

2007 ANNUAL REPORT



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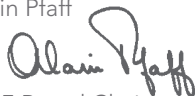
2007 LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

2007 was another year of accomplishments, successes and records for Living Lands & Waters. The season started, as usual, on the lower Ohio River in February. In April, the team returned for the fourth consecutive year to Washington, DC, to clean up the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers. The year continued with cleanups and workshops on the Mississippi River. In August, the team returned to the Quad Cities for the fourth Xstream Cleanup, with a record number of sites and volunteers. Another record was broken at the annual Barge Party with 674 guests attending. The party was in celebration of 10 years since Chad started his mission in 1997. His amazing adventures and accomplishments are depicted in *From the Bottom Up*, the book he co-wrote which was released in April.

All of these accomplishments would not be possible without the many volunteers and supporters Living Lands & Waters is fortunate to have. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to express our sincere gratitude to all of our individual donors, organizations, foundations and corporations for their generous contributions that have made the organization what it is today.

This is my last letter as Chairman of LL&W. It is with much sadness and emotion that I had to step down from this role in December 2007, due to a professional relocation. I want to thank Chad and his team for the opportunity to work with them and to help in their tireless mission to beautify and restore our national waterways. It has been a pleasure to work with this organization. I want to wish Chad, the team and all of you who have supported LL&W year after year best continuation. Keep up the good work. Although we are moving away, we will stay in touch with Chad and the organization.

Alain Pfaff



2007 Board Chairman

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Not pictured: Ralph W. Heninger and Bob Karll.

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE RIVER,

Undoubtedly, 2007 has been a milestone year for both the organization and for me. We're celebrating 10 years of cleaning up America's rivers. When I think back over the last decade, I feel a lot of satisfaction in the collection of over 4 million pounds of garbage from dozens of ports along the nation's mightiest river systems. I am forever grateful to the thousands of individuals, organizations, groups and companies who helped me further the mission of LL&W.

In 2007 alone, LL&W coordinated 58 cleanups and removed 150,000 pounds of garbage from the Mississippi, Illinois, Ohio, Potomac and Anacostia Rivers. We hosted 17 days of Educational Workshops for 476 educators, and the LL&W crew and volunteers planted 1,125 native hardwood trees and removed 10 acres of invasive species. We also launched our newest endeavor, the MillionTrees Project, by starting a tree nursery in Beardstown, Illinois. Individuals and groups continue to show their river stewardship by participating in our Adopt-A-Mississippi and Illinois River Mile Programs.

Overall, the condition of the river is improving. Countless towns and cities along the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers no longer need our assistance because the amount of refuse is now minute. People in the surrounding areas are keeping it clean! I guess that means it's working, but there is still a lot to do.

The single biggest source of inspiration and motivation for me over the last 10 years has been the pleasure of working with countless numbers of people from all different backgrounds and interests who share our passion. Together, we are making our dream of a cleaner river a reality! Thanks for all you've done to help make it happen.

We hope to see you on the river soon!

Sincerely,



Chad Pregracke



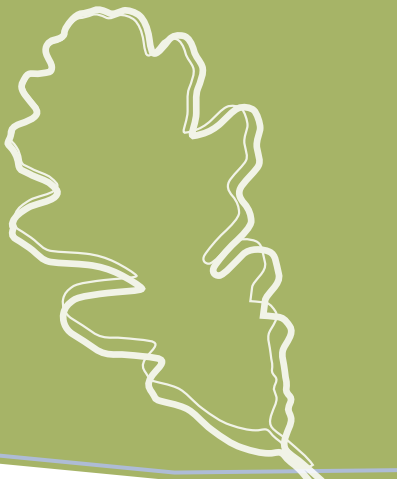
LIVING LANDS & WATERS' MISSION

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.

