486 – 487 IA
Sierra Club-Eagle River Group	1	486 – 487 IL
Jamieson Family	2	487 – 488 IL/IA
Alcoa	1	488 – 489 IA
Lenger Family	1	488 – 489 IL
Boy Scout Troop 24 – Bettendorf	2	489 – 491 IA
Ahern Clan	2	489 – 491 IL
Scott Community College – Student Government	1	491 – 492 IA
Flynn/Despain	1	491 to 492 IL
Scott Community College-Environmental Club	1	492 – 493 IA
Rock Island – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	4	493 – 495 IL/IA
Gander Mountain – Davenport	1	495 – 496 IA
QC Analytical Services – QCA Green Start	1	496 – 497 IA
Northern Border Pipeline	2	500 – 501 IL/IA
Zion Lutheran Church – Princeton, Iowa	2	501 – 503 IA
Getz Family	4	503 – 505 IL/IA
Seabee Veterans Association – Island X2	1	505 – 506 IA
Exelon Nuclear	1	506 – 507 IL

Moore Family	2	516 – 518 IA
Fulton Middle School	1	519 – 520 IL
Carey Family	3	520 – 523 IA
Great River Rumble	1	527 – 528 IL
Elk River Paddlers Cooperative	2	528 – 529 IL/IA
Chestnut Park School (Grades 6 – 8 Science)	1	537 – 538 IL
Binder Family	2	539 – 540 IL/IA
Lazy River Marina	4	540 – 542 IL/IA
Tuna Beach Association	6	569 – 573 IL/IA
Friends of Dubuque Co. Conservation Board	1	573 – 574 IA
Thermo Fisher Scientific Culturefest Involvement Team	1	582 – 583 IA
Scheiber, Steve	2	583 – 584 IA/WI
Friends of Dubuque Co. Conservation Board	1	589 – 590 IA
Friends of Dubuque Co. Conservation Board	2	595 – 597 IA
Lake Park Earth Club	1	608 – 609 WI
Clark Family	1	619 – 620 IA
Harpers River Friends	12	642 – 648 IA/WI
Brice Prairie Conservation Club	2	703 – 704 WI/MN
Vandergriffs/Eisenmengers Families	1	715 – 716 WI
River Ridge Homeowners Association	1	793 – 794 WI
Bass Wranglers	1	814 – 815 MN
McCormick Family	2	847 – 848 MN
Sobiech, Scott & Amber	1	Mile 1 Zebulon Pike Lake, MN
Panther, Robert & Joanne	3.1	1272.5 – 1275.6 Mississippi Headwaters, MN

93 Groups	214.1	
ILLINOIS RIVER – GROUP NAME	# OF MILES	MILE MARKER #s
THE National Bank Employees, Havana, IL	1	109 – 110 IL W
Better Fishing Association	1	221 – 222 IL S.
Peru Rescue Squad	1	222 – 223 IL S
TEST, Inc.	1	223 – 224 IL
Archer Daniels Midland	18	236 – 245 IL E&W
Archer Daniels Midland	3	263 – 264 IL N&S
6 Groups	25	



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2008 EXPENSES



PROGRAM SERVICES

Salaries & Benefits	406,793
Contract Services	58,940
Travel & Lodging Expenses	74,145
Operating Expenses	165,990
Repair Expenses	48,982
Insurance Expenses	98,655
Other Program Expenses	55,514
Depreciation	106,445

TOTAL 1,015,464

New Boston Bay Project 96,606

SUPPORTING SERVICES

Management and General

Salaries & Benefits	93,749
Office Supplies & Equipment	26,661
Professional fees	9,562
Depreciation	5,329

TOTAL 135,301

Public Relations

Website	2,923
Annual Fundraiser	15,417
Promotional	16,461
Public Relations	30,399

