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Prairie Rivers Network E-News

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How does your rain garden grow?

Celebrate the arrival of spring by attending our rain garden workshops in Springfield or Peoria. A [rain garden](#) is a beautiful landscape feature that can reduce flooding by capturing rain and snowmelt. Rain gardens also attract birds and butterflies!

You don't have to be a master gardener or engineer to make a rain garden, and the numerous economic and environmental benefits will last for years. Sign up now! Go [here](#) for information about our Springfield workshop, and [here](#) for our Peoria workshop.

Heartland Coalfield Alliance Retreat

Learn how a just and sustainable transition away from coal and towards a cleaner energy economy in America's Heartland is already happening and how you can help!

[Heartland Coalfield Alliance](#), of which Prairie Rivers Network is a founding member, is leading a retreat in the beautiful Shawnee Hills. The retreat will focus on building skills, networks and campaigns to create a just and sustainable energy future. With three workshop tracks (general, organizing, and technical), there will be something for everyone, whether you are new to the movement or a seasoned activist.

Who: Open to everyone!

When: May 17-19

Where: Camp Ondessonk in the beautiful Shawnee Hills of southern Illinois

Go [here](#) for more information and to register.

Take Action: Proposed Dam Removal – Danville

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is proposing [two dam removals](#) in Danville.

These removals will improve aquatic habitat, restore more natural flow, and enhance recreation opportunities along the Vermilion River.

Please take action by [signing our petition](#) in favor of the dam removals.

Please also attend the IDNR Open House on April 30th at 6pm where IDNR will present the benefits and impacts of the removals and respond to questions and concerns. A location has not been set, so stay tuned for updates.

For more information, contact Elliot Brinkman at ebrinkman@prairierivers.org.

Our Spring Newsletter and 2012 Annual Report

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Homer rejects selling non-potable water to mine

An update—and a good one—to our Spring Newsletter article on Sunrise Coal:

In a clear victory for the Salt Fork River, Homer village trustees voted 5-0 to decline selling huge volumes of raw water for washing coal to Sunrise Coal's proposed "Bulldog" mine. While Sunrise and its parent company Hallador Energy may continue to search for the water needed to open a mine, the vote in Homer shows the strong local support for conserving and protecting the Salt Fork and area water resources from coal mining.

Read the full story [here](#).

Green Politics Night at Escobar's in Champaign

Hear updates on East Central Illinois' environmental issues such as the Champaign bag ordinance, sole source aquifer petition, and climate action plans by local politicians and policymakers. Socialize with fellow environmentalists and enjoy the great food and atmosphere at Escobar's!

When: Thursday, April 25, 2013, 6-8pm

Where: Escobar's, 6 East Columbia Ave, Champaign

Don't miss these updates on the Prairie Rivers Network website:

- [Study shows cost savings by allowing rivers to be rivers, not barge highways](#)
- [Temporary sand mining moratorium passes in LaSalle County!](#)
- [Prairie Rivers Network talks farm bill with Congressman Davis](#)
- [Prairie Rivers Network seeks environmental safeguards at proposed hog operation](#)

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