

# Prairie River Notes

A publication of Prairie Rivers Network

Volume 9, Issue 2

The Illinois Affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation

Summer 2007

## Victory for PRN - New Lenox Permit Appeal

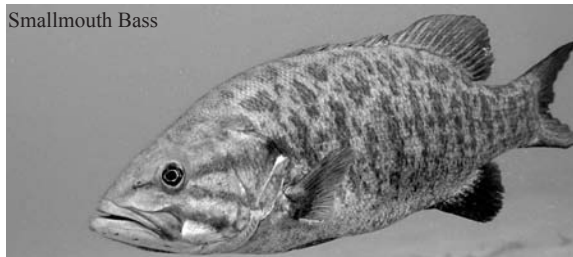
This April, Prairie Rivers Network, along with Sierra Club, the Des Plaines Watershed Alliance and the Liveable Communities Alliance, won a major victory in the fight to protect Illinois waters from the harmful effects of new pollution. The Pollution Control Board (PCB) repealed a permit for the Village of New Lenox to expand its sewage treatment plant and dump more pollution into Hickory Creek, a tributary of the Des Plaines River, in Will County. The groups putting forward the permit appeal were represented by the Environmental Law and Policy Center.

Located in a rapidly developing Chicago “collar county,” Hickory Creek is already subject to tremendous pressures from pollution from many sources. The creek supports an active smallmouth bass population, as well as a diverse assemblage of other fish, mussels, and aquatic insects. However, there are documented problems with excessive growth of algae in the creek, resulting in unnatural dissolved oxygen and pH conditions which threaten aquatic organisms. The likely cause of the algae problem is pollution from nutrients; the permit for the expansion would have allowed even more nutrient pollution.

In our appeal of the permit for the New Lenox sewage treatment plant expansion, we argued that in issuing the permit, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) did not consider the possible effects that more nutrients and algal growth, and therefore worsening oxygen

and pH conditions, would have on the creek. We also objected because IEPA did not follow USEPA guidelines in setting a limit for how much copper, a toxic pollutant in wastewater, would be allowed to be dumped.

Smallmouth Bass



The Pollution Control Board ruled in our favor on every count about the flawed analysis that served as the basis for the permit. The permit was repealed and the IEPA must now write a new permit, taking into consideration all the issues we raised. Basically, the Pollution Control Board held that before issuing permits, IEPA must take a hard look, backed by real science, at the potential environmental effects of new pollution and has to analyze whether allowing so much pollution is really necessary.

This major decision has set a higher bar for the level of analysis that IEPA must perform before allowing new pollution to be dumped in Illinois waters. The ruling will benefit Hickory Creek and will give Prairie Rivers Network an effective tool to push for greater protection of rivers, lakes, and streams throughout the state.

## Permanent Protection of River Habitat along Middle Fork

This March saw the finalization of a \$2.25 million deal to transfer privately owned land along the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River to state ownership. PRN was instrumental in negotiations leading to the transfer of 1,135 acres of land from Dynegy, a private electric utility in Illinois, to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

In 2005, PRN, along with the Illinois Attorney General, the U.S. Department of Justice, USEPA, and several other

environmental groups, settled in a landmark air pollution lawsuit against Dynegy. The lawsuit filed in 1999, was part of a federal initiative to bring Dynegy’s Baldwin Energy Complex and its other coal-fired power plants into full compliance with the New Source Review provisions of the federal Clean Air Act.

*(continued on page 2)*

### In This Issue

New Lenox Permit Appeal.....	1
Protection of River Habitat .....	1
River Steward Award .....	2
PRN River Retreat .....	3
State Legislature Update .....	3
PRN 2006 Annual Report .....	4-5
Rolling on the River.....	6
PRN Director Update.....	6
IGA Renewal/Dinner Sponsor ..	7

## Nominations Invited for River Steward Award

On November 9th, Prairie Rivers Network will announce the recipients of the third annual River Steward Award. This award is designed to celebrate Illinois' rivers and those who protect them. One of the most important things we can do is recognize and honor the individuals who provide us with leadership and inspiration to protect the state's rivers and streams for people, fish, and wildlife.

