

# DEAR FRIENDS,

Alright, here it goes—my nineteenth letter, and our nineteenth year.

Reflecting back on the past two decades, I am so proud to say that one thing remains the same--each year has been more productive than the last! Thanks to the continued support of patrons like you and tens of thousands of volunteers, 2016 is no exception. You've helped us to not only reach our annual goals, but also to achieve some major milestones!

So, are you ready? Let's take a look at what we've accomplished this year and what's ahead in the near future:

- In mid-November, we hosted our one thousandth community river cleanup.
- This fall, we also hosted our <u>ten thousandth</u> student at our educational workshops. Floating classroom, full steam ahead!
- Looking further back, in May we planted our **one millionth** tree.
- Looking ahead to next spring, we are on track to work side-by-side with our one hundred thousandth volunteer.
- Also looking forward, we hope to extract our ten millionth pound of garbage from the rivers and shores in

2017, all the while broadening recycling efforts.

So there you have it friends! Each year, your contributions get us one step closer to achieving our mission—to make America's rivers a cleaner, safer, and brighter place for the future!

On behalf of everyone at Living Lands & Waters, we sincerely **<u>THANK YOU</u>** for your support and for helping us reach the next milestone!

We hope to see you on the river soon.

Chad Pregracke Founder & President

## A WORD FROM THE BENCH

Two years ago, I wrote "A Word from the Bench" about the "Power of One": one person, one piece of trash at a time. The results are powerful!

As Chad has highlighted in his letter this year, the "Power of One" has resulted in ten-fold accomplishments and will continue into next year when Living Lands & Waters welcomes its one hundred thousandth volunteer and pulls out the ten millionth pound of trash from America's rivers! No doubt there will be celebrations. There always are. LL&W loves a good party! I hope you'll be there for one of them.

As I mentioned last year, these are not goals, they are simply milestones. The goal is MORE! More cleanups, more students, more trees, more volunteers, more trash.

Chad recently reported to the Board that the crew and office personnel now is the best ever assembled. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank them. (They read the Annual Report too.) These young people are truly the heart, soul, and muscle of the operation.

I also want to extend my gratitude to the thousands of volunteers and supporters. This certainly would not happen without each of you. And I want to assure you that your investment of time, talent, and treasure has enormous returns.

Let's continue to make the "Power of One" turn into the amazing feat of one thousandth, one ten thousandth, one hundred thousandth, one millionth, and more than the ten millionth.

It's not time to sit back, but maybe it's time to party!

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The Mississippi River was literally Chad's backyard while growing up near East Moline, IL. Chad's vision, charisma, non-stop work ethic and natural leadership have garnered him an abundance of awards and honors over the years. Most notably, Chad was the recipient of the Jefferson Award for Public Service. In 2013, Chad was honored to be named the CNN Hero of the Year. Whenever he can get away from his rigorous work schedule, Chad enjoys fishing, hunting, skateboarding, wind surfing, and recycling used and salvaged materials by incorporating them into new projects.

Tammy has a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Western Illinois University, and served as an AmeriCorps VISTA and Peace Corps volunteer. A part of the crew since 2002, she's the maternal leader of Living Lands & Water. Tammy holds key roles in the organization that include; grant writer, coordinator of many LL&W events, assists with cleanups and even cooks some bomb meals on the barge for the crew. If all that isn't impressive enough, as Chad's wife she's the Yin to his Yang, the peanut butter to his jelly, the honey in his bee hive, the stars in his sky, and the one who reminds him not to forget Pork Chop on an island on the river. When Tammy isn't dedicating life and limb to LL&W, she loves cutting a rug, listening to live music, cooking, and hanging with friends and family.

A.K.A. Nozzy, began as a volunteer 2005 and was asked to join the crew in 2007. Mike graduated from Northern Illinois University in 2000 with degrees in History and Teaching. Before joining the Living Lands & Waters team, he worked as a teacher in his home town of Rock Island, IL. His knack for motivational speaking and his go-getter attitude earned him the nickname "The Coach." His words have inspired thousands of volunteers at hundreds of river cleanups. Mike takes his coaching to the classroom as the Education Facilitator, teaching students about the importance of our nation's rivers, clean water, and recycling. In his spare time, Nozzy enjoys lifting weights, reading, seeing live music, and picking up garbage.

