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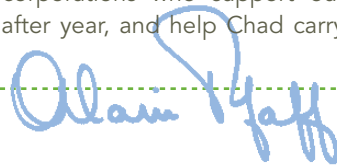
A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

If 2005 started as a regular year for Living Lands & Waters (if there is such a thing as "regular" year for LL&W), it sure ended in an unexpected fashion. The season started on the lower Ohio River in February. In April, the team returned for the second consecutive year to Washington, DC, for Capital River Relief. Tons of garbage were again removed from the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers. After very successful cleanups and workshops on the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers, LL&W organized and participated in the second Xstream Cleanup in the Quad Cities. This was a bigger and more successful event than in 2004.

Everything was on track to end the season with scheduled cleanups and workshops on the Mississippi River, and tree plantings in October and November. However, on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and the coastline of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, devastating

the area. Five days later, the team of LL&W and the Board of Directors made the decision to cancel the rest of the schedule and head down to Louisiana to help with the relief effort. This was a grueling task, and on behalf of the Board of Directors I want to commend Chad and the team for the work they accomplished in horrendous conditions. Although the team just made a dent in the unbelievable devastation the coast suffered, they provided relief and help to thankful families. This was made possible through the generosity of our sponsors and contributors who contributed to the Katrina Relief effort on top of their regular donations to support LL&W's on-going programs.

LL&W is blessed to have some of the most supportive and generous people, organizations, foundations and corporations who support our organization year after year, and help Chad carry on his mission.



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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.

A LETTER FROM CHAD

2005 was truly an exciting and productive year for Living Lands & Waters (LL&W), and we thank you for helping to make it happen. The crew worked 299 days and took on many new challenges. We held nearly 50 successful cleanups on 6 of our nation's largest rivers, conducted more than 11 days of educational workshops with over 300 attendees, and planted almost 1,500 trees along the shorelines of the Mississippi River. In addition, we were pleased to be able to help victims of Hurricane Katrina get a head start on the road to recovery. None of this would have been possible without your continued support whether it be a monetary contribution, an in-kind donation, a helping hand, or a kind note.

Our success is due primarily to our close relationship with approximately 120 businesses,

corporations, organizations, and agencies pitching in to help, as well as countless individual volunteers. No matter what one's political affiliation, background, interests or geographical location, no one disputes a cleaner river.

I'm proud to send this year's Annual Report in order for you to see the results of your support. Our organization has grown tremendously in its eight years of operation, and continues to be the only river cleanup operation of its kind in the world. I hope you feel as much personal satisfaction as I do in the accomplishments we have made in this relatively short period of time.

As always, we thank you for your support and look forward to working with you in the years to come.

Chad

adopt A MISSISSIPPI RIVER MILE



More than 2,300 miles long, the Mississippi River plays a unique and vital role as the sustainer of life in North America. It supports the habitat of hundreds of species of fish, reptiles and mammals. It provides the daily water supply to more than 18 million people and supplies the Gulf of Mexico with 90 percent of its fresh water. The river is steeped in the history of the land and continues to serve as a navigational channel, a recreation destination and a tourist attraction. However, after decades of neglect, it needs help to survive.

The Adopt-a-River Mile project began as a way to extend the work of Living Lands & Waters. As families, businesses and organizations become stewards of the river by adopting one or more miles, the river stays cleaner. They know the best way to care for the river is to keep it clean. By adopting a Mississippi River Mile, they become part of the project. By helping to maintain the cleanup effort, each person makes a positive contribution to the life of the river and to the lives of the people and animals who depend on it.

GROUP NAME	# OF MILES	MILE #'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
St. Charles West High School	2	.212-214 MO
Hannibal Early Bird Kiwanis	1	.308-309 MO
Greenwell Family	1	.309-310 MO
Warsaw High School	2	.359-361 IL
WIU Kibbe Life Science Field Station	2	.362-364 IL
Bob Flam Family	1	.371-372 IA
Lee County Conservation Board	1	.376-377 IA
Jon Reid	2	.381-383 IL
Beelman Sisters	1	.382-383 IA
Ft. Madison High School	1	.383-384 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
Wapello H.S. Conservation Science Class	1	.431-432 IA
Westmer Elementary School	1	.432-433 IL
Showalter/Sedam Group	1	.433-434 IL
Todd Millage	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
Melonee Docherty	1	.465-466 IL