There are many dedicated citizen volunteers around our state that spend countless hours working to protect Illinois' rivers. They spend their time teaching children the value of rivers, protecting and restoring wetlands and bottomland forests, working with local municipalities to minimize stormwater threats, etc. Too often, their outstanding efforts and successes are not known outside of their local community. Prairie Rivers

Network wants to recognize and celebrate the people on a state-wide level.

River Stewards will be honored at Prairie Rivers Network's annual dinner. The honoree and a guest, as well as the nominator, will be invited to attend the dinner for the awards ceremony. The award recipient will also be announced to the river conservation community around the state, announced to the media in a press release, and posted on our Web site.

If you know someone you would like to nominate as the next River Steward, e-mail Kim Erndt, Watershed Organizer at [kerndt@prairierivers.org](mailto:kerndt@prairierivers.org) or, visit [www.prairierivers.org](http://www.prairierivers.org) and click on the River Steward link on the front page to download the instructions on how to nominate. Nominations are due by Oct. 19, 2007.

## Permanent Protection of River Habitat along Middle Fork *(continued from page 1)*

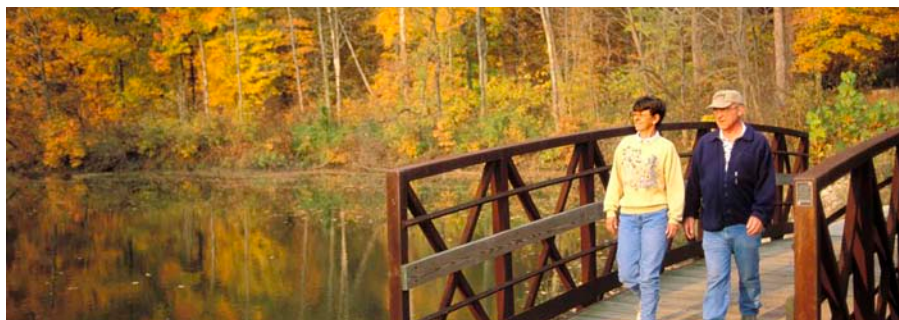
At the time, the Baldwin Power Station in Randolph County was owned by Illinois Power, and was one of the largest sources of air pollution in the nation. Dynegy acquired Illinois Power in 2000.

Under the settlement in this case, Dynegy will spend more than half a billion dollars over the next 10 years to control emissions from the Baldwin Station and four other power plants in Illinois including the Vermilion facility near Oakwood.

The settlement agreement also requires that Dynegy spend an additional \$15 million

on Supplemental Environmental Projects; the Middle Fork land transfer is part of this package.

The State's acquisition of this undeveloped acreage, situated along the east side of the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River completes a seventeen-mile corridor extending north from Kickapoo State Park along Illinois' only National Scenic River. The preservation of this habitat, which includes rare (in Illinois) sugar maple groves, will provide benefits for river and associated wildlife, and for generations of Illinoisans to come.



### ***Prairie Rivers Network***

#### ***Protecting Illinois' Streams***

*... strives to protect the rivers and streams of Illinois and to promote the lasting health and beauty of watershed communities.*

*By providing information, sound science, and hands-on assistance, Prairie Rivers helps individuals and community groups become effective river conservation leaders.*

### ***Board of Directors***

Jon McNussen, President  
Charles Goodall, Treasurer  
Brain Anderson  
Clark Bullard  
Dan Deeb  
Eric Freyfogle  
Carolyn Grosboll  
Jason Lindsey  
Ward McDonald  
Joe Petry  
Michael Rosenthal

### ***Staff***

Glynnis Collins - Interim Executive Director and Watershed Scientist  
Traci Barkley - Watershed Scientist  
Mike Davis - AmeriCorps Volunteer  
Kim Erndt - Watershed Organizer  
Stacy James - Clean Water Program Coordinator  
Vickie Nudelman - Office Manager/Fundraising Associate  
Marise Robbins-Forbes - Director of Development  
Cecily Smith - Special Projects Coordinator  
Brad Walker - Mississippi River Restoration Coordinator

## PRN's First Annual River Retreat! - October 27-28

Step back in time to the days of summer camp to join PRN staff and other watershed groups for a weekend of learning, networking, and a lot of fun! Come camp, and kayak with us at the Easter Seals Timber Pointe Outdoor Center located on Lake Bloomington. We have a busy weekend planned and have set the lodging dorm-style, so you will have the opportunity to swap success stories with your bunk mates from around the state. Your time with us at Camp Timber

Pointe will be chock full of concurrent workshops, as well as information gathering, good conversations, delicious food, bon fires, kayaking, and more... Space is limited to 40 participants.