Instead of pursuing a job as an international male model, one of the best looking crew members in the history of LL&W, John (J.B.) travels America's rivers aboard our barge. He's a quick learner and jack of all trades his duties include spinning tunes in a jon boat on the Mississippi River and helps to keep LL&W's engines running and props turning. J.B. volunteered with LL&W for several years and participated in an Alternative Spring break which all led to his employment with LL&W in 2011. . He graduated from Black Hawk College in 2009 and attended Western Illinois University. In his spare time, J.B. enjoys doing sound and lights for local Q.C. band favorite, The Dawn, sailing, and avidly following American Ninja Warrior.



Manage

Dan started as a LL&W volunteer in 2010. After participating in two alternative spring break sessions and completing an internship, he was invited to officially join the staff crew in May of 2013. He's known as a modern day renaissance man with many talents. He's creative and adds innovative ideas to many brain storming sessions. He's a professional disc golfer, technologically savvy, guru of trash collecting, a soccer goalie, skateboarding whiz, snowboarder, sage photographer, prospective American Ninja Warrior, and he plays one mean kazoo. He loves traveling and listening to live music.

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Serving as the keeper of the checkbook, Shelly carries the responsibility of payroll, expenses and record keeping for the organization. She joined the LL&W office staff in the fall of 2013 and has a fun sense of humor and organizational and business skills that have added checks and balances to the operations. Shelly might be the kindest, sweetest, most giving person on the crew – but if anyone misses turning in time sheets on time, Shelly will come a-looking. She is married to Roger, they have two children. In her off time, Shelly enjoys watching her kids' sporting events and serving as their full-time taxi driver.

Shelly Hamm Financial Manager

Kate Runge Director of Marketing & Events Coordinator

Meghan Elgan Educational Coordinator

Amber Pribyl

Sponsor Relations & Project Manager

When she's not sweating to meet administrative deadlines for LL&W, she's dead-lifting at CrossFit. Kate brings a creative and positive energy that can best be described as spunky and funky. After graduating from Monmouth College in 2011 with a degree in Public Relations and Business, Kate spent almost 3 years working in the health insurance industry before joining the LL&W team. In her free time, Kate loves to ride her Harley, hang with her pup Mia, and is an avid CrossFitter. Kate and Dan are soon to be the 10th couple married that met working at LL&W!

A native to the Fox River valley in northeastern Illinois, Meghan came to us from the Ozark Plateaus of northwest Arkansas where she spent 2014 working as a Teacher Naturalist at the Ozark Natural Science Center. One of our newest members of the LL&W crew, she received her Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Wisconsin Steven's Point. There, she gained an appreciation for good cheese, cold winters, and ecological restoration. Meghan spent two summers working for Citizens for Conservation as a restoration intern and helped restore some of the most beautiful prairies in Illinois! An avid fisherwoman, mushroom-hunter and all-around outdoor enthusiast, you'll rarely see Meghan without a smile on her face!

Amber aka ("Am's", "Amborine", "The Miracle Worker", "The River Hygienist", "Ambrosia", "Silence of the Ambs") rejoined the LL&W team in March 2015. It was her well-known commitment to success, support of community development and volunteer efforts that connected her to the organization. A former dental assistant, she now is dedicated to finding ways for LL&W to make the most of its resources. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, live music and meeting new people.

Accepting a post at Living Lands & Waters in June 2015 was a natural next step for David who hails from the Natural State of Arkansas. David puts the "can" in Arkansas with his can do attitude and handiness with a wrench. David studied viticulture and enology at Arkansas Tech University and worked in his father and grandfather's vineyard before feeling the tug from the Mississippi. He even sometimes brings sample of wine and grape juice from home to the crew, which definitely multiplies David's value as a crew member. Evolving from grapes to oak trees, David tends to our oak nursery. When he's not growing the saplings of the future, you may find him hunting , canoeing, fishing, or gardening. You will never see David without a smile on, unless he gets a little "peckish".



Luke Lippincott Crew Member

Monique Dykman

**Programs** Coordinator

Luke Lippincott aka "Snow Leopard" and his trusty sidekick Diesel, joined us in July 2015! Luke is no stranger to traveling (at least that's what the guys he plays basketball with say). He lived in Nebraska until he was 12, lowa until he was 14, and with the exception of another brief stint in Nebraska–Illinois ever since. Luke comes to us from Rock River Arms, where he operated the laser etcher on all their guns/accessories. He is an avid disc golfer, and loves snowboarding, camping, and listening to live music. Luke has an epic rivalry with fellow crew member and lifelong friend Dan. It ranks right up there with Bird vs. Magic, Army vs. Navy, and the Packers vs. Bears. Oh and ladies, by the way, he bakes some of the best chocolate chip cookies you ever tasted.