2007 ADOPT-A-RIVER MILE PROGRAM



MISSISSIPPI

Group Name	# of Miles Adopted	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 H.S.	2	359-361 IL
Kibbe Life Science Field Station	2	362-364 IL
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
Mississippi Manor B&B	1	404-405 IA
Notre Dame Elementary School	1	405-406 IA
T & T Wealth Management, Inc.	2	415-417 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
Derksen Family	4	453-457 IA
Morse Family and Friends	10	457-462 IL/IA
Muscatine Izaak Walton League	1	462-463 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
Henkel Family	1	472-473 IA
Buffalo Elementary School	1	473-474 IA
Lafarge Corporation-Davenport Plant	1	474-475 IA
Mid American 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

Group Name	# of Miles Adopted	Mile Marker #s
Scott Community College-Student Government	1	491-492 IA
Flynn/Despain	1	491-492 IL
Scott Community College-Enviromental Club	1	492-493 IA
Rock Island-US 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
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 (G. 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
White, Daniel J.	4	580-582 IL/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 Miss. Hdwtvs, MN

ILLINOIS RIVER

Better Fishing Association	1	221.0 – 222.0 South
Peru Rescue Squad	1	222.0 – 223.0 South
TEST, Inc.	1	223.0 – 224.0 E & W Shorelines

I look at the river like I look at my children—when you add care and compassion, everyone smiles. Adopting the stretch of river where we live and play is the least we can do to help preserve one of the world’s greatest hand me downs. I hope the generations that line up behind me get a chance to as well.

—Scott Sobiech | St. Cloud, MN



LIVING ON AND ENJOYING THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, I’VE NOTICED THAT THE RIVER IS A BETTER PLACE, THANKS TO THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF CHAD PREGRACKE AND LIVING LANDS & WATERS.

WHEN WE PURCHASED OUR HOME ON THE RIVER AND STARTED TO CLEAN OUR RIVER BANK, WE DISCOVERED 7 BURIED REFRIGERATORS. THANKS TO CHAD AND HIS CREW AND LOTS OF DIGGING ON OUR PART, WE NOW HAVE A MUCH CLEANER AND SAFER BEACH.

AFTER THIS TASK WAS FINISHED, WE DECIDED TO DO MORE ON OUR END TO HELP KEEP OUR RIVERS AND BEACHES CLEAN. SO, OUR BUSINESS OF T&T WEALTH MANAGEMENT ADOPTED THE BEACHES THAT WE ENJOY ON A DAILY BASIS. OUR GOAL IS TO KEEP THEM BEAUTIFUL WITH THE HELP OF OUR COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS WITH AN ANNUAL RIVER CLEAN UP EVENT.

BEST REGARDS,
ANTHONY & THERESA TEE
T&T WEALTH MANAGEMENT
MILE MARKER # 415 – 417 IL
OQUAWKA, ILLINOIS

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Thank you to these major donors
for their generosity and support

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 Waste Commission of Scott County
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2007 STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES

Salaries and benefits	349,959
Contract services	42,024
Travel and lodging expenses	86,799
Operating expenses	93,383
Repair expenses	22,264
Insurance expenses	48,482
Other program expenses	75,134
Depreciation	109,855
TOTAL	827,900

SUPPORTING SERVICES

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

Salaries and Benefits	89,334
Office supplies and equipment	34,459
Professional fees	9,211
Depreciation	5,500
TOTAL	138,504

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Website	3,202
Annual fundraiser	17,052
Promotional	13,703
Public Relations	27,580
TOTAL	61,537

TOTAL EXPENSES	1,027,941
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2007 BIG RIVER EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

2007 marked the 5 year anniversary of hosting workshops to educate teachers and interested citizens on the value of big river systems and the need to protect them. As in years prior, we had a ball in 2007! Four hundred and seventy six educators and students joined us on the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio Rivers over the course of 21 days of workshops this year.

Since the inception in 2003, LL&W's workshops have:

- :: Hosted more than 1,600 educators.
- :: Coordinated and hosted 90 days of workshops in 20 different ports along the Mississippi, Illinois, Missouri and Ohio Rivers.
- :: Featured more than 100 guest speakers from 7 states.
- :: Promised the potential of reaching 100,000 students (assuming each educator reached out to 60 students).

