

ANNUAL REPORT

2009



Coming to a River Near You...

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DEAR SUPPORTERS

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for helping to make it possible for our organization to continually achieve more and more every year, even when times are tough. It sounds like a cliché and we say it every year, but it's the truth.

With your volunteer muscle and financial help, and with our hardest working and most enthusiastic crew, board members and staff, we were able to exceed the goals we set at the beginning of the year; produce measurable results; create safe, memorable opportunities for volunteers to actively do something positive for our rivers; and so much more.

I continue to be proud and amazed when I look back at the results of our hard work during the almost 12 years since founding Living Lands & Waters. Since 1998, we hosted 421 cleanups in 14 states with 55,471 volunteers collecting 6,102,000 pounds of garbage along 16 rivers. Ninety-two days of workshops and 205 educational outreach events were held with 1,685 teachers, 7,272 students, and 22,443 community members in attendance. Through our MillionTrees project and riverbottom restoration efforts, 54,474 trees were planted in 5 states, invasive plants were removed from 21 acres of land, and 475,000 acorns were planted in our Beardstown nursery. We recruited 110 volunteers to care for 281 miles of riverfront as part of our Mississippi and Illinois Adopt-A-River programs.

We could not have accomplished our goals without your volunteer help, monetary gifts, and willingness to become involved in one way or another. We thank you for your past, present and, hopefully, future support which gives us the opportunity and means to help clean up America's rivers. I look forward to another exciting year full of new opportunities, challenges, and faces and places.


Chad Reynolds
Founder & President



LIVING LANDS & WATERS' MISSION:

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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.

2009 LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It is my good fortune to be Chairman of the Board of Living Lands & Waters, an organization that is truly positive and productive. At the helm is Chad Pregracke, whom many of you know in some way. Chad continues to dream of clean rivers, of committed individuals and communities, of hardwood, nut bearing trees that grace and enrich our environments, of young folks — informed and motivated. Chad continues to expend all his energies fulfilling the dream. He continues to attract a crew of can-do young men and women who don't know the meaning of "It can't be done." He inspires his small, dedicated office staff to turn LL&W's logistically challenging schedule into another job well done. He gathers and inspires an independent board of directors to provide sound, professional advice in this complicated world. In other words, "same old, same old." But it's new at the same time.

2009 is complete. The dream inched closer to reality. In 2009, LL&W visited many traditional places and moved into some new stretches (Tennessee and southern Mississippi). LL&W's reach will increase even more in 2010, as more of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers need to be cleaned and more communities need help focusing. At the same time, LL&W is developing new, exciting ways to maintain the traditional stomping grounds on the Upper Miss — a little bit at a time.

LL&W is not just Chad and his merry band of dedicated crew and staff. It is all of us who feel the fire, ponder and share the dream, act positively and productively to fulfill the dream — a little bit at a time. As in the past, 2010 dream works will be caked in mud and sweat. This will wash off. The feeling of shared effort (volunteering and/or financial assistance) will not pass. Join us in 2010 in any way you can to fulfill the dream — a little bit at a time.

Curtis Lundy | 2009 Board Chairman

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2009 EXPENSES



PROGRAM SERVICES

Salaries & Benefits	343,876
Contract Services	15,230
Travel & Lodging	50,180
Operating Expenses	118,983
Repair Expenses	30,276
Insurance Expenses	101,487
Educational Programs	30,562
MillionTrees/Restoration	63,702
Other Projects	18,340
Depreciation	73,234
TOTAL	845,870

SUPPORTING SERVICES

Management and General

Salaries & Benefits	98,296
Office Supplies & Equipment	22,602
Professional Fees	13,916
Depreciation	3,666

TOTAL 138,480

Public Relations

Website	4,461
Annual Fundraiser	18,754
Promotional Expenses	14,439
Marketing/Fundraising	22,174