If you would like to reserve your spot, or want more info visit [www.prairierivers.org](http://www.prairierivers.org) or call Kim Erndt or Traci Barkley at (217) 344-2371.

---

## State Legislature Update

### Great Lakes Compact Passes Legislature

The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Agreement ("the Compact") is one step away from becoming law in Illinois. The Compact legislation passed by unanimous vote in both the House (March 29th) and Senate (May 22nd). Once the bill is signed by Governor Blagojevich, Illinois will become the second of the eight Great Lakes States to adopt the Compact.

A coalition of state environmental groups, including PRN and the Illinois Environmental Council, designated Compact adoption as one of four top legislative priorities for 2007. To achieve this goal PRN worked to educate citizens, businesses and legislators on the protections and benefits the Compact will provide Illinois and its residents.

Unlike any other existing agreement or laws for Great Lakes protection, the Compact is the only agreement that focuses on long-term protection and management of Great Lakes waters to ensure a sustainable water supply, and that provides standards decision makers must follow in approving proposals for large volume water withdrawals.

Six million Illinois residents depend on the Great Lakes for drinking water. A diversity of Illinois commercial interests, recreational users, and numerous species of wildlife also depend on Great Lakes waters and water-related habitats. In adopting the Compact, Illinois is taking a leadership role in protecting the quality and sustainability of one of the world's most unique freshwater ecosystems.

For more information on the Compact e-mail [csmith@prairierivers.org](mailto:csmith@prairierivers.org) or visit [www.prairierivers.org](http://www.prairierivers.org).

### Pending Bills

In addition to the Compact, Illinois legislators are considering several other bills this session that could positively or negatively impact our state's water resources. Listed by their status as of June 13th these include:

Passed Both Houses: SB376 – Starting January 1, 2010, prohibits the sale, manufacturing, or distribution of any cleaning agents containing more than 0.5% phosphorous by weight; SB1241 – Thermostats containing mercury are prohibited from 1: installation in new construction (July 1, 2008), 2: any sale or installation (July 1, 2010) 3: disposal in landfill or incineration (July 1, 2008).

Still Active: HB3728 – Provides that installation of a "surface discharging private sewage disposal system" that enters the waters of the State requires a coverage letter under a NPDES permit issued by the Illinois EPA.

### Failed Bills/Action Deadline Passed

SB54 – Provides Illinois EPA may collect and solicit citizen complaints for violations of the Environmental Protection Act, but prohibits anonymous complaints alleging violations resulting from agricultural production and certain dairy production facilities; SB569 – Reduces annual fees under NPDES permit for mines producing coal from \$5,000 to \$1,000.

---

## Nominate Your Favorite River Song



Prairie Rivers Network needs your help in picking river songs to be featured at our 40th Anniversary celebration. E-mail your top choices to Vickie at [vnudelman@prairierivers.org](mailto:vnudelman@prairierivers.org) and then come to our Annual Dinner on November 9th to find out the winners.

*Row, row, row your boat,  
Gently down the stream,  
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,  
Life is but a dream.*



# Prairie Rivers Network 2006 Annual Report

2006 saw many successes for Prairie Rivers Network in our Clean Water, Stewardship, and Habitat programs thanks to our dedicated staff and guidance from our board.

Our Watershed Scientists made Illinois water cleaner by challenging pollution permits and winning improvements such as requirements that sewage treatment treat their wastewater to kill bacteria and other harmful organisms before releasing it to waters used by people engaged in recreational activities.

Watershed groups around the state are growing stronger each year. With the help of our Watershed Organizer, the first annual Boneyard Creek Clean-up in Champaign-

Urbana was accomplished, with the second event this April an even bigger success.

Our Clean Water and Restoration Coordinators are helping to clean up and restore the water quality, wetlands, side channels, and wildlife habitat along the Mississippi River.