BRAT Family	1	467-468	IA
Julie Plummer	1	468-469	IA
Henkel Family	1	472-473	IA
Buffalo Elementary School	1	473-474	IA
Lafarge Corporation– Buffalo, IA	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	IA
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
Iowa American Water Company	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 View 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 Gov.	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
Kenton Family	1	498-499	IA
Northern Border Pipeline	2	500-501	IL/IA
Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton IA	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
Daniel J. White	4	580-582	IL/IA
Steve Scheiber	2	583-584	IA/WI
Lake Park Earth Club	1	608-609	WI
Clark Family	1	619-620	IA
Harpers River Friends	12	642-648	IA/WIS
Brice Prairie Conservation Club	2	703-704	WI/MN
Vandergriff/Eisenmenger Families	1	715-716	WI
Bass Wranglers	1	814-815	MN
McCormick Family	2	847-848	MN
Scott & Amber Sobiech	1	Mile 1	

Zebulon Pike Lake, MN



The “deep cleaning” of our adopted stretch of the Mississippi headwaters mile # 1272.5 – 1275.6 MN drew to a close this weekend. The walleyes were just finishing their spawning run and the eagles were really moving through. Now the maintenance phase begins (as if we needed a reason to paddle!) We collected two 18 inch canoe loads and four 13 inch single canoe loads, not including the safe I drug out of the water two years ago and this week rolled it up to the highway bridge to be collected. We also found 6 left shoes before we found our first right shoe.

— Bob & Joanne Panther
 Adopt-A-Mississippi
 River Mile Participants

2005

DONATIONS

Thank you to these major donors
for their contributions

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\$100,000 and up

Cargill/Cargo Carriers | Koch Industries



\$50,000 – \$99,999

Awesome Anonymous | Archer Daniels Midland Company
John Deere (corporate houseboat) | MEMCO Barge Line, Inc.



JOHN DEERE



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RiverStone Group | Riverway Foundation



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2005 EXPENSES

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

EXPENSES

<i>Program Services</i>	
Salaries and benefits	305,266
Contract services	55,872
Operating expenses	180,846
Repair expenses	28,615
Insurance expense	48,363
Other program expenses	37,947
Depreciation	77,365
TOTAL	734,274

SUPPORTING SERVICES

<i>Management and general</i>	
Salaries and benefits	51,653
Office supplies and equipment	52,060
Professional fees	8,831
Depreciation	4,649
TOTAL	117,193

Fundraising

Web site expenses	2,201
Marketing and educational materials	10,689
Fundraising	7,126
Other	7,057
TOTAL	27,073

TOTAL EXPENSES **878,540**

DONATIONS *continued*

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Alcoa, Inc.
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 John & Maria Young

Up to \$999

498 individual,
 business and
 memorial donations
 totaling \$63,259



BIG RIVER EDUCATIONAL workshops

The Big River Educational Workshops continued to grow and evolve throughout an amazing 2005 season. Over 390 teachers came aboard LL&W's floating classroom in seven ports within four states along the Mississippi, Missouri, and Illinois Rivers. We also hosted spring workshops on the Ohio River—a well received first for LL&W. Lending a hand to Hurricane Katrina victims during October and November led to postponement of our fall workshops until 2006.

Most of our 2005 workshops had an ecology-based format with participants wading in streams collecting macroinvertebrates, examining mussel shells, touring commercial towboats, searching for fossils, and much more. We also branched out by hosting themed workshops and spending entire days talking about river geology and the cultural history of the river.

We were honored to be the recipient of two prestigious sponsorships—one from the National Geographic Society's Conservation Trust and the other from the Evergreen Foundation. Their

generosity provided the means to support one of LL&W's most important missions—education.

We look forward to 2006 with the addition of three or four day expeditions on-board LL&W's barges. While earning graduate credits, participants will be provided a true river experience through a variety of disciplines.

2005 Spring/Summer Workshop Locations

Paducah, Kentucky | Peoria, Illinois
Havana, Illinois | Beardstown, Illinois
St. Louis, Missouri | Burlington, Iowa
Rock Island, Illinois

2005 Fall Workshop Locations

Cancelled due to Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

Dubuque, Iowa | Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin
St. Louis, Missouri





2006 BIG RIVER EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

MARCH | *The Ohio River*

March 3	"The Ohio River: Past and Present"	} <i>Louisville, KY</i>
March 6	"The Ohio River: Past and Present"	
March 7	"Protecting Our Watershed"	
March 17	"The Ohio River: Past and Present"	
March 18	"The Ohio River: Past and Present"	

JUNE | *The Illinois River*

June 16	"The Illinois River: A New Century"	<i>Morris, IL</i>
June 28	"The Illinois River: A New Century"	<i>Peoria, IL</i>