Late in 2007, we surveyed past participants to measure the effectiveness of our workshops. Here are some of our key findings:

- :: 96.6% of participants would attend another LL&W workshop.
- :: 85% have used the information and materials provided at the workshop.
- :: 50% have participated in other LL&W activities such as cleanups, tree plantings, Adopt-A-River Mile, etc.
- :: Of the 17 different qualities/aspects of our workshops, LL&W received "Very Effective" as the most popular rating for 15 of the categories. Our 5 best average ratings were for: setting of workshop, helpfulness of coordinator and LL&W staff, overall content and relevance, quality of guest presenters, and organization of workshop.
- :: Of the information and materials provided at the workshop: 53.9% have performed an activity with their students, 50% had their audience read materials from the workshop, 27.5% based an entire lesson plan/unit on the workshop info, and 26.5% helped organize a service project related to their experience at the workshop.
- :: Of the 15% who said they have not used the materials and information, 42% indicated that they just haven't had the time since the workshop, but intend to in the near future.

WE WERE REALLY PLEASED WITH THE REVIEWS! THIS VALIDATED THE NEED TO HOST MORE WORKSHOPS IN THE FUTURE!

Given these findings and heeding the advice and comments from the survey, LL&W plans to experiment with new workshop formats for 2008 and to host more programs for students. LL&W also plans to develop a curriculum to inspire teachers and students to TAKE ACTION!



NO OTHER RIVER EDUCATION EFFORT SHOWS AS MANY FACES OF THE RIVER AS THESE WORKSHOPS. THE WORKSHOPS ARE UNIQUELY BALANCED....ALL ELEMENTS OF THE RIVER ARE EXPLORED FROM THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSPORTATION TO HABITAT RESTORATION AND RECREATION....THE RIVER IS NO LONGER SOMETHING YOU ONLY SEE WHEN DRIVING OVER ON A BRIDGE.

—BRYAN HOPKINS | MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES | JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

2007 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE



March 9	The Ohio River: A New Century	Louisville, KY
March 16	The Ohio River: A New Century	Louisville, KY
March 17	The Ohio River: A New Century	Louisville, KY
March 29	Discover the Mississippi River Tour: NSTA Conference Field Trip	Alton, IL
May 11 – 12	The Ohio River: Past and Present	Evansville, IN
July 9	Mississippi River Ecology with the River Kids	St. Louis, MO
July 11	Mississippi River: Shifting Currents	St. Louis, MO
July 12	Mississippi River: Shifting Currents	St. Louis, MO
July 16 – 19	Re-Discover the River: A 4-Day Mississippi River Excursion	St. Louis, MO to Hannibal, MO
July 29 – 31	Re-Discover the River: A 3-Day Mississippi River Excursion	Burlington, IA to Rock Island, IL
August 15	From Fields to Fresh Water: The Agricultural Connections to the Mississippi	Rock Island, IL
October 5	The Ohio River Past and Present: Teacher Institute	Olmsted, IL
October 23	MillionTrees Workshop w/ Wildlife Habitat Council	St. Louis, MO
October 27	Boy Scout Cleanup and Workshop	Buffalo, IA
November 7	GLOBE: East Peoria H.S. Environmental Group Workshop	Buffalo, IA

2007 RIVERBOTTOM RESTORATION PROJECT

The **Riverbottom Restoration 2007** schedule kicked off in September with removal of the invasive shrub, bush honeysuckle, from Smith's Island near Pleasant Valley, Iowa. This was a huge project LL&W had been working on with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the last 5 years. But with the help of dozens of volunteers, we finally have removed all of the honeysuckle surrounding the public hiking trail on the island!

In early October, LL&W traveled to Thomson, Illinois, to remove 1 acre of the aquatic invasive plant, purple loosestrife. Later in the month, LL&W traveled to Peoria, Illinois; Naples, Illinois; and Paducah, Kentucky to plant a total of 135 trees, and we delivered and donated 150 trees to Missouri River Relief in Columbia, Missouri.

In November, LL&W and partners planted over 1,200 trees and removed 13 acres of the invasive plants bush honeysuckle, garlic mustard and buckthorn.

From the end of November 2007 through February 2008, LL&W restored the riparian corridor of Beargrass Creek, a tributary of the Ohio River.

2007 Riverbottom Restoration Partners:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Ducks Unlimited
- Archer Daniels Midland
- AEP River Operations
- Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District
- Missouri River Relief
- Friends of the Big Muddy
- Private Land Owners

The Riverbottom Restoration Project would not be possible without all of our contributing partners, sponsors, private donors, and volunteers. In 2008, LL&W plans to continue its mission to improve bottomlands by repopulating them with hardwoods and by removing invasive plants and shrubs.