TOTAL 59,828

TOTAL EXPENSES 1,044,178

2009 GARBAGE STATISTICS

5-Gallon Buckets	2,753	1970's Ford Van	1	Toilets	87
55-Gallon Drums	5,285	Balls	13,444	Septic Tank	2
Bags of Trash	58,964	250-Gallon Drums	58	School Bus Tops	1
Sinks	118	Milk Crates	625	Bags of Police Riot Gear	12
Tires	58,102	Bicycles	94	Construction Cones	81
Barge Rope	15,282 ft.	Life Jackets	184	Hot Wheels	32
Refrigerators	842	Tractors	18	Parking Meters	1
Air Conditioners	56	Trash Cans	275	Pianos	2
Washing Machines	198	Car Engines	12	Jet Skis	4
Gas Tanks/Cans	322	Chairs	936	Messages in Bottles	54
Propane Tanks	1,169	Stoves	173	Buoys	164
Mannequin Hand	2	TVs	189	Sunken Barges	3
Hot Water Heaters	243	Lawn Mowers	46	1-inch Thick Styrofoam	12 Football Fields
Porta-Potties	15	Couches	44		
BBQ Grills	133	Motorcycles	9		
Shopping Carts	43	Cars	8		
Coolers	213	Dishwashers	61		
Bowling Balls	72	Barge Cable	8,024 ft.		
Bowling Pins	22	Bathtubs	24		
Toy Dolls	134	Mattresses	79		
Boats	59	Duck Decoys	175		
Freezers	93	Trucks	1		

2009 EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

2009 was another adventurous year for LL&W educational programming. We brought river awareness and, in some cases, river garbage into classrooms throughout the Midwest; launched The Green Revolution, a new endeavor for high school students; and sponsored several hands-on workshops for students and teachers.

School Outreach

Crew members visited over 5,200 students at 32 different schools and universities in the Midwest to talk about the history and mission of LL&W, and the importance of keeping our rivers clean. Using Chad as an example of “the power of one”, the crew challenged students to make a positive difference in their own communities.

The Green Revolution

LL&W hosted 5 Green Revolution Conferences in 2009. Nearly 600 high school students and teachers attended the one-day conferences, learning new ways to save energy and reduce waste. The goal of each conference was to teach, inspire, and motivate youth to take action and encourage change in their schools and local environment. Conferences were held in:

Moline, Illinois | St. Louis, Missouri | St. Paul, Minnesota | Peoria, Illinois | Paducah, Kentucky

Workshops & Field Trips

LL&W provided hands-on educational experiences to groups of students, scouts, and teachers. In the spring, a high school class attended our workshop on the Ohio River. The full-day schedule included observing commercial fishermen at work. Later in the summer, a Boy Scout troop visited the barge to learn about endangered and invasive species. LL&W also sponsored an on-the-river field trip for 40 teachers from across the country to the “2009 Agriculture in the Classroom Conference” in St. Louis, MO, and a field trip for 2 classes to the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium in Dubuque, IA.

Plans for the Future

We’re growing! In 2010 LL&W hopes to begin construction on a new floating classroom. The new building will allow student groups to join us on the river. Incorporating green design and recycled materials, the floating classroom will provide an environmentally conscious platform for studying river ecology, water conservation and smart energy use. We hope to launch the classroom in spring 2011.



2009 RIVERBOTTOM RESTORATION PROJECT

The 2009 Riverbottom Restoration Project kicked off in late April with over 75 volunteers helping to plant more than 3,000 trees in Fern Park in Peoria, IL. Trees were also planted in April at Wells Elementary in East Moline, IL with the help of the 4th grade class and at Hardin County Elementary School in Elizabethtown, IL. In May, LL&W worked with 200 students, teachers, parents, and volunteers to plant 9,300 trees in Solon, IA. In June, LL&W staff and over 100 volunteers planted 400 trees in Illiniwek Forest Preserve, located in Hampton, IL.

Restoration projects wrapped up in October with a tree planting along Duck Creek Parkway in Davenport, IA where 160 trees and shrubs were planted with the assistance of AmeriCorps and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Later that day another 140 trees were planted in Prospect Park in Moline, IL with the help of Moline Parks employees and local scout troops. Nearly 100 students joined the LL&W crew to plant several oak trees on the grounds of John Deere Middle School in Moline, IL and Cody Elementary in LeClaire, IA. The final planting of the year took place on Plum Island on the Illinois River near Utica, IL where LL&W and the Audubon Society partnered with community volunteers to fence, mat and plant 250 trees.



Living Lands & Waters hosted five Green Revolution conferences in four states at various locations along the river. The main focus of the conferences was energy conservation and waste reduction. The goal of the event was to educate, empower, and inspire each student to make sustainable changes within their home, school, and community. LL&W had over 40 schools participate in the conferences. More than 600 students from Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota, Kentucky and even India attended our event.

GREEN
 educate
 empower
 inspire
REVOLUTION



2009 MILLION TREES PROJECT



2009 marked the first harvest for the MillionTrees Project! In March, the LL&W crew worked with over 200 volunteers to prepare 85,000 oak and pecan seedlings for delivery to communities in the Midwest Region. Throughout April, the LL&W crew delivered these trees to over 107 families, businesses, schools and other groups.