JULY | *The Mississippi River*

July 12 – 15	"Rediscover the River: A 4-Day Mississippi River Expedition"	<i>St. Louis to Hannibal, MO</i>
July 18 – 20	"Rediscover the River: A 3-Day Mississippi River Expedition"	<i>Hannibal, MO to Burlington, IA</i>
July 31 – Aug. 2	"The Mississippi River: Shifting Currents"	<i>Rock Island, IL</i>

AUGUST

August 4	"From Fields to Fresh Water: The Agricultural Connections to the Mississippi River"	<i>Rock Island, IL</i>
August 30	"The Mississippi River: Past and Present"	<i>Dubuque, IA</i>

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 8	"The Mississippi River: Past and Present"	<i>Prairie du Chien, WI</i>
Others...TBA		

RIVERBOTTOM RESTORATION

project

The Riverbottom Restoration Project was created in 2003 as yet another way for Living Lands & Waters to improve our nation's big rivers. Over the years, a decline in riverbottom hardwoods became recognizable. The bottomland forest ecosystem is lacking the diversity of nut and fruit bearing trees. Seed from native hardwoods, such as oaks and hickories, is important to provide food and habitat for wildlife. Natives also tend to be more tolerant of flood and drought. Living Lands & Waters recognized the importance of replenishing bottomlands with native hardwoods.

The Living Lands & Waters' crew and volunteers from schools, clubs, scout groups, civic organizations, communities, and state and federal agencies have planted over 21,000 trees. Living Lands & Waters uses RPM (Root Prune Method) trees or bare-root seedling trees. RPM trees are grown in a nursery for a year or more and are 4 to 6 feet tall with a well established root system. Bare root seedling trees are within their first year of growth and are small with a less developed root system.

The planting type and species of tree we use depends on the location, situation, and preference of our partners.

Grants and donations make it possible for Living Lands & Waters to purchase trees, seed, plants, equipment, and supplies. State and federal agencies continue to partner with us, giving the organization more options, geographically, for plantings and restoration projects. Living Lands & Waters is looking forward to continuing these partnerships with agencies, organizations, corporations, foundations, supporters, and volunteers.

Living Lands & Waters needs your help to heal and protect our shorelines, riverbottom, and flood plain. Please see the Riverbottom Restoration schedule for volunteer opportunities.



Tentative Fall Tree Planting and Habitat Restoration 2006

September

- Sept. 6 – 8 Site Preparation for Honeysuckle Removal
Smith Island, Lock and Dam 14, Le Claire, Iowa
- Sept. 9 Volunteer Day, Honeysuckle Removal
Smith Island, Lock and Dam 14, Le Claire, Iowa
- Sept. 15 Site Preparation for Honeysuckle Removal
Smith Island, Lock and Dam 14, Le Claire, Iowa
- Sept. 16 Volunteer Day, Honeysuckle Removal
Smith Island, Lock and Dam 14, Le Claire, Iowa
- Sept. 28 & 29 Site Preparation for Tree Planting
Plum Island, Starved Rock State Park, Illinois
- Sept. 30 & 31 Volunteers Plant and Fence 400 RPM Trees
Plum Island, Starved Rock State Park, Illinois
also in Sept: prairie seed gathering in Wisconsin

October

- Oct. 1 – 4 Continue Planting and Fencing RPM Trees
Plum Island, Starved Rock State Park, Illinois
- Oct. 6 Tentative: Plant Trees with Missouri River Relief
Kansas City, Missouri
- Mid-October Taking place at Emiqoun Reserve, Havana, Illinois;
or in Monona, Iowa; also a possibility in Louisville
- Oct. 28 Tree Planting at the Field Syke Project,
Bettendorf, Iowa Parks Maintenance

November

- Nov. 4 Tree Planting with Army Corps of Engineers,
Port Louisa near Muscatine, Iowa
- Nov. 6 – 15 Tree Plantings, Invasive Species Removal
U.S. Army Corps, La Crosse, Wisconsin



HURRICANE KATRINA

relief

On September 24th our 4 barges, loaded with 900 sheets of drywall, 200 sheets of plywood, 100 2x4s, over 20 pallets of shingles and tar paper, and 2 full-size semi containers stocked with insulation, drywall tape and compound, hitched a ride on the hip of a commercial towboat and began its journey toward the delta.

On the morning of September 30th we began our first of many projects—to install a water and septic system for a village of FEMA trailers used to house displaced families.

The reason we were able to do this is because of you! Through genuine care and unselfish humanity, our mission was able to come to fruition.

