## Why your gift matters...

# 2016 Annual Report — in Brief —

YOUR GIFT IS SAVING 50,000+ ACRES
OF ILLINOIS WETLANDS AND WILDLIFE HABITAT



PRN and partners have succeeded in holding the highly destructive New Madrid levee project at bay. The project would destroy vital fish and bird habitat on the Mississippi River and put southern IL towns at great risk of destructive flooding.

# YOUR GIFT ADVANCED MONARCH AND POLLINATOR

HABITAT RESTORATION IN ILLINOIS



Deep-rooted Milkweed and native flowering plants help to soak up excess water, sediment, and nutrients from stormwater and agriculture runoff, keeping these pollutants that harm fish and cause toxic algae blooms out of our rivers and drinking water.

#### YOUR GIFT INTRODUCED 2,500 ILLINOIS FARM OWNERS TO SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PRACTICES



With a coalition of partners, we are advancing the adoption of farm practices such as cover crops, diverse crop rotations, and edge-of-field buffers and wetlands. These strategies promote soil health on farms while also protecting water quality.

#### YOUR GIFT IS PROTECTING ILLINOIS' ONLY WILD AND SCENIC RIVER—THE MIDDLE FORK RIVER



Working together, we achieved stronger federal coal ash rules. We will continue to keep pressing for stronger state rules and calling for Dynegy to remove coal ash impoundments from the floodplain of the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River.

### Happy 50th Anniversary



We hope you enjoy our new, streamlined Annual Report as we highlight our clean water, healthy rivers, and wildlife protection accomplishments you made possible.

passionate people and partners all possible. Thank

you for caring about our rivers and streams.

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#### Celebrate with us!

Protecting Our Land, Water and Wildlife: A Celebration of Stewardship at Allerton Park - May 21

Wild and Scenic Film Festival

(Champaign, Peoria, Carbondale)

50th Anniversary Dinner Gala - Oct 6

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### Why you give...

As a river ecologist by training, I believe in the work of Prairie Rivers Network.

-- David & Carol Thomas

We believe the mission is critical and the organizational work unusually effective.

-- Tom Seals & Ruth Wene

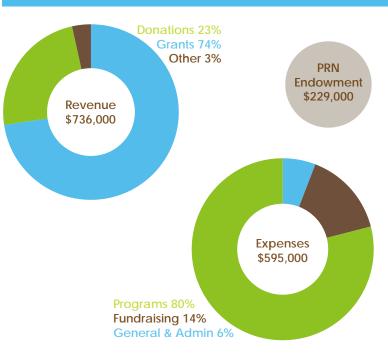
We love Illinois and its beautiful nature.

-- Jason Lindsey & Anna Keck

For our grandchildren.

-- Diane & John Marlin

## 2016 Financial Snapshot



This financial snapshot shows our 2016 operating cash revenue and expenses. Our accrued finances are audited each year by an independent certified accountant and are available along with our Federal 990 at prairierivers.org. Our donor list will be published as usual in our Spring newsletter.