



OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

CLEAN RIVER CLEANUPS

Living Lands & Waters' community-based river cleanups and Alternative Spring Break (ASB) programs are just two of the projects we host to remove debris from the shorelines & islands of our nation's rivers. Involving the public in our cleanup efforts creates a sense of pride among a community, serves as an educational opportunity about issues confronting our rivers, & provides a way for citizens to become a part of the solution. Approximately 80% of all garbage collected is recycled through our "Recycle Like a Rock Star" events, scrap metal & tire recycling programs.



GROW MILLION TREES & ISR



The Million Trees Project is expanding the oak population one tree at a time. Since 2007, LL&W's staff have distributed and/or planted over 1 million oak saplings in 16 states throughout the country. These trees provide a vital habitat & viable food source for indigenous wildlife, and also increase water quality by filtering pollution and reducing erosion. In 2014, LL&W established a new tree nursery near our home base in Davenport, IA! LL&W also works to remove invasive plant species from our fragile forests. These species, once introduced, invade ecosystems & proliferate, often to the exclusion of native species. Over the years, LL&W have removed nearly 90 acres of invasive from forested areas in 6 Midwestern states .

EDUCATE EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

Free educational workshops for students, teachers, & educators are held on Living Lands & Waters' floating classroom, headquarters & garbage barges. Hands-on programs focus on river ecology, history, navigation, culture, & stewardship. The floating classroom gives participants the opportunity to experience the river firsthand, learn about its value and importance to our nation, and how they can help preserve it for the future. To date, we've hosted over 10,000 students/educators! LL&W also conducts educational outreach in the classroom & summer camp opportunities throughout the year.



PROTECT ADOPT-A-RIVER & GMRC



For individuals, organizations, companies, and families looking for a truly hands-on way to get involved, the Adopt-A-River Mile program & the Great Mississippi River Cleanup (GMRC) gives volunteers the supplies and guidance they need to host their own cleanups. These programs help sustain LL&W's efforts & give us the opportunity to visit new stretches of river where our efforts and equipment are needed most! Since 2001, over 423.5 miles have been adopted, & to date, we've helped coordinate 125 cleanups with the help of more than 10,230 volunteers to remove 610,024 pounds of debris from the Mississippi River through GMRC events.