Hurricane Relief In-Kind Contributions:

Kathryn & Lawrence Allen
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Our focus was assisting low income individuals, the elderly, those who have no insurance and employees of our sponsors who have supported our cause over the years and made it possible for us to be there.

We assisted these families in stages. First, we took out all heavy furniture and major appliances. Then we began tearing out the drywall and insulation (which was infected and rapidly growing black mold). This typically took a team about half a day, allowing us to complete two houses a day. The next phase was to drop off supplies to "rebuild" the interior of the home. Through generous contributions of our sponsors we were able to provide such materials as shingles, drywall, plywood and nails, and sometimes even help with installation.

This trip was truly a life changing experience for all of us at LL&W. We worked hard and had fun—but most importantly, we were there to help rebuild, repair and restore the towns and neighborhoods of Louisiana and Mississippi, *one day at a time*.





Hurricane Relief In-Kind Contributions:

International Marine Underwriters/
OneBeacon Insurance
Lowe's – Moline, Ill.
Marquette Transportation
Betty Phillips
John Price
RiverStone Group
Steve Rowan
Kathleen Sebbly-Hegwood
John & Patricia Severtsgaard
Frank Simmons



I don't know how to thank Living Lands & Waters for helping me in my greatest moment of need. You were among the first on the ground to deal with the devastation and have most definitely been the leaders on the path to reconstruction... I can't imagine facing my life without your incredible hard work and your most genuine expression of humanity and good will.

— Sarah Moww
Hurricane Katrina victim

2005

THE TEAM



EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Tammy Becker 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!)

TEAM LEADER & SAFETY COORDINATOR

Chris Fenderson 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.

OFFICE MANAGER

Madeline Luloff 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 IA, 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 Rock Island Clean & Beautiful, serving as Co-Chairperson for the Education Committee. Her optimistic attitude and strong will to succeed shines through in LL&W's home office.

RIVERBOTTOM RESTORATION PROJECT COORDINATOR

Woodson Spring stayed one week his first time out with the team in 2000, but lasted longer each subsequent summer until his full-time hiring in July, 2004. After high school and between periods of college, Woodson moved around the country and the world in search of a cause worthy of his work ethic and motivation. The project and crew always tugged at his heart-strings and proved to be his calling. Woodson Spring has taken over the reigns as the Riverbottom Forest Restoration Project Coordinator.

THE TEAM 2005



VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR AND TEAM MEMBER

Julie Rowan, a Burlington, Iowa native, started working for LL&W in January 2005. Julie is finishing her last semester at University Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, while working as a team member and volunteer coordinator for LL&W.

With her degree in Graphic Design and Painting in sight, Julie always knew her place was on the river, as she grew up on the Mississippi in Burlington, Iowa. Julie has been involved in the cleaning and beautification of the rivers as a faithful volunteer. Her passion for the river and strong desire to make a positive difference is why LL&W is so happy to welcome Julie aboard.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Elizabeth Irving first worked with Living Lands & Waters in 2004 in Washington, DC, as an Event Coordinator for SusanDavisInternational. Beth managed LL&W's account for Capital River Relief that involved obtaining sponsorships and volunteer recruitment. Beth maintained her relationship with LL&W when she moved on to become an Account Executive for Clifford Public Relations in New York City. Beth rejoined the LL&W's team in 2005 during our hurricane relief efforts in New Orleans, LA. Beth received her degree in Journalism & Political Science in 2003 from Miami University of Ohio. Beth joined the LL&W team in December, 2005 as our Community Outreach Coordinator.

CORPORATE EVENTS COORDINATOR

Jenn Branstetter joined in the fall of 2005 for our Hurricane Relief efforts in New Orleans, LA. Her dedication and tenacity stood out during the emotional and physical tests we faced helping victims of Hurricane Katrina. Jenn received her B.S. in Hotel and Restaurant Management from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2000. The University's location near the Missouri River motivated Jenn to become involved with river cleanups and habitat restoration projects. She gained experience in invasive species removal and grassland burns. It was an easy decision to ask Jenn to join LL&W as a full-time team member. Jenn continues to amaze us with her creativity and willingness to jump in and get dirty!



FINANCIAL MANAGER

Anne Powers attended Christian College in Columbia, Missouri, and the University of Iowa, Iowa City. She was an administrator in the University of Iowa's athletic department for 28 years. She has been a superstar volunteer for the LL&W's barge party for the past several years. LL&W is fortunate to have Anne and her energetic and fun personality on board!

THE TEAM 2005



VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Geoffrey Manis 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.



TEAM MEMBER AND PHOTOGRAPHER

Jennifer Baechle, is our Photographer/Journalism Intern from Winona State University, Minnesota.