2007 RIVERBOTTOM RESTORATION PROJECT SCHEDULE

EVENT DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Sept. 6 – 8 & 15	Honeysuckle Removal	Smith's Island; Pleasant Valley, IA
Sept. 17 – 22	Canyon Cleanup	Starved Rock State Park; Utica, IL
Oct. 6	Purple Loosestrife Removal	Thompson, IL
Oct. 20	Tree Planting	Peoria, IL
Oct. 26	Tree Donation & Delivery	Columbia, MO
Oct. 29	Tree Planting	Paducah, KY
Oct. 30	Tree Planting	Naples, IL
Nov. 1 – 2	Tree Planting	Port Louisa; Muscatine, IA
Nov. 3	Tree Planting	Burlington, IA
Nov. 5 – 9	Invasive Plant Removal	McGregor, IA
Nov. 16	Tree Planting	St. Louis, MO
Nov. 12 – 16	Invasive Plant Removal	Louisville, KY
Nov. 17	Tree Planting	Louisville, KY
Dec. – Feb. 2008	Invasive Plant Removal	Louisville, KY



MILLION TREES PROJECT

The fall of 2007 rang in a new venture, the MillionTrees Project. LL&W's goal is to grow 1 MILLION trees within the next 5 – 10 years. By achieving this goal, we will be able to plant native hardwood nut-bearing trees which will provide a viable food source and shelter for wildlife, create a filter to prevent pollution reaching waterways, reduce erosion of riverbanks, filter the quality of air and provide a beautiful landscape.

In September, 2007, we began the project by focusing on the oak tree. Our crew traveled the area and collected acorns along waterways while we asked the community to lend a hand by getting out into their neighborhoods and join our collection efforts. During the following 3 months, we collected over 130,000 viable seeds from 4 states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Missouri. LL&W teamed up with our long time sponsor, Cargill, to create a nursery at the Cargill Meat-Processing Plant in Beardstown, Illinois. Using a rich compost mix produced at the plant as a soil enhancer, the acorns were planted in November.

This crop of trees will be grown at the nursery until the spring of 2009. At that time, LL&W crew members will plant a portion of them into their native habitats along waterways. We will join forces with volunteers to plant the remaining trees in their communities.

This project has been a huge success due to community support! We look forward to another great acorn gathering season this fall!



2007 GARBAGE STATISTICS

5-gallon buckets . . .	2,616	Toy dolls	83	Cars	4
55-gallon drums . . .	4,963	boats	51	Dishwashers	57
bags of trash	54,360	freezers	87	Barge cable	7,913 ft.
Sinks	104	1970's Ford		Bathtubs	24
Tires	52,195	Econoline van	1	Mattresses	71
Barge rope	14,754 ft.	Balls	12,291	Duck decoys	142
Refrigerators	691	250-gallon drums	52	Trucks	1
Air conditioners	43	Milk crates	539	Toilets	81
Washing machines	178	Bicycles	80	Septic tank	1
Gas tanks/cans	279	Life jackets	149	Metal	497 tons
Propane tanks	1,019	Tractors	18	1-inch thick	
Mannequin hand	1	Trash cans	83	styrofoam	10 football fields
Hot water heaters	212	Car engines	12	School bus tops	1
Porta-Potties	8	Chairs	830	Piano	2
BBQ grills	123	Stoves	165	Jet ski	3
Shopping carts	38	TVs	172	Messages in a bottle	42
Coolers	151	Lawn mowers	37	Buoys	152
Bowling balls	9	Couches	32	Sunken barges	3
Bowling pins	2	Motorcycles	9		



THE 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!).



KRISTEN ELLIS

Riverbottom Reforestation Project Coordinator

Kristen joined the crew in May of 2005 after getting a taste as a volunteer at several river cleanups. Kristen graduated in May of 2003 from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife and a minor in Biology. Since graduation, she has held various jobs working as a field technician in Wisconsin, Tennessee, Montana and Missouri, performing research in the areas of wildlife, botany, and ornithology. Kristen's killer work ethic, deep passion for the natural environment, vast knowledge and experience, and stellar sense of humor have made her a valuable part of the LL&W team.