TOTAL 65,200

TOTAL EXPENSES 1,312,571

GARBAGE STATISTICS

5-gallon buckets.....	2,648	Boats.....	54	Barge Cable.....	7,913 ft.
55-gallon drums.....	5,207	Freezers.....	87	Bathtubs.....	24
Bags of Trash.....	55,752	1970's Ford.....	1	Mattresses.....	75
Sinks.....	107	Econoline Van.....	1	Duck Decoys.....	152
Tires.....	55,301	Balls.....	12,332	Trucks.....	1
Barge Rope.....	14,882ft.	250-Gallon Drums.....	54	Toilets.....	83
Refrigerators.....	775	Milk Crates.....	587	Septic Tank.....	1
Air Conditioners.....	44	Bicycles.....	83	Metal.....	503 tons
Washing Machines.....	179	Life Jackets.....	169	1-inch Thick Styrofoam.....	11 football fields
Gas Tanks/Cans.....	293	Tractors.....	18	School Bus Tops.....	1
Propane Tanks.....	1,098	Trash Cans.....	246	Bags of Police Riot Gear.....	12
Mannequin Hand.....	2	Car Engines.....	12	Construction Cones.....	69
Hot Water Heaters.....	226	Chairs.....	888	Hot Wheels.....	32
Porta-Potties.....	12	Stoves.....	167	Parking Meters.....	1
BBQ Grills.....	128	TVs.....	179	Pianos.....	2
Shopping Carts.....	41	Lawn Mowers.....	42	Jet Skis.....	3
Coolers.....	181	Couches.....	37	Messages in a Bottle.....	48
Bowling Balls.....	12	Motorcycles.....	9	Buoys.....	152
Bowling Pins.....	2	Cars.....	4	Sunken Barges.....	3
Toy Dolls.....	92	Dishwashers.....	59		



2008 EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

2008 marked a major shift in Living Lands & Waters' (LL&W) Educational Programming. Previous efforts centered on inviting teachers and educators to the river for single and multi-day workshops. The major focus this year was to bring river issues and the mission of LL&W directly into the classroom.

One of LL&W's crew members, a former teacher, entertained more than 1,500 students ranging in grades 1 through college during the year. He took his upbeat and inspirational presentation to schools in Peoria, Illinois; Louisville, Kentucky; the Quad Cities and countless towns in between.

He taught the audience about the history and mission of LL&W, and the importance of keeping our rivers clean. He discussed ways to get involved and, most importantly, challenged the students to make a positive difference in their own communities using Chad as an example of "the power of one." His goal is to speak to over 5,000 students in 5 states by the end of March 2009.

Despite the challenging 2008 schedule, LL&W was able to coordinate 3 on-the-river workshops, taking students and teachers aboard its work boats and barges to experience the river firsthand. Each workshop was held on a different river: the Missouri River in Columbia, Missouri; the Ohio River in Louisville, Kentucky; and the Mississippi River in Rock Island, Illinois. A 2-day workshop was scheduled for Alton, Illinois, in June but was cancelled due to flooding.





2008 RIVERBOTTOM RESTORATION PROJECT

The Riverbottom Restoration Project's 2008 schedule kicked off in Louisville, Kentucky, where LL&W crew and volunteers removed invasive Japanese honeysuckle during the months of January and February. For more than 2 years, LL&W and volunteers have been working to improve the riparian corridor and public trails along Bear Grass Creek, a major tributary of the Ohio River. The greenways along the creek are now absent of this exotic and prolific plant.

Also in January, the crew traveled to Emiquon Nature Preserve near Havana, Illinois, to assist with the removal of several invasive species including bush honeysuckle, euonymus and garlic mustard.

Fall tree planting began in October with a project along the Rock River in Moline, Illinois, where over 50 international volunteers assisted in planting 225 large oak, hickory and sycamore trees. The crew then traveled to Peoria, Illinois, to plant 75 oak trees along the Illinois River. More than 65 volunteers assisted in the planting of 200 oak trees and 800 native prairie cordgrass plants at a fish and wildlife refuge along the Missouri River in Rocheport, Missouri. The next stop on our restoration schedule was Bellevue, Iowa, where over 1,100 trees were planted along the Mississippi River with the help of 40 volunteers. Starved Rock State Park in Utica, Illinois, was the site of our next event where 500 trees were planted on Plum Island—a site that LL&W has worked to help restore since 2003. Our final planting during October took place in LaCrescent, Minnesota, where the crew helped plant over 700 trees.

In November, LL&W wrapped up its restoration for the year with a major tree planting in Brussels, Illinois, at the Two Rivers Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Twenty-two volunteers assisted the crew with planting, mulching and staking over 2,000 oak trees near the confluence of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers in Calhoun County.