Andrew is an East Moline, IL native. He has worked in many professions, from construction to making amazing bagel sandwiches, teaching, farming, pouring concrete and everything in between. He married the love of his life, Casie and they have two dogs, Lily and Chief. They love traveling the world, and spending time with their amazing friends and loving family. Andrew also loves live music, the mountains, being in the woods, skiing, hunting/fishing, the Cubbies, new experiences, meeting people from all walks of life... and saving the world, one piece of garbage at a time. He has made it his life goal to bring the coach to justice for his unlawful coaching career, lies, and his Multi personalities. The ref will prevail.

Monique grew up boating and playing on the Chesapeake Bay, in Annapolis, Maryland. She traveled south to college on the St. Mary's River, at St. Marry's College of Maryland. When she wasn't working at the school's waterfront, she took up paddle boarding and kayaking, and finished a degree in Economics and minors in Environmental Studies and Sociology. Monique worked in Western Massachusetts in Outdoor Education. Since Monique has left Maryland to work on the crew Maryland has been a lot less "merry", so much so that the state has even consider renaming the state just the "Land." She does a great job as the Safety Coordinator and goes by the name "Mobo Cop"! When she isn't on the water, you can find her on a backpacking trip, road tripping, at a campfire, or playing cribbage!

isn't on the water, you can find her on a backpacking trip, road tripping, at a campfire, or playing cribbage Skyler grew up in East Moline, Illinois and has lived there all of her life. She graduated from United

Township High School and went to school to become a Dental Assistant. Instead of helping cleaning teeth she is now helping clean America's Rivers. She enjoys dancing, traveling, hanging out with friends and family, and listening to music. She was a cheerleader for 4 years at UTHS and did competitive cheer for 2 years. Her favorite cheer now is 2,4,6,8 --what are we going to excavate?!



First "gracing" Living Lands & Waters with her presence in 2011, Grace "Waters" was one of the early members and organizers of the Memphis River Warriors where she honed her trash collecting skills under the tutelage of the garbage gathering Jedi; Colton Cockrum. Grace graduated from the University of Memphis in 2014 with a degree in Biomedical Engineering and Mathematics. She joined LL&W as a crew member after working with us in Memphis, and now helps us part-time from her hometown! Grace enjoys helping people, traveling, trying new things, and most importantly; baking chocolate chips cookies for the crew. If Travis could be summed up in one word it would be "loyal," loyal at least to LL&W's maternal leader, Tammy. Travis is smart enough to not stray too far from the gravy train. However, when he hears someone rummaging through the refrigerator he will be the first by their side. Travis was discovered in Southern Illinois with a patty of liquid nail on his head. Travis puts the word "chill" in chiller, his exceptionally laid back personality is great for any campfire. A few of his accomplishments include; four time champion softest fur coat at the National Fur Convention, fastest hot dog eaten North of the Mason Dixon line, and a variety of firsts and seconds at the biannual Alaskan river dog bark off championship. Simply put Travis is a god among dogs.



Pork Chop Becker-Pregracke

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After wandering the hills and valleys of Montana for eight months of his lonely puppy-hood, Pork Chop was taken in by the loving embrace of Chad and Tammy. Right away it was apparent that he was made for life on the river. Never missing a boat or car ride, Pork Chop could be compared to a mix between Scrappy-Doo and Curious George. Pork Chop's hobbies include, wrasslin', running full speed ahead (usually into Travis), and catching flies in mid-air.

Diesel has the prettiest eyes on the whole crew! He loves playing fetch, long walks, belly rubs, and making his owner, Luke, happy. Whether its swimming in the nearest watering hole, or chasing birds, Diesel is always on the move! He loves to scare away flying objects, including drones, which is why we have hired him to be our top security dog on the barge. He frequently saves us from viscous attacks from turkey vultures, crows, robins, and chickadees. The next time you see Diesel, be sure to give him a good pet and thank him for his service.

Rescued from the big city life in Chicago, Mia is now LL&W's resident office dog. Serving as ahead of security while the big dogs are gone she keeps a close eye on Shelly and her mom. Her favorite movies in no particular order are *Beaches, Road House,* and *Kick Boxer*. After being very stand offish and coy in the beginning with Nozzy he is now her favorite crew member. She loves playing hide-and-seek, ripping her toys to shreds, hunting rabbits, and day dreaming about Nozzy!