The seed collection in the fall of 2009 brought in over 113,000 viable acorns which were planted in LL&W's nursery in Beardstown, IL. To date, over 581,000 acorns, hickory and pecan seeds have been planted as part of the MillionTrees Project. We are well on our way to One Million Trees!

Plans for the coming year include a spring tree give away, tree plantings and a fall acorn collection. We look forward to the continued success of this project and appreciate the great community support that keeps us growing.



ADOPT-A-RIVER MILE PROGRAM 2009



"It was great to see students take ownership of their River. The River-Mile is close enough that we all got on bikes and rode there one morning. We had competitions for smelliest trash, weirdest piece of trash, and most clothing items. The students pulled out a lot of trash and were proud of their work in the end."
—Sarah Oppelt

Mississippi River

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
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
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
ADM Grain-Gulfport, IL	1	404-405 IL
Mississippi Manor B&B	1	404-405 IA
Notre Dame Elementary School	1	405-406 IA
ADM Grain-Burlington, IA	1	406-407 IA
Tee Inc.	5	415-420 IL
ADM 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
Derksen Family	4	453-457 IA
Morse Family and 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
Treiber Family	1	466-467 IA
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
Olderog Family	1	471-472 IA
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 Arsenal Island
Lindsay Park Yacht Club	1	484-485 IA
US Coast Guard Auxiliary-Flotilla 9-5	1	485-486 IA
Bethany-TRP	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	491-492 IL
Scott Community College-Environmental 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	2	496-498 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
Artco Fleeting Services-Clinton	8	512-516 IA/IL
Moore Family	2	516-518 IA
Fulton Middle School	1	519-520 IL
Carey Family	3	520-523 IA
Almost Ready Paddlers	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
Artco Fleeting Services-Dubuque	8	574-578 IA/IL

Dzine Wise	1	579-580 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
Artco Fleeting Services-Cassville	4	606-608 IA/WI
Lake Park Earth Club	1	608-609 WI
Clark Family	1	619-620 IA
Agri-Bunge McGregor	1	633-634 IA
Artco Fleeting Services-Prairie Du Chien	4	634-636 IA/WI
Harpers River Friends	12	642-648 IA/WI
Brice Prairie Conservation Club	2	703-704 WI/MN
Vandergriffs/Eisenmengers Families	1	715-716 WI
ADM Red Wing	2	790-791 WI & MN
River Ridge Homeowners Association	1	793-794 WI
Bass Wranglers	1	814-815 MN
River's Edge Academy	1	841-842 MN
McCormick Family	2	847-848 MN
Huck Finners	6	951-957 MN
Sobiech, Scott & Amber	1	Mile 1 Zebulon Pike Lake, MN
Panther, Robert & Joanne	3.1	1272.5-1275.6 MN Mississippi Headwaters
104 GROUPS	249.1	

Illinois River

Name:	# of Miles	Mile #'s
THE National Bank Employees, Havana, IL	1	109-110 West
Better Fishing Association	1	221-222 South
Peru Rescue Squad	1	222-223 South
TEST, Inc.	2	223-224 East & West
ADM	18	236-245 North & South
ADM	3	263-266 North
6 GROUPS	26.0 miles total	

2009 ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

LL&W kicked off the river cleanup season by hosting its third annual "Alternative Spring Break" program for college students. During 3 weeks in March, the crew led a massive cleanup of the Cedar River in central Iowa. The project continued what LL&W had started 8 months earlier, cleaning a 10-mile stretch downriver from the flood-ravaged city of Cedar Rapids. Utilizing the energy and enthusiasm of 174 college students from across the nation, the crew collected 45 tons of debris. Later in the month, the LL&W team and 170 college students prepared 50,000 oak and pecan seedlings to give away as part of the MillionTrees Project.



WE NEED YOUR HELP
CLEANING UP AMERICA'S RIVERS

alternative
SPRING BREAK

LIVING LANDS & WATERS

What: Alternative Spring Break is a great opportunity for students to assist with cleaning up the Ohio River.
Where: Ohio River in Louisville, KY
When: Sunday, March 7th - Friday, March 12th
Sunday, March 14th - Friday, March 19th

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL: Shanon Reineke | 309.236.5627
shanon@livinglandsandwaters.org

For details visit www.livinglandsandwaters.org





MEET THE LL&W TEAM



TAMMY BECKER | Programs Manager

Tammy is the high-spirited director of the LL&W educational workshops. She has a Bachelor of Social Work degree 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 and grant writer. She is the most positive personality within our group, which is quite an accomplishment with this enthusiastic group of optimists!