As we celebrate our 40th Anniversary of protecting healthy rivers and healthy communities, all of us at Prairie Rivers Network thank our members for their support. We look forward to continuing our work to preserve and enhance the waters of Illinois for current and future generations.

Glynnis Collins, Interim Executive Director

## We Are Honored to Recognize the Following Groups, Businesses, and Individuals for Their Generous Support of Our Work in 2006.

### Grantors

Alliance For The Great Lakes  
Center for Rural Affairs  
Champaign County Design & Conservation Foundation  
Earth Share of Illinois  
Grand Victoria Foundation  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
National Wildlife Federation  
Norcross Wildlife Foundation, Inc.  
Office of Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn  
The Lumpkin Family Foundation  
The McKnight Foundation  
University of Illinois At Urbana-Champaign

### Headwaters Circle \$5.00 +

Anonymous  
Bill Davey  
Eric & Jane Freyfogle  
Gorilla Polymedia  
Jon & Patricia McNussen  
Michael Rosenthal & Annice Moses  
Michael Scully  
Bruce Semans

### Legacy Circle \$3,000 to \$4,999

Rolling on the River Ride  
Jack & Sally Paxton

### River Protectors \$1,000 to \$2,999

Anonymous  
Debora M. Auble (Ward & Associates)  
Ellyn & David Bullock  
David C. Eades  
Nan & Gert Ehrlich  
Cynthia Geerdes & Todd Martinez  
John Gilpin  
Charles & Nancy Goodall  
Patricia Hannon  
David & Chris Main  
Ward & Diana McDonald  
Jean & David Nanney  
Patagonia/Champaign Surplus  
Joe & Ann Petry

Pat Quinn  
Thomas & Beverly Rauchfuss  
Robeson's Inc.  
Trent Shepard

### River Stewards \$500 to \$999

Ralph & Stephanie Alexander  
Joe Conover & Janet Gates Conover  
Dan Deeb  
Frank Dinovo & Carol Emmerling-Dinovo  
First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust  
Jean Flemma  
Mike & Martha Freeland  
Bill & Glennie Hamel  
Bruce Hannon  
Dianne Hatch  
Paul & Jennifer Hixson  
Gary & Dixie Jackson  
Jim & Carol Kirkpatrick  
Nance Klehm  
Jason Lindsey & Anna Keck  
John & Diane Marlin  
Jim & Mare Payne  
Michael Podolsky  
Tracy Satterthwaite & Bob Pearce  
Thomas & Suzanne Smith

### River Guardians \$250 to \$499

Brian & Karen Anderson  
Kay & Chris Bird  
Carolyn Casady-Trimble & Ralph Trimble  
Jon Cherniss & Michelle Wander  
City of Champaign  
Wayland & Brenda Eheart  
Edward Feser  
Giffin, Winning, Cohen, & Bodewes  
Tony Goldberg  
Daniel Grayson & Carol Livingstone  
Jo Ann Heiser & Guy Murphy  
Sherry Hingtgen  
Lewis & Susan Hopkins  
Philip Hult  
Rob Kanter & Karen Carney  
Bruce Karmazin  
William & Joan Lane

Robert J. McKim  
Marc Miller & Deborah Hixson Miller  
Robert Moore  
Terry O'Neill  
Anne Phillips  
Raymond Plante & Mary Wallace  
Progressive Asset Management  
Stephen & Deborah Rugg  
Virginia & David Scott  
David & Julie Sherwood  
John Simpson  
Cecily Smith & David Delaney  
Jeremiah D. & Sheila Sullivan  
Robert E. & Diane Szafoni  
David & Carol Thomas  
J. Jerry Uhl, Jr.  
Bill Van Hagey  
Thomas Von Geldem & Cynthia Skrukrud  
William & Shirley Walker  
Dennis Wandell  
David & Jane White  
Robert & Beth Zeiders