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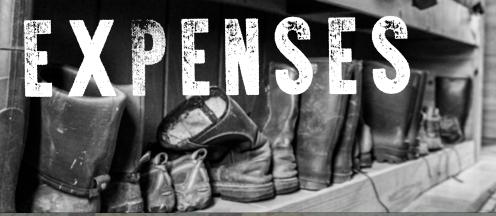
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Salaries and Benefits	597,636	Educational Programs	34,503
Contract Services	34,503	MillionTrees Project	.130,212
Travel & Lodging	19,907	Great Mississippi River Cleanup	22,358
Operating Expense		Other Projects	
Repair Expense	184,935	Depreciation	.215,901
Insurance Expense	129,535	TOTAL1,	,630,752

### SUPPORTING SERVICES

Management and General		Public Relations	-1-1-
Salaries and Benefits	129,535	Website	3,396
Office Supplies	34,503	Annual Fundraiser	54,001
Professional Fees	19,907	Promotional Expense	14,952
Depreciation		Marketing/Fundraising	63,828
TOTAL	184,935	TOTAL	136,177

### TOTAL EXPENSES 1,951,864



# CUMULATIVE STATS

5-gallon buckets	4.014	Lawn Mowers	57
		Couches/Recliners	
Sinks		Motorcycles	
Tires		Dishwashers	69
Barge Line	21,991	Barge Cable	,970
Refrigerators		Bath Tubs	
		Mattresses	
Washing Machines	158	Duck Decoys	.276
		Toilets	
Mannequin Parts	17	School Bus Top	1
Hot Waters Heaters		Safes	23
Portable Toliets	33	Bags of Police Riot Gear	6
BBQ Grills	165	Construction Cones	.298
Shopping Carts	43	Big Wheels/Kid's Bikes	77
Coolers	581	Pianos	4
Bowling Balls	109	Jet Skis	7
Toy Dolls	719	Messages in Bottles	81
Boats	91	Buoys	.701
		Sunken Barges	
Cars/Trucks/Vans	17.5	Hot Tubs	13
Balls	23,654	1 ft-thick Styrofoam	16
Drums/Barrels	7,600	5th Wheel Trailer	1
		Campers	
		Ronald McDonald Shoes	
Life Jackets		Shipping Containers	1
		Electric Guitars	
		Outboard Engines	
		Prosthetic Limbs	
		Computer Monitors	
		Car Batteries	
TVs	303	Combine Harvester	1
Civil War Mortar Shell	1		



# EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

SPECIAL

EVENTS

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**EVENTS** 

2016 was our busiest year in education to date, hosting over 67 events! We kicked off the year in the Quad Cities Area, followed by a stop in Alton, IL. In May, we put a new twist on workshops, teaming up with Illiniwek Forest Preserve (Hampton, IL) and our Invasive Species Removal Program. Students spent the day on an interpretive walk through the preserve, and then jumped into some hands-on honeysuckle removal.

Over 200 kids joined us for summer camps at Sunset Marina (Rock Island, IL)--in total 10 different local groups, including: Boys and Girls Club, YMCA Kid's Summer Program, Boy Scouts, Camp Abe Lincoln, Hope at the Brick House, and more! In August, we headed out on our 2016 Ohio River Tour--workshops started in Patriot, IN and wrapped up in Louisville, KY. During the 2016 season, we were able to work with almost 2,000 students!

Outreach Events: 69 events engaged 9,858 people

With the help of our new operations, we were able to have one of our biggest trash year to date. The Ohio River Tour was the focus for cleanups this year--starting off in Cincinnati, OH marked our farthest point up the Ohio River we have worked to date. With ten stops on the agenda, we were excited to foster some new relationships, and make some MAJOR garbage progress. In just four months, we removed over 400,000 lbs of trash on our tour, and we were beyond excited to reach our 1,000th river cleanup event in November. In total this year, we hosted 117 cleanups with over 2,900 volunteers.

**Great Mississippi River Cleanup (GMRC)**: Site coordinators rallied together over 700 volunteers, in 10 cities, at 12 different sites this year! In total, over 33,000 lbs of trash was removed from the river.