CHRIS FENDERSON

Team Leader & Safety Coordinator

Chris joined the crew in the summer of 2003 to bring in more muscle, strategic thinking, welding skills and, of course, his humor. Chris helps to keep our many boats afloat and has proven to be a great motivator and leader to the team, as well as to our volunteers. Chris is the big man on the barge and is a vital member of our team.

THE TEAM



TONY BORRESON

Intern

Tony joined the LL&W crew in June of 2007 to complete an internship for Winona State University while pursuing his degree in Mass Communication. When Tony's not working hard on the river, he enjoys playing his guitar, traveling and photography.

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 lead 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. Mike spends his free time pumping iron and rappin' like a Mac Daddy.

THE TEAM

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.



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 5 year old daughter and spends most of her free time enjoying nature, music, school, the arts, and her family.



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. When Shanon is not walking her dogs Arrow and Oblio, she is studying for her degree. Shanon is a true outdoors lady and loves to camp, hike, and explore, especially along the river.



2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

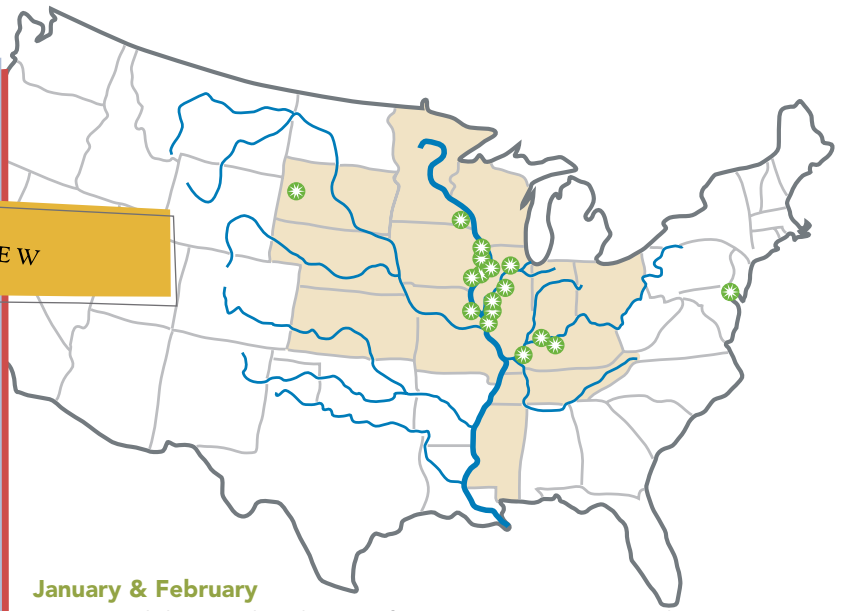
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January & February

We started the year by planning for upcoming projects and events, repairing equipment, and building 2 new boats and trailers in our newly completed East Moline headquarters. Part of the crew worked with the Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District and volunteers from the Louisville, Kentucky area to remove invasive plants.

March

LL&W kicked off the season on the Ohio River in Louisville, Kentucky, where we hosted a month of river cleanups and 3 educational workshops. Fifty-three college students from Monmouth College and SUNY came out for a week as part of an "alternative spring break" program, filling 1 ½ barges with garbage in just 3 weeks!

April

For the fourth year, LL&W returned to clean up the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers in our nation's capital. Throughout the month, we held 16 days of cleanups with over 500 volunteers! April also marked the release of Chad's book, *From the Bottom Up*, with a huge book release party!

May

We returned to the Ohio River for several cleanups and 2 workshops in Evansville, Indiana. We also hosted the first Marine Challenge Cleanup in Paducah, Kentucky, with industry employees competing against one another to recruit the greatest number of volunteers and collect the most garbage. CNN filmed the project and Reuters came out to run a story.

June

Because plans to move the barges to the Mid-Mississippi were postponed due to flooding, the barges stayed on the Ohio River longer than expected. We made the best of our time by repainting our entire house boat, and picking up garbage every day. We still managed to conduct several cleanups on the Mississippi River by trailering our jon boats to the sites.