The Riverbottom Restoration Project would not be possible without our contributing partners, sponsors, individual donors, and volunteers. In 2009, LL&W plans to continue its mission to improve bottomlands by repopulating them with hardwoods and by removing invasive plants.

2008 Riverbottom Restoration Partners:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Ducks Unlimited
- Archer Daniels Midland
- The Nature Conservancy
- Illinois Audubon Society
- AEP River Operations
- Deere & Company
- Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District
- Louisville Metro Parks
- YouthBuild
- Missouri River Relief
- Friends of the Big Muddy
- 3M
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources

2008 Riverbottom Restoration Schedule:

- January** Invasive Removal | Havana, IL
- January / February** Honeysuckle Removal | Louisville, KY
- October 8** Tree Planting | Moline, IL
- October 11** Tree Planting | Peoria, IL
- October 18** Tree & Prairie Cordgrass Planting | Rocheport, MO
- October 25** Tree Planting | Bellevue, IA
- October 25** Tree Planting | Utica, IL
- October 28 & 29** Tree Planting | La Crescent, MN
- November 12 & 13** Tree Planting | Brussels, IL





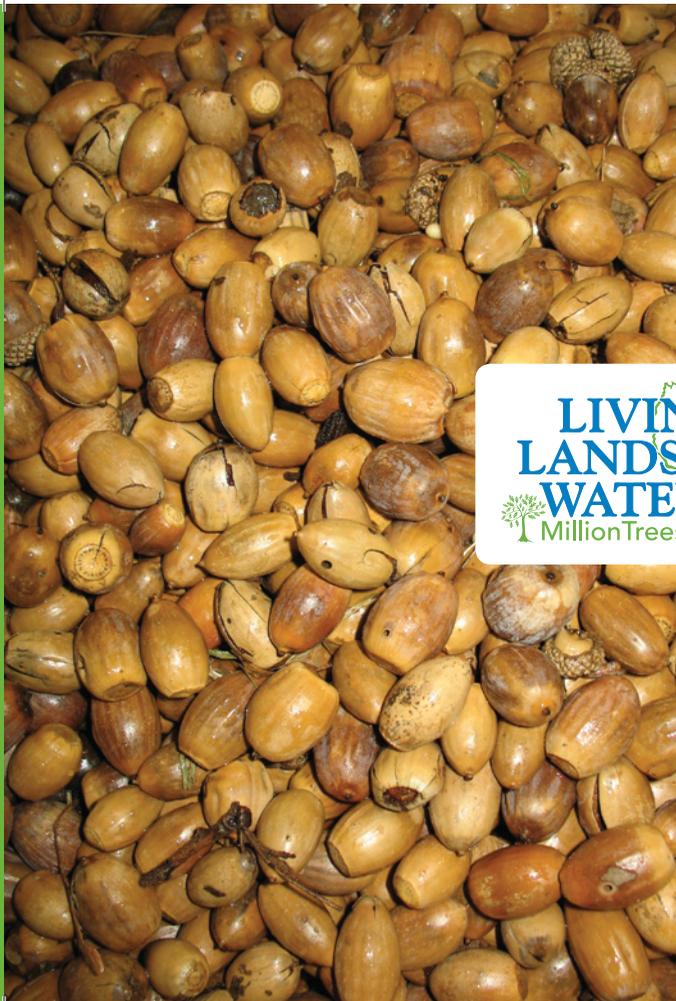
2008 MILLIONTREES PROJECT

The MillionTrees Project was launched in the fall of 2007 with a goal of growing ONE MILLION native hardwood nut-bearing trees within 5 – 10 years. In 2008, over 338,000 viable acorns were planted in a nursery established by LL&W at a Cargill facility in Beardstown, Illinois, and at an Elsberry, Missouri, nursery. More than 55 individuals and groups donated the acorns they'd gathered from their communities around the Midwest.

In September we began collecting seeds, and were buried by the middle of the month. This must have been the year for White and Burr Oaks as they were coming in by the truckload! By the end of October we had twice the number of seeds as in 2007. Throughout the fall we hosted several fun gatherings where volunteers helped sort and float-test the seeds to determine which ones were viable.

We look forward to spring when we can begin to harvest the trees from our nursery. A portion of these trees will be planted along waterways, and the remainder will be given back to volunteers to plant within their communities.

Thanks to the great community support, we are well on our way to growing One MillionTrees!