MADELINE LULOFF | Office Manager

Madeline joined the LL&W team in January 2005 after actively volunteering since 1999. She has a bachelor's degree in Recreation, Park & Tourism Administration from Western Illinois University. 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 Keep Rock Island Beautiful. Madeline's 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 graduated from Christian College in Columbia, MO, and attended The University of Iowa. 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 a retired educator from East Moline, IL, has been with LL&W since the beginning. Captain Mike received his Charter Boat Captain Master License in the 60's while working his way through college. After many years of teaching, Chad persuaded Mike to come aboard as Captain. They made their first trip up the Mississippi River together with one additional crew member. Captain Mike is an environmentalist who enjoys the outdoors. He always has a great story to tell about his experiences working with LL&W, and looks forward to future trips "Rollin' On The River".



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SHANON REINEKE | Program Coordinator

Shanon joined the LL&W crew in May of 2007 to complete an internship with the University of Missouri-Columbia while pursuing her degree in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. After completing her internship, Shanon decided to stay with LL&W and became a full time crew member. Her tireless work ethic and upbeat spirit make her a perfect fit. When Shanon is not walking her dogs Arrow and Oblio, she likes to camp, hike, and explore, especially along the river.

DENISE MITTEN | Program Coordinator

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



GEOFF MANIS | Team Leader

Geoff graduated from Western Illinois University with a degree in Recreation, Park & Tourism Administration. Geoff began his tenure at LL&W as an office intern during the 2004 fall semester and became part of the team after graduation in December. Geoff leads by example, and his hard work ethic and leadership skills are appreciated by the entire LL&W team.

MICHAEL COYNE-LOGAN | Crew Member (a.k.a. Nozzy)

Mike graduated from Northern Illinois University in 2000 with degrees in history and education. Before joining the crew in July of 2007, Mike taught school in Rock Island, IL. Mike began volunteering with LL&W in 2005 which lead to his decision to come on board.



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MEAGAN SUDHOFF | Crew Member

Megan joined the crew in June of 2008. She graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Natural Resources. Megan was born into a crew of siblings and has the ability to ever-so-quietly and effortlessly immerse herself in new surroundings (think chameleon). Megan 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.

BEN GRAFTON | Crew Member

Ben is from Moline, IL and graduated from Moline High School in 2004. He's been affiliated with LL&W since the Hurricane Katrina Project in 2005, and officially joined the crew in March of 2009. Ben's hard work ethic, carpentry skills and easy-going personality make him a great addition to the LL&W crew.



Living Lands & Waters 2009 Accomplishments

River Cleanups The crew removed approximately 302 tons of debris with the help of over 3,932 volunteers at 62 community-based river cleanups in 7 states.

Big River Educational Outreach More than 6,035 educators and students attended LL&W-hosted Green Revolution conferences, on-the-river workshops and in-school presentations, learning about the importance of big river systems in the United States.

Riverbottom Restoration Projects The crew worked in 4 states with more than a dozen partners to plant nearly 20,000 trees and to remove invasive plants from an acre of land.

Million Trees Project The crew gave away more than 88,000 oak and pecan trees to be planted in communities across 8 states.

Adopt-A-River Mile The Adopt-A-Mississippi River Mile Program currently has 103 groups cleaning 250.1 river miles, and the new Adopt-An-Illinois River Mile Program is growing with 8 groups caring for 31 miles.

2009 YEAR IN REVIEW

January In addition to fundraising and making plans for upcoming projects and events, the crew was busy repairing equipment, building 2 new boat trailers and refurbishing another.

February The LL&W team hosted its first Green Revolution conference with 150 Quad City high school students spending an entire day learning about energy conservation and waste reduction. The crew continued scheduling and preparing for the season ahead.

March LL&W kicked off the river cleanup season by hosting its "Alternative Spring Break" program for college students. The crew returned to Cedar Rapids, IA to utilize the energy and strength of college students from across the country as flood cleanups on the Cedar River continued. Over the course of 3 weeks, 174 students from New York, Michigan, Missouri, Maine, Iowa, and Illinois collected 45 tons of debris. Later in the month, LL&W teamed with 170 volunteers to prepare 50,000 seedlings to give away as part of the MillionTrees Project.

April Throughout the month, the crew delivered and helped plant 75,000 trees as part of the MillionTrees Project. They also hosted an on-the-river workshop and cleanup for the community of Cave-In-Rock, IL, situated on the Ohio River, and a large cleanup on the Mississippi in Quincy, IL. On the 20th, Chad received one of his greatest honors to date. His alma mater, Heartland Community College, dedicated a section of its new Green Institute as "The Pregracke Center" with interactive displays showcasing the work and projects of Heartland's first recipient of the "Distinguished Alumnus" award.