TEAM MEMBER

Kristen Ellis 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 wildlife, botany, and ornithology research. 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.

The amazing part about the team is how quickly they get others on board with the Living Lands & Waters' mission. The endless energy and 100% engagement they possess is extremely contagious. People who are lucky enough to work with the LL&W team will never look at the river environment the same way again.

— Fred Oelschlaeger
Farm Service Group Leader, Cargill

making a
difference



ILLINOIS RIVER

LL&W coordinated cleanups along the Illinois River in Havana, Beardstown, Meredosia and Browning. We also hosted educational workshops in Peoria, Havana and Beardstown, Illinois. Furthermore, the LL&W crew volunteered to sort recyclables at the Bonnaroo Music Festival in Manchester, Tennessee.

SMITH'S ISLAND

LL&W removed 2 acres of invasive honeysuckle on Smith's Island, LeClaire, Iowa, and participated in a river cleanup in Alton, Illinois. NBC Nightly News joined the crew to cover the cleanup, and the segment was aired on the 4th of July.

MAPPING OUR

progress



OHIO RIVER

LL&W started the year working along the Ohio River in Paducah, Kentucky. In a 20-mile stretch, our team, coupled with the energy of 12 Winona University students on an “alternative” spring break, removed over 800 tires, 20 refrigerators, and an estimated 2 tons of miscellaneous refuse. We removed 11 acres of Black Locust in LaCrosse, Wisconsin and hosted our first educational workshop on the Ohio River. Over 50 local teachers came aboard to learn about the history and uses of this great river.

XSTREAM CLEANUP

LL&W and partners organized the largest cleanup ever in the Quad Cities—the Xstream Cleanup (1200 volunteers in one day!). We also hosted several days of educational workshops in Rock Island, Illinois and participated in river cleanups in Clinton and Buffalo, Iowa. We also hosted a huge fish boil at LL&W’s annual fundraising Barge Party.

CAPITAL RIVER RELIEF—TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP 2005

For the second year in a row we spent a month in the Washington, DC, area cleaning up the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers. We removed more than 40 tons of trash with the help of 600 volunteers.

HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF

Five days after the devastating news of Hurricane Katrina, the LL&W team members and board of directors made the decision to cancel LL&W’s fall schedule and head south to help in the relief effort. LL&W solicited funds and materials to make the trip possible. The team was doubled in size and arrived in Westwego, Louisiana, on September 29th. Team members assisted displaced families by removing trees and debris from their yards, gutting out drywall and insulation, repairing roofs, and tackling other various tasks to make their homes livable once again.

2005 in review

LIVING LANDS & WATERS REMOVED
AN ESTIMATED TWO MILLION POUNDS OF
TRASH WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO
1,000 WORK BOAT LOADS
FROM AMERICA'S RIVERS!

2005 STATS

Results... Not Rhetoric



2,092 5-gallon buckets **3,970 55-gallon drums** 27,172 gallon bags
of trash **15,991 tires** 545 refrigerators **141 washing machines**
815 propane tanks **169 hot water heaters** 97 BBQ grills **46 boats**
1 1970s Ford Econoline van **46 250-gallon drums** 63 bicycles
18 tractors 9 car engines **143 stoves** 29 lawn mowers
8 motorcycles 45 dishwashers **19 bathtubs** 65 duck decoys
72 toilets 6 football fields of 1-inch thick styrofoam **397 tons of**
metal 3 school bus tops **1 piano** 30 messages in a bottle **123 buoys**
1 unleaded gas pump **681 antifreeze bottles** 90 sinks **11,803 ft.**
of barge rope 35 air conditioners **237 gas tanks/cans** 1 mannequin
hand **7 port-a-potties** 345 coolers **70 freezers** 9,832 balls
430 milk crates 119 life jackets **66 trash cans** 663 chairs **148 TVs**
19 couches **1 car** 6,338 ft. of barge cable **29 mattresses**
1 1950s Ford truck **1 septic tank**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2006 barge party

Thursday, August 17, 2006

5:30 – 8 p.m.

Lake Davenport Sailing Club
River Drive & Oneida Street,
Davenport, Iowa

Fish Fry & Shrimp Boil Dinner Barge Tours Live Music

Seating is limited.

Reservations required.

RSVP requested by August 11th.

Presenting Sponsor:



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Photos from top: Bob Imler of RiverStone Group shakes hands with Chad; Barge Party goers helping themselves to the food; some folks enjoying a Barge tour.





*From the River Cleanup Team and the rest
of us at Living Lands & Waters,
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for your continued support.*



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