WISCONSIN RIVER FLOOD DEBRIS REMOVAL

When a part of the county highway that formed a portion of the wall encompassing Lake Delton, near Wisconsin Dells, gave into the pressure of recent floods on June 9, 2008, the lake completely emptied itself into the Wisconsin River. The torrent of the breach washed 3 homes away, and another 2 were destroyed when their foundations were undermined by the new outflow. Huge portions of these homes were swept down the river, breaking into smaller pieces that were scattered along a 24-mile stretch of the river.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources quickly put out a request for proposals for the cleanup work. LL&W submitted a bid, a first of its kind for LL&W, that was accepted. For the next 25 days, the crew and 31 volunteers (who contributed a combined 631 hours of free labor) battled the sandbars and low water to pick up more than 200,000 pounds of debris from over 100 various sites along the river. This was all done in record time, 5 days ahead of schedule.



The levee breach of Lake Delton swept the foundation and the entire back side of this home, and others, into the Wisconsin River. The LL&W crew and volunteers removed debris from Lake Delton, downriver from Portage, Wisconsin.

Ninety percent of all debris collected was wood in the form of 2x4s, OSB, and tresses. Five percent consisted of metal, insulation, shingles, and carpeting; and the remaining 5% was miscellaneous household items. Approximately 97% was removed by hand and small tools in order to minimize the environmental impact, and most was recycled.



This was the most challenging cleanup site—an entire section of a house that floated 4 miles downriver before coming to a halt in the middle of the river. Because it had been there for more than 2 months, the house was filled with 4 feet of silt and sand, making it even more difficult to remove and dismantle. Within 5 days, there was no evidence that a house had ever anchored itself in the center of the river.



CEDAR RAPIDS FLOOD RELIEF

On June 13, 2008, the Cedar River in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, crested just over 31 feet, surpassing the previous record of 19.27 feet, set in 1993. Thirteen hundred city blocks were flooded, coining it "Iowa's Katrina." Homes were lost, historic sites and buildings were scoured, and remnants were washed away into the swollen river.

Never before had the crew seen such a high concentration of refuse. For 3 weeks after the waters receded, the crew and nearly 100 volunteers began cleaning up the inundated shorelines and banks.



The crew was busy sandbagging on the Mississippi, just north of St. Louis, when Chad saw a similar picture in the St. Louis Post Dispatch. The next day he drove to Cedar Rapids to see how LL&W's skills and equipment could be utilized. The crew shut down the barge, loaded up their gear and headed to Cedar Rapids to begin work.



This is one of the unloading sites utilized by LL&W while working on the Cedar River. LL&W collected a record-setting 170 boatloads of debris in just 3 weeks. The diversity of items found provide a glimpse into the range of devastation, which include: a half dozen sets of riot gear from the local police department, several 55-gallon barrels of barbecue sauce, dozens of roll-out garbage and recycling bins, literally THOUSANDS of pens and highlighters that had washed out of an office supply warehouse, and countless household goods. All debris was sorted for recycling, and anything deemed hazardous was handled by the EPA.



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MEET THE LL&W TEAM



MADELINE LULOFF | Office Manager | Adopt-A-River Mile Program Coordinator

Madeline joined the LL&W team in January 2005. She has a Bachelor's degree in Recreation, Parks, Tourism Administration from Western Illinois University. She has actively volunteered with LL&W since 1999. Madeline's past work experiences include Naturalist/Interpreter at Nahant Marsh Education Center, Davenport, Iowa; and Program Tutor and Recreation Supervisor for the City of Rock Island's Parks & Recreation Department. Madeline is a very motivated environmentalist who is involved in several local groups including the Board of Directors for Keep Rock Island Beautiful, serving as Chairperson for the Education Committee. Her optimistic attitude and strong will to succeed shines through in LL&W's home office.



ANNE POWERS | Financial Manager

Anne came on board in November 2004, bringing with her 28 years of experience in The University of Iowa's Athletic Business Office. She attended Christian College in Columbia, MO, and The University of Iowa, Iowa City. After proving herself as a LL&W superstar volunteer, she was recruited to join the full-time staff. We feel fortunate to have Anne and her energetic and fun personality on board!