### River Sustainers \$100 to \$249

Anonymous (2)  
Mary Jo Adams  
Brad Allen  
Ansel Anderson  
Donald Archer  
Archer Daniels Midland Company  
Walter & Charlotte Arnstein  
Keith & Pam Atteberry  
Tom Bassett & Carol Spindel  
Sandra & Peter Beak  
Val & Victoria Beasley  
Elizabeth Beauchamp  
Carl Becker  
Ann Bergeron & Kevin Fahey  
Richard & Dolores Bishop  
John B. & Linda Braden  
Bray, Drake, Liles, and Richardson  
Brown, Hobbs, & McMurray Insurance  
Roy Campbell  
Angelo Capparella & Gretchen Knapp  
Barbara Childers  
City of Urbana / Public Works

Donald & Lorraine Crummey  
Mercy & Bill Davison  
Nancy & Russ Dietrich-Rybicki  
Joseph Eby  
Jim & Brenda Edgar  
Beth & Richard Engelbrecht-Wiggans  
Karen Ennen & David O'Brien  
Doug Eppich  
Tracy Evans  
Teresa & Bob Feller  
Philip & Lynn Fiscella  
Karen & Michael Folk  
Rachel Fowler  
Chuck & Debbie Frank  
Gary Borger Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Catherine Grosso & Stephen Gasteyer  
Ernest & Lois Gullerud  
Richard & Kathy Harden  
Jim Heins  
Edwin & Susan Herricks  
Ed Heske  
Jan Holder  
Jim Hoyt  
Sharon Hutson  
Vito Ippolito  
Eric & Naomi Jakobsson  
Wes M. Jarrell & Leslie R. Cooperband  
Jeffery Jens  
Harold & Pat Jensen  
Anna Johnson  
Virgil Kemp  
R. Gear & Linda Kimmel  
Mary & Ulrich Kruse  
William Kubitz  
Wayne & Loretta LaFave  
Alice & Gene Lamb  
Bruce & Marj Larson  
Joe Laszlo & Holly Love  
Jerry McCormick  
Margaret McNussen  
Middlefork Audubon Society  
Millikin University  
Craig Milling  
Cora Musial  
Walter & Jane Myers  
Northwest Illinois Audubon Society  
Bland & Julian Palmore

Elaine and Russel Peppers  
Janet Peters  
David P. Philipp & Julie E. Claussen  
D.W. Plath  
Kevin Price  
Anne Readell  
Bruce Reznick & Robin Sahner  
Anne Robin  
John Rutherford  
Tod Satterthwaite  
Robert Schwandt  
Tom Seals & Ruth Wene  
Robin Shealy & Merianne O'Grady  
Cliff Shipley & Vicki Rowe  
Paul Schuman  
Sierra Club, Prairie Group  
Marc Smith  
Dr. & Mrs. Gadi Steiner  
Eileen Tepatti  
Kevin Thayer  
Joy Thornton-Walter  
Michael Ullmann  
Jean & John Van Landingham  
Vera Vogel  
Micheal Walker & Tina Gunsalus  
Lucy Whalley  
Rachel & Stephen Whitaker  
William White  
Amy Wildermuth & Gwen Foster  
Todd & Sanne Wildermuth  
Benjamin Williams  
Sarah Wiseman  
Gaye Wong  
Richard H. Worthen  
Donald Wuebbles  
Barbara Wysocki & Dwain Berggren  
Joan & Ted Zernich  
Katie Zimmerman

#### **Friends \$50 to \$99**

Charlene Anchor  
Marc & Fran Ansel  
Hal & Ann Barnhart  
Sandra & George Batzli  
Jeanine & Stewart H. Berlocher  
Vivian Biegaj  
Mark & Susan Bowman  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald D. Brighton  
Jesse Bruns  
Kristine & George Byrns  
Richard Cahill  
James R. Carter  
Larry & Sandy Creekmur  
Cynthia Deadrick  
Kieran Donaghy  
Edwin R & Virginia Gordon  
Samuel K. Gove