May The month began with 169 employees participating in the Third Annual Marine Industry River Cleanup Challenge, hosted by LL&W in Paducah, KY. The crew, MidAmerican Energy employees and local students planted 9,300 trees in Solon, IA as a result of MidAmerican paperless billing sign up. From there it was back to the Wisconsin River to finish the work begun in 2008 when the levee at Lake Delton was breached, sending several homes and tons of debris down river. After making a clean sweep of the Wisconsin, the crew boarded the barge and traveled down the Illinois River, hosting a series of cleanups along the way. At the end of the month, LL&W hosted the Louisville "Xstream Cleanup", similar to the very successful Quad Cities cleanup, on Kentucky waterways.

June The crew continued to travel down the Illinois River hosting cleanups as far as Naples, IL. Two more trips to Cedar Rapids followed, with one setting an all-time record for the most debris removed during a single cleanup event. With just 132 volunteers, this hardcore team was able to remove nearly 100,000 pounds of debris in just 3 hours—that's 250 pounds per person per hour! The LL&W crew participated in the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Project AWARE program in Cedar Rapids that resulted in another 39 tons of debris removed from the Cedar River!

July After a much needed break, the crew and 210 volunteers worked together to clean up the shorelines near Starved Rock State Park in Utica, IL and followed up with cleanups on the Mississippi River between Quincy and Fulton, IL.

August The crew returned to the Quad Cities to entertain 678 guests at LL&W's annual barge party fundraiser. The following weekend, LL&W teamed up with the Waste Commission of Scott County and 1,602 volunteers for the Quad Cities' Xstream Cleanup. Along with DavenportOne, they spearheaded the first Mississippi River Ride, a motorcycle-ride fundraiser in conjunction with the River Roots Live Music Festival. Two cleanups followed—the first in Colona, IL on the Rock River and the second in Dubuque, IA on the Mississippi. Plans for an annual cleanup in Burlington, IA were cancelled due to high water.

September The crew worked their way down the Ohio and Mid-Mississippi Rivers, hosting 8 cleanups before heading north to St. Louis. While there, LL&W hosted a large annual cleanup and Green Revolution Conference, and took part in a LL&W fundraiser sponsored by the River Kids at the St. Louis City Museum. The crew then traveled to St. Paul, MN for a cleanup on the Upper Mississippi.

October October marked the peak of fall tree planting with 300 trees being planted in 2 local Quad City parks and 250 trees on Plum Island in Starved Rock State Park. Green Revolution Conferences in St. Paul, MN; Peoria, IL; and Paducah, KY followed with almost 300 high school students attending.

November/December For the first 2 weeks in November, the crew planted 5,400 trees at 2 different sites along the Mississippi River in Wisconsin before heading to warmer waters for cleanups on the White River in Arkansas. The crew shared the message and mission of LL&W with over 780 educators and students through in-school presentations during November & December.

Thank you for making this all possible!

OVER 184,000 POUNDS OF DEBRIS CLEANED UP!

At the sixth annual Xstream Cleanup held on Saturday, August 22, volunteers removed 184,271 pounds of debris from area waterways and illegal dumping sites. Cleanups were held at 45 locations in Bettendorf, Davenport, Durant and LeClaire, Iowa; Campbell's Island, East Moline, Hampton, Milan, Moline, Rock Island and Silvis, Illinois.

One thousand, six hundred two volunteers worked a total of 4,852.25 hours and collectively gathered 3,998 bags of trash, 4,239 tires, 18 appliances, 31 bicycles, 28 pieces of furniture, 5 televisions and 9 mattresses. This was the equivalent of 80,180 pounds of trash, 101,736 pounds of tires, 1,350 pounds of appliances, 75 pounds of televisions, 225 pounds of mattresses and 725 pounds of bicycles for a grand total of 184,721 pounds.

UNIQUE ITEMS FOUND

Typewriter | 1936 Ford car | Old farm plow
Guitar face | Stolen purses
Human organ transporter | Bocce ball set
Large angel statue | Hunting license
Key and ignition (no car)

XSTREAM CLEANUP QUAD CITIES



**SAVE THE DATE FOR 2010!
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14**

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2010 BARGE PARTY

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, August 12, 2010
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Lake Davenport Sailing Club
River Drive & Oneida Street
Davenport, Iowa

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