"CAPTAIN" MIKE HANLIN | Captain

Mike Hanlin, a retired educator from East Moline, Illinois, has been with Living Lands & Waters since the beginning. Captain Mike received his Masters License in the 60's while working his way through college. After many years of teaching, Mike was approached by Chad to come aboard as Captain. They made their first trip up the Mississippi River together with one additional crew member. Captain is an environmentalist who enjoys the outdoors. Captain Mike always has a great story to tell about his experiences working with LL&W, and looks forward to future trips "Rollin' on the river."



TAMMY BECKER | Education Coordinator

Tammy is the high-spirited director of the LL&W educational workshops. She has a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Western Illinois University. Tammy joined the team in late 2002 and uses her expansive experience gained from the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps to put together informative, fun and successful workshops. Tammy also works hard as a cleanup team member, a grant writer, and is the most positive personality within our group (that's quite an accomplishment with this enthusiastic group of optimists!)

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DAN MARSTIN | Crew Member

Dan Marstin joined the crew in June 2008. He grew up in Louisville, KY and pursued a degree in Political Science from the University of Louisville. Dan developed his passion for the outdoors and environment while backpacking throughout the mountains of the Red River Gorge in Eastern Kentucky. He is a dedicated practitioner of "Leave No Trace" methods and has a seemingly magical ability to come out of the woods with ten times the amount of trash he brought into the forest. In his spare time, Dan enjoys listening to his music collection, tossing around a Frisbee or football, reading any type of media from the New Yorker to the back of shampoo bottles, and identifying cars at night by their tail lights.



ERIC ANDERSON | Project Coordinator, Boston Bay Restoration

Eric earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geology and a minor in Religion from Augustana College in 1999. He spent 2000 – 2002 improving the beekeeping and tree care skills of farmers in rural Kenya as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer. Upon return, Anderson was accepted into the Peace Corps Fellows Program in Community Development at Western Illinois University. He completed his Master of Arts degree in Geography with a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Community Development. August 2006, Anderson served as a forestry consultant in northwest Illinois. In February 2008, he joined the team at LL&W as the Project Coordinator for the Boston Bay Restoration on the Mississippi River. Anderson also provides some guidance to the MillionTrees Project.



SHANON REINEKE | Crew Member

Shanon joined the LL&W crew in May of 2007 to complete an internship for the University of Missouri-Columbia while pursuing her degree in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. The internship ended in August, but luckily Shanon decided to stay on with LL&W to become a full time crew member. Her tireless work ethic and upbeat spirit make her a perfect fit for the project. Shanon is a true outdoors lady who loves walking her dogs Arrow and Oblio, camping, hiking, and exploring, especially along the river.



GEOFF MANIS | Team Leader

Geoff graduated from Western Illinois University in the field of Parks and Recreation. Geoff began his tenure at LL&W as an office intern for the Fall 2004 semester and became part of the team after graduation in December.

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DENISE MITTEN | Program Coordinator

Denise joined LL&W in August 2007 as an Office Assistant and Project Coordinator. She grew up in Illinois and later spent 4 years surfing the Southern California Pacific Ocean. While growing up she enjoyed planting gardens, exploring back waterways, fishing and using her creativity. She has worked with the Rock Island Park Board maintaining gardens and park grounds. Her other ventures have given her a well rounded knowledge in accounting, marketing, landscaping and office administration. Denise is the mother of an awesome 6 year-old daughter and spends most of her free time enjoying nature, music, school, the arts and her family.



MICHAEL COYNE-LOGAN | Crew Member

Michael Coyne-Logan (a.k.a. Nozzy) graduated from Northern Illinois in 2000 with a degree in history and teaching. Before joining the crew in July of 2007, Mike worked as a teacher in Rock Island, Illinois. Mike has been doing volunteer work with LL&W since 2005 which led to his decision to finally come on board. Mike's passion for the environment and mind-blowing muscle mass makes him a phenomenal addition to the team. He spends his free time pumping iron and rappin' like a Mac Daddy.



MEAGAN SUDHOFF | Crew Member

Meagan "Meggals" Sudhoff is the new kid on the barge, having joined the crew in June of 2008. She graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Natural Resources. Meagan was born into a crew of siblings and has the ability to ever-so-quietly and effortlessly immerse herself in new surroundings (think chameleon). Meagan has a deep appreciation for Mother Earth and feels a strong commitment towards her preservation. She has an admiration and passion for music and aspires to play piano. She also enjoys photography, reading, movies, biking, camping and spending time with her family.