Andrew Gulya  
Mary Elizabeth Hamstrom  
Jenny & Rich Harvey  
John Hegarty  
Jonathon Hinton  
Walter Hoffmann  
Craig J. Holderness  
Ann Holt-Harris  
Hull Natural Lawn Care  
Gayle Keiser  
Susan Kiddoo  
Kirby Foods, Inc.  
Robert Kirchner  
Antje & Edward Kolodziej  
Kelly Jo Lamb  
Larry & Glennie Larimore  
Cathlien M. Larson  
Linda A. Larson  
Jane & Raymond Leuthold  
Melanie Loots  
Sandy Mason  
Michele McLeod  
Barbara Morgan & Chip Zukoski  
Jeremy Morgan  
J. David Mullan  
Oak Brook Trout Unlimited  
Randy Plant  
Teri & Anthony Prokes  
Mike & Karen Retzer  
Kenneth & Marlyn Rinehart  
Mary Kay Solecki & John Taft  
Nancy S. Stagg  
William Stewart  
Victor & Susan Stone  
Wayne Wagner Sr.  
Florrie & James Wescoat  
Sean Wiedel  
Dave Wingate  
Ralph & Gretka Wolfe  
Jeanne-Marie Wyld

#### **Members \$1 to \$49**

Michael Allen  
Michael Ander  
Anonymous  
Janice Bahr  
Roger & Gretchen Batz  
James Beauchamp  
John Beck  
Kimeri & Tom Beck  
Jean Belt  
Marvin Beversdorf  
Mary A. Blair  
Robert & Marie Bohl  
Vera Bojic  
Pamela Bowers  
Becky Bradway-Hesse & Doug Hesse

Barney Bryson  
Jean & Don Burkholder  
Roger Bury  
Virginia Busboom  
Cali's Cocina  
Blair Campbell  
Kathy Chen  
Gale Cohen-Demarco  
Jeff Courson  
Harold & Mary Cox  
Damaris Day  
Dan & Paula Deneen  
Morton Dorothy & Claudia Minor  
Carol Downs  
Liz Easley  
Craig Eckert  
Thomas Edwards  
Saad & Julie Elzanati  
Alice Englebretgen  
Albert Ettinger  
George Fahrenwald  
Mrs. Philip Faucett, Jr.  
Vivian Flexman  
Patricia Floess  
Margaret Flynn  
Leon Follmer  
James Foushee  
Mike Frerichs  
Friends of the Rock River  
Tim Gerk  
Betsy Gillies  
Ralph Ginn  
Sandra Golden  
Brendan Griffin  
John Hassett  
Scott Hays  
Mike & Virginia Henebry  
Kay Hodson  
James & Mary Houff  
James Howlett  
Bruce Hutchings  
George Johnson  
Mary Jane Johnson  
Barbara Kanter  
Ken Kedzior  
Dennis Kern  
Wayne Kinney  
Marianne Kinzer  
Richard & Mary Klatt  
Daniel Knight  
Curtis & Ruth Krock  
Robert Krumm  
Dick Ladzinski  
Donald Ladzinski  
Harold Lakin  
Donnajean & Lawrence Lanciotti  
Dave Larsen  
Dave Lawless

Betty Lazarus  
Greg Leston  
Julie & Daniel Long  
Michael Longo  
John & Barbara Lourance  
Sammy & Gloria Mariage  
Frank & Linda McCarthy  
Douglas McCarty  
Michael Miller  
Kathleen Miner  
Dan & Margaret Mitchell  
Brenda Molano & Mary Ann Feist  
James & Pauline Monson  
Robert Morrison  
Wally & Jeanie Morse  
Irene Mostek  
Natural Area Study Group  
Randall & Marcia Nelson  
Robert Neuleib  
David Novak  
Geraldine O'Laughlin  
Howard Oneil  
Robert L. Overturf  
Deborah Owen  
Robert Palinkas  
Sheila Pelichoff  
Sigrid & Alan Pilgrim  
Chad Pregracke  
John & Laurel Prussing  
Donnagene Quivey  
Kay Rasmussen  
Sheila Reynolds  
David Roach  
William Roberts  
Elizabeth Rogers  
James & Diane Rogers  
Bob Romadka  
Paul & Verlyn Rosenberger  
Leslie Ruffner  
Paul Schutt  
Glenn & Helen Stout  
Marv Strauch  
Stan Summers  
David Szaflarski  
Larry Thorsen  
Edward Tichenor  
Terry Tonielli  
Robert & Emily S. Watts  
Sherry Weaver  
Barbara Welsch  
Mary Wheeler  
John White  
Zuzanna Wieckowska  
Chris Williams & Steve Cochran  
Jacqueline Worden  
August Ziehlke