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Barfels-House Family & Friends **Bass Wranglers** Bay West, Inc. **Big River Drive Team** Bolton, Pat & Tom Boy Scout Troop 25 - Bettendorf, IA Boy Scout Troop 45 - Savanna, IL Brice Prairir Conservation Club Bunge North America - McGregor **Carlson Family** Cascade Boating Association Chapman, Andrew City of Gretna Clinton High School Environmental Heroes CYC: June Combs Dawson Dresbach River Rats Docherty, Melonee Dzine Wise Edwards Family - Nick, Barbara & Gibson Friends of Dubuque Co. Conservation Board Friends of Off Road Cycling (FORC) Grandia, Lonn Hoeft Family **Huck Finners** Iowa American Water Company Jamieson Family Kone Inc., Employees Lenger Family Loud Thunder River Patrol Master Naturalist **McCormick Family** Mike Bayou - Family & Friends Mississippi River Basin Expedition Missman, Inc. Moline Conservation Club Morse Family & Friends Nelson Family New Boston Elementary School Northern Border Pipeline Panther Family Port Byron Green Committee **River Ridge Homeowners Association** River's Edge Academy Riverbend Middle School **Russell Construction Company** 

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**MILES ADOPTED** 

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WINNEBAGO RIVER Cupola Inn Bed & Breakfast

Modeled after the successful Adopt-A-Highway program, our Adopt-A-River Mile program allows anyone to adopt a stretch of any river and commit to keeping it clean!

# ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK



As we returned to Memphis, TN for our 6th year on McKellar Lake, the progress that has been made is unarguable. With the help of 281 students/volunteers, we were able to remove another 87,000 pounds--nearly half of our 2011 total. Students from 10 different colleges in 5 states attended, including our first two groups of students from California!

**Colleges:** Illinois State University, Ashford University, Southern Illinois University, Texas A&M, Iowa State University, Salem University, Humboldt State University, Western Illinois University, California State University, San Marcos, University of California, Santa Cruz

# MEMPHIS, TN - MCKELLAR LAKE

# MILLIONTREES PROJECT

### ONE MILLION TREES AND COUNTING ...

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EVENTS

Just nine years since the project's inception, we were beyond excited to finally plant our ONE-MILLIONTH tree this spring in Port Byron, IL. The "Walking Tree of Life" and over 600 students joined us at Riverdale Elementary for an high energy, fun-filled morning!

Thanks to 1,400 Quad City volunteers, we were able to successfully harvest and distribute 132,000 trees, maintain our nursery, and plant 120 native shrubs near the Rock River.







The Invasive Species Removal program (ISR) officially kicked off in 2014 with the goal of helping to eradicate honeysuckle! 2016 was the program's third successful year out at Illiniwek Forest Preserve. Working with over 273 volunteers from 9 different groups, we were able to work on over 6 acres during the month of May!

**Groups Involved:** Davenport West High School, Triumph Community Bank, Timken, iJag, ADM, ADT, Friends of Off Road Cycling, Timken, United Township Education Center

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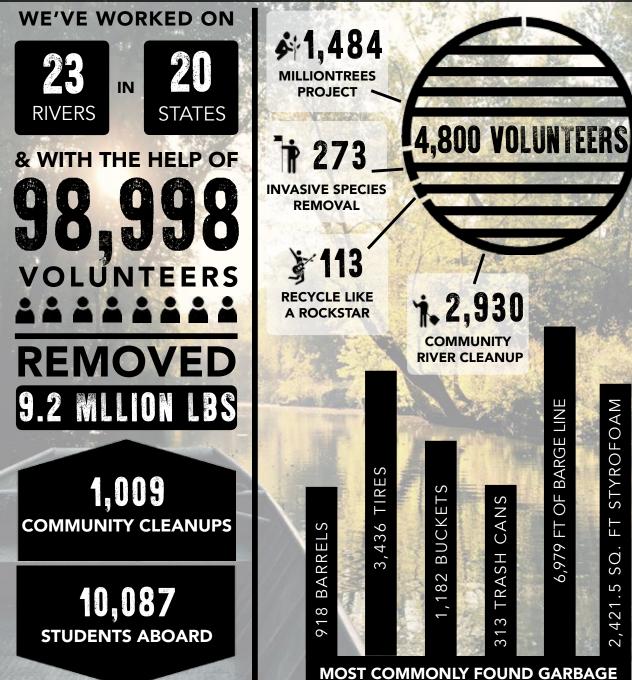
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To create a desire and an opportunity for stewardship and responsibility for a cleaner river environment.

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