2008 YEAR IN REVIEW

January/February We started the year by planning for upcoming projects and events. Most of us spent the winter repairing equipment and building two new boats and trailers, while two other crew members worked with local volunteers in Louisville to remove three acres of invasive Japanese Honeysuckle.

March Once again, we kicked off the season on the Ohio River in Louisville, KY, where we hosted two weeks of “Alternative Spring Break” cleanups with 59 students coming from Monmouth College; SUNY Geneseo, NY; Hobart College, NY; and Heartland Community College (Chad’s alma mater!). We also coordinated the first ever Xstream Cleanup in the Louisville area, spearheading a cleanup of 21 sites on streams and rivers in the area. By the end of the month, we had filled one and a half barges with garbage!

April Plans to head to New Orleans were diverted due to high water down south. So, because there was plenty of debris in Louisville, we stayed through April and hosted a series of community cleanups in honor of Earth Day. LL&W was featured on the Sundance Channel’s *Big Ideas for a Small Planet* show focusing on water.

May The barge moved downriver to Paducah, KY, where we cleaned for two weeks. In mid-May we took our work boats to Biloxi, MS, for five days to assist with the Renew Our Rivers project, a local cleanup of neighboring rivers, streams, and marshes. During the month, we also coordinated 17 smaller cleanups along the Illinois River.

June In the first week of June we hosted the second annual Marine Industry River Cleanup Challenge in Paducah, KY, with 190 marine employees taking part. We also coordinated 12 smaller cleanups on the Mississippi River. The barge then moved from the Ohio to the Mississippi River, just north of St. Louis, MO.

Throughout early June, the Midwest was hammered by rain. When the river began rising to record levels, we assisted with sandbagging efforts in mid-Missouri for two weeks. Once the river crested, we headed north to Cedar Rapids, IA—the area that incurred the most damage from this summer’s flooding. Within the first week of cleaning on the Cedar River, our crew and volunteers removed 170 boatloads—the most concentrated amount of debris we had ever encountered.

July We continued to work in Cedar Rapids through the middle of July, recruited 100 volunteers to assist with the flood cleanup, and then took some much needed time off.

August In August we were back in full gear and hosted our annual cleanup in Burlington, IA. Just a few days later we hosted a cleanup on the Illinois River with 240 volunteers. We then joined members of Project AWARE for a canoe-based river cleanup of the Winnebago, Shell Rock and Cedar Rivers in Iowa. From there we returned to our home base in the Quad Cities to host 680 guests at our annual barge party, and to co-host the Quad Cities' Xstream Cleanup and River Roots Live Music Festival. Mid-month we headed north to the Wisconsin Dells area to clean the debris on the Wisconsin River that was the result of the devastating breach of Lake Delton.

September We spent another week on the Wisconsin before returning home to the Quad Cities to embark on our MillionTrees' acorn gathering and tree planting efforts. We also helped coordinate a cleanup in Gulfport, IL, and planted 250 trees on an island on the Illinois River. At the end of the month, Chad flew to New York City to be honored as one of Field & Stream's Heroes of Conservation of 2008.

October We sorted and planted 338,000 acorns in our MillionTrees' nursery in Beardstown, IL. We also hosted an educational workshop, and planted 200 trees and 800 prairie cord grass plants in Columbia, MO. Closer to our home port, we planted an additional 1,800 trees along the Mississippi and Rock Rivers and then traveled north to plant approximately 500 trees along the Mississippi River in Minnesota.

November/December We worked with partners and volunteers to plant 1,400 trees in Calhoun County, IL, at the confluence of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. We also cleaned up the barge, prepared for the final shoot of LL&W's show with the Discovery Channel, and made plans for 2009.