*Every effort has been made to ensure that our recognition of supporters is correct. We apologize for any errors or omissions and urge you to notify us of any mistakes.*

## **2006 Financial Statement**

### **Revenue**

Donations	\$130,102
Grants	\$256,116
Investment Income	\$3,177
In-Kind Donations	\$3,066
Sales & Miscellaneous Revenue	\$5,655
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$398,116</b>

### **Expenses**

Salaries	\$187,702
Payroll Taxes & Employee Benefits	\$31,272
Program Costs	\$62,951
Fundraising (including salaries)	\$25,900
Depreciation	\$4,494
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$318,619</b>

*PRN's financial statements were prepared by Bray, Drake, Liles, & Richardson, LLP, of Urbana, Illinois, on an accrual basis.*

## Join us for Rolling on the River Ride 2007

Prairie Rivers Network staff is preparing for our Second Annual Rolling on the River Ride - Illinois' Ride for the Environment this August 25<sup>th</sup> in Yorkville in the Fox River valley. Proceeds from the ride will benefit Prairie Rivers Network, Illinois Stewardship Alliance, and the Illinois Environmental Council Education Fund.



This one-day event includes bike rides for all levels (15, 25, 45, 62, and 100 miles) that are fully-supported with well-marked routes, rest stops featuring free refreshments, and a sag wagon. After the ride there will be an organic cookout, live music, prizes, and a host of activities including demonstrations and canoeing. There will be family activities on site occurring throughout the day. Camping is available on Friday and Saturday nights.

We're delighted that Lt. Governor Pat Quinn and Representative Tom Cross are serving as honorary

co-chairs for the event. They will use the event to promote The Bicycle Recyclery, a non-profit that restores donated and discarded bicycles and makes them available to needy youth in the Chicago area. The Recyclery will be at the event accepting donations of bicycles.

We're already building on last years success – registrants and sponsorships are up significantly from this time last year. Please join us and help make this year's event an even bigger success. You can help by riding on your own or with a team (Feeling shy? Join our Prairie Rivers Darters team!), donating to a rider, team, or to the event directly, or by becoming an event sponsor.

Just remember that if you register or donate, please indicate that you heard about it from Prairie Rivers Network! For more details, visit [www.RollingRiverRide.org](http://www.RollingRiverRide.org).

To join the Prairie Rivers Network team or to donate, visit [www.active.com/donate/RollingRiverRide2007/KErndt1](http://www.active.com/donate/RollingRiverRide2007/KErndt1)

### Environmental Expo & Marketplace

Our post-ride party will also include an Environmental Expo and Marketplace with vendors and non-profit booths. If you would like to showcase your organization/business please contact Vickie Nudelman at (217) 344-2371 or [vnudelman@prairierivers.org](mailto:vnudelman@prairierivers.org).

---

## Update on Executive Director Search

Prairie Rivers Network is still conducting a search for a permanent replacement for Jean Flemma, who left PRN at the end of January. We have had a few promising candidates who, unfortunately, did not work out. The Board's Search Committee continues to advertise the position and pursue leads.

Glynnis Collins, one of our Watershed Scientists, continues to serve as Interim Executive Director. She is working closely with the Board to ensure that our program and administrative work continues during this transition period.

---

## Honoring Jean Scully

Illinois lost a lifelong friend of the environment, Jean Scully, this past March. Jean was born Aug. 13, 1932, in Racine, Wis., and married Michael John Scully in 1955. Jean graduated from Colby College and studied at the Art Institute of Chicago. She and her husband ran an organic farm in Buffalo until 1984, at which point they joined the Springfield community.

Jean was a wonderful artist and pianist, a consummate gardener, and a marvelous cook. She was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church in Springfield, a volunteer teacher at Springfield Art Association and a diligent worker for local charities, including Progress Circle and Kings Daughters Home.