JUL

July

When the waters receded, LL&W traveled to St. Louis to join forces with long-time sponsor Anheuser-Busch to clean up the Mississippi riverfront on July 14. Four hundred volunteers showed up to fill 1,400 bags, remove 218 tires and collect a total of **12 tons of trash in only 3 hours!** We held our second annual 4-day traveling educational workshop from St. Louis, Missouri, to Hannibal, Missouri, and a 3-day workshop from Burlington, Iowa, to Rock Island, Illinois. The film crew from CBS Sunday Morning News shot footage during a 3-day cleanup in Burlington, Iowa, with 150 volunteers (the piece aired September 23). We also conducted several sponsor cleanups along the Illinois River.

AUG

August

We traveled a long way from the Mississippi River to South Dakota to promote the recycling program we implemented in 2006 at the Sturgis Rally, the largest motorcycle rally in the world (500,000 people). Upon our return to the Quad Cities, we held a 1-day workshop: *From Fields to Fresh Water: The Ag Connections to River Systems*. We rounded out the month with our annual barge party attended by 674 guests, co-hosted the Quad Cities' Xstream Cleanup, and co-hosted the River Roots Live Music Festival.

SEPT

September

Several crew members spent 2 weeks in the Rushford, Minnesota area helping flood victims clear debris, while the rest worked with local volunteers and the USACE to clear honeysuckle from Smith's Island in LeClaire, Iowa. The crew traveled to Starved Rock State Park in Utica, Illinois, for a 5-day canyon cleanup, and the Sundance Channel's film crew shot footage of a cleanup at Rock Island's Sunset Park. The MillionTrees Project got off to a great start as the crew and volunteers from several states began collecting acorns for the first planting at our newly established nursery in Beardstown, Illinois.

OCT

October

The crew removed invasive plants in Clinton, Iowa, and returned to Smith's Island to continue their work. We helped with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Ducky Derby, and began maintenance work on our equipment in our new shop. We ended the month with tree plantings in Peoria, Illinois, Paducah, Kentucky, and Naples, Illinois; an educational workshop for local boy scouts; and a river cleanup in Dubuque, Iowa.

NOV

November

The crew helped plant 130,000 seeds at the MillionTrees Project nursery in Beardstown, Illinois; planted 840 trees in 3 states; and removed 5 acres of invasive honeysuckle in Louisville, Kentucky. We hosted an educational program aboard the barge for high school students involved with the East Peoria Environmental Club. Several talented crew members put their skills to work building a boat trailer and 30-foot aluminum work boat in LL&W's East Moline shop.

DEC

December

The crew and barge headed to St. Louis to shoot a pilot episode for a pending Discovery Channel series on the work of LL&W called *"Life in the Trash Lane"*. The rest of the month was spent unloading the barges of garbage, winterizing equipment, removing invasive species in Louisville, Kentucky, building boats, and planning for the 2008 season!



SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2008



NEWS RELEASE
VOLUNTEERS CLEANED UP
49,000 LBS OF DEBRIS

QUAD CITIES—Nearly 1,500 volunteers worked during the fourth annual Xstream Cleanup on Saturday, August 18, and removed 49,000 pounds of debris from area waterways and illegal dump sites.

Cleanups were held at 34 locations in Davenport, Bettendorf, LeClaire, Princeton, East Moline, Moline, Milan and Rock Island.

Volunteers collectively gathered 2,099 bags of trash, 2,745 tires, 20 appliances, 22 bicycles and 27 pieces of furniture. Some of the unique items collected include: a shopping cart, volleyball net, sleeping bag, air hockey table, toilet, wheelbarrow, life vest, tent, first base, deer stand, fiberglass boat, Barbie car, amplifier, LP tanks, mannequin, car door, 16 ft. shelf, Ford truck hood, parking meter, railroad ties, a large metal kitchen table from the 1950's and a ShopVac.

During Xstream Cleanup, volunteers worked a total of 3,121 hours to clean up and green up our community. Photos of volunteer efforts at various sites can be viewed on-line at www.xstreamcleanup.org.

This event was presented by Riverboat Development Authority and sponsored by Alcoa, Waste Commission of Scott County and Living Lands & Waters.



You can make a difference! (really)
Volunteer Today. Go to
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or www.xstreamcleanup.org



2008 BARGE PARTY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2008

Mark Your Calendars!

Thursday, August 14
5:30 p.m. – 8 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.

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