Living Lands & Waters 2008 Accomplishments

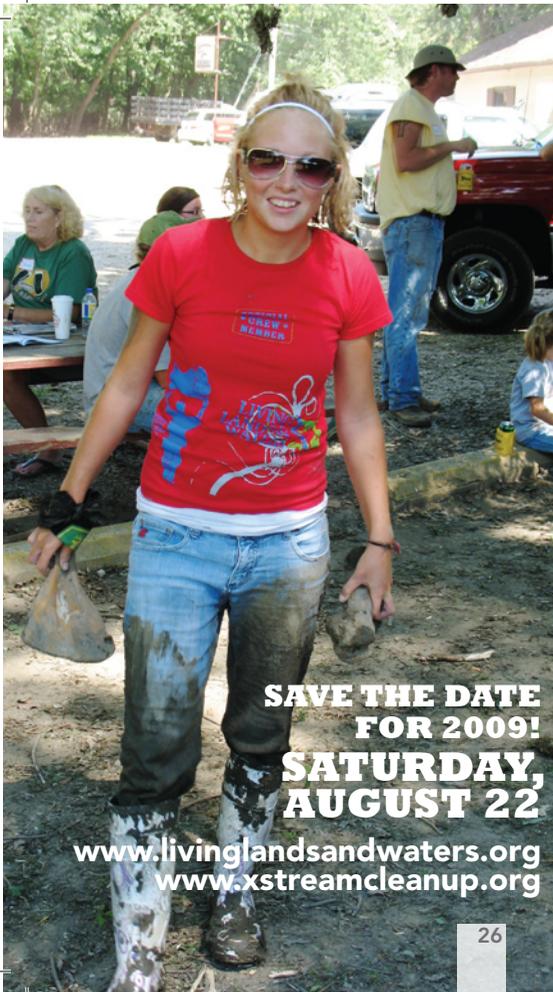
River Cleanups LL&W coordinated and participated in 83 community-based river cleanups with over 1,300 volunteers who helped to collect 250 tons of garbage—a bittersweet record for LL&W!

Big River Educational Outreach We spread the message and mission of LL&W to over 2,500 educators and students through on-the-river workshops and in-school presentations.

Riverbottom Restoration Projects We worked in 5 states with a dozen different partners to plant 4,800 trees and prairie cord grass plants, and to remove 3 acres of invasive species.

Million Trees Project Over 55 individuals and groups gathered an estimated 338,000 acorns in the fall for planting in our Beardstown, IL, nursery. Our first saplings should be ready to harvest next spring.

Adopt-A-River Mile The Adopt-A-River Mile Program currently has 93 groups cleaning 214.1 river miles, and the new Adopt-An-Illinois-River Mile Program is growing with six groups caring for 25 miles.



**SAVE THE DATE
FOR 2009!
SATURDAY,
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XSTREAM CLEANUP

VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP OVER 142,000 POUNDS OF DEBRIS

QUAD CITIES—Volunteers at the fifth annual Xstream Cleanup on Saturday, August 16, 2008, removed 142,566 pounds of debris from area waterways, illegal dumping sites and flood-ridden areas. Cleanups were held at 39 locations in Bettendorf, Davenport and LeClaire, Iowa; Colona, East Moline, Milan, Moline, Rock Island and Silvis, Illinois.

Thirteen hundred and twenty seven (1,327) volunteers worked a total of 4,176.75 hours and collectively gathered 2,187 bags of trash, 2,416 tires, 36 appliances and 54 bicycles. This was the equivalent of 75,180 pounds of trash, 63,444 pounds of tires, 2,700 pounds of appliances and 1,242 pounds of bicycles for a grand total of 142,566 pounds.

Additional items, reflected in the pounds above, included: 33 metal pieces, 21 car parts, 19 gas tanks, 35 barrels/drums, 28 pallets, 17 beds, 2 swing sets, 6 shopping carts and 2 picnic benches. In addition, volunteers found: a pool table, boat motor, play pen, bag of shoes, wagon, port-a-potty, construction barricade, ceramic lion, roto tiller, bowling ball, 200' power line, ceramic head, teddy bear, bamboo lawn furniture, cash register, safe, vacuum cleaner, butterfly chair, wallet with identification and \$185 cash (which was later reunited with its owner), half of a boat, car seat, \$100 bill, plastic swimming pool and wooden ladder.



SAVE THE DATE!
2009 BARGE PARTY



Thursday, August 13, 2009
5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Lake Davenport Sailing Club
River Drive & Oneida Street
Davenport, Iowa

Details will be mailed out mid-July and will also be available on our web site.

Fish Fry & Shrimp Boil Dinner
Meet & Greet the LL&W Team
Silent Art Auction | Barge Tours
Live Music | Cash Bar | Casual Attire



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