*In Memory of Jean Scully, Bruce Karmazin has made a donation to Prairie Rivers Network to honor Jean's commitment to helping to protect Illinois' environment.*



## *Join Prairie Rivers Network!*

***or Give a Gift Membership!***

A membership to PRN is the perfect gift for avid hikers, fishermen, paddlers, birders, or anyone who is concerned about the health of Illinois' rivers and streams. A one-year gift membership includes quarterly newsletters, action alerts and the knowledge that you are helping to protect the environment of Illinois. We will send a card announcing your gift. For those giving a gift membership of \$100 or more, we send *Paddling Illinois*, a 153 page book with detailed paddling information for Illinois' rivers and streams.

Yes, I want to help protect our rivers and streams.

- ☐ \$15 Student Membership      ☐ \$25 Basic Membership  
☐ \$50      ☐ \$100      ☐ \$250      ☐ \$500  
☐ Other \$

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (to receive Action Alerts):

*Thank you for your support!*

All members receive our newsletter and action alerts. Your contribution to Prairie Rivers is tax deductible.

Make checks payable to: Prairie Rivers Network, 809 S. Fifth Street, Champaign, IL 61820

## Mrs. Conklin's 4th Grade Class Recycles to Help Illinois

Thank you to Mrs. Conklin's 4th Grade Class at Windsor Elementary School in Loves Park for selecting Prairie Rivers Network as the recipient of their charity recycling program. The class collected aluminum cans to recycle and raise money to donate to a charity. They recycled 141.15 pounds of aluminum. After dividing into teams and researching different charities, the class voted to donate their earnings to Prairie Rivers Network based on a presentation about PRN from Caley, Adam, Kyle, Olivia, and Ashley. We are proud of the entire class for their dedication to making Illinois a better place to call home and congratulate Mrs. Conklin on a very creative project to teach her class about civic engagement.

Myke	Holce	Ashlyn	Carlos
Ashley W.	Savannah	Oliwia	Coley
Haley	Zach	Brooke	
Joan	Kristin	Molly	
Nicole	Shelly		

## Time to Re-Enroll at IGA

PRN participates in IGA's Charitable Rebate Program. By shopping at a participating IGA store, your dollars go to support PRN. Fill out the form below and return it to your local IGA store to re-enroll:

IGA HVC Charitable Rebate Member Enrollment

Date:

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

HVC Card Number: 4-100 - -

Organization: Prairie Rivers Network (Champaign, IL)

Organization Number: 0550202

## 2007 Annual Dinner Sponsor

PRN thanks First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust for being a River Protector dinner sponsor, celebrating PRN's 40th Anniversary, with a \$1,000 donation.



Non-Profit  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Champaign, IL  
Permit No. 858

***Prairie Rivers Network***  
*Protecting Illinois' Streams*  
809 South Fifth Street  
Champaign, IL 61820  
217-344-2371  
[www.prairierivers.org](http://www.prairierivers.org)

## Mark Your Calendar!

**Rain Garden Presentation**  
Hosted by the Sierra Club  
July 23, 2007; 6:30 pm  
Lewis and Clark Comm. College

**La Moine River Clean-Up**  
July 28, 2007  
[kerndt@prairierivers.org](mailto:kerndt@prairierivers.org)

**Rolling on the River**  
August 25, 2007  
[www.RollingRiverRide.org](http://www.RollingRiverRide.org)

**Salt Fork Clean-Up**  
September 15, 2007  
[kerndt@prairierivers.org](mailto:kerndt@prairierivers.org)

**It's Our River Day**  
September 15, 2007  
[www.state.il.us/ltgov/cleanwater/iord.htm](http://www.state.il.us/ltgov/cleanwater/iord.htm)

**Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.**  
**Urbana Park District 100th Anniversary**  
October 14, 2007; 3:30 - 5:00 pm  
Crystal Lake Park, Urbana

**PRN River Retreat**  
October 27-28, 2007  
[kerndt@prairierivers.org](mailto:kerndt@prairierivers.org)

**PRN Annual Dinner**  
*40th Anniversary Celebration*  
November 9, 2007

### Photo Attributes

Jason Lindsey, [www.perceptivevisions.com](http://www.perceptivevisions.com): pages 2, 6, 7, and border  
Eric Engbretson, USFWS: page 1

Prairie Rivers Network is a member of Earth Share of Illinois. If you participate in a workplace giving campaign, look for ESI and you can designate PRN to receive your contributions.

