Fifth Annual
Upper Mississippi River Conference

Make Room For the River
In Your Life, Floodplain, and Architecture.

September 26 - 28, 2012
Stoney Creek Inn & Western Illinois University Riverfront Campus, Moline, IL
2012 Upper Mississippi River Conference

River Action, a non-profit organization that strives to foster the environmental, economic, and cultural vitality of the Mississippi River and its riverfront in the Quad City region, with the support of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, proudly sponsors the fifth annual Upper Mississippi River Conference and Youth Summit, September 26-28, 2012, at the Stoney Creek Inn and Western Illinois University Riverfront Campus in Moline, Illinois.

Targeting city planners, elected officials, architects, engineers, landscape architects, environmental groups, economic developers, and environmental educators, the meeting will address best case studies for making room for the river in one’s life, in the floodplain, and in the community’s architecture.

2012 UMRC Planning Committee:

- Kathy Wine, (Conference Chair), River Action
- Jeff Anderson, City of Moline
- Doug DeLille, Bi-State Regional Commission
- Jon Duyvejonck, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Angela Freyermuth, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Jenny Garner, University of Illinois Extension
- Karen Wilke, River Action
- Lynn Hunt, Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Dr. Norm Moline, Augustana College
- Dr. Roger Viadero, Jr., Western Illinois University
- Olivia Dorothy, Izaak Walton League
- Steve Ahrens, City of Davenport
- Eric Anderson, Natural Land Institute
- Marvin Hubbell, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Rusty Walker, Holabird & Root, Chicago, IL

Youth Summit

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2012
WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY RIVERFRONT CAMPUS, MOLINE, IL

4:00 PM | REGISTRATION

4:15 - 5:00 PM | OPENING KICK OFF

I am the Food, Water, Shelter, and Space... I am ‘misi zibi’
Dave Murcia, Naturalist and Director of the Wapsi River Environmental Education Center

5:00 - 5:30 PM | WELCOME RECEPTION

Sponsored by Western Illinois University

5:45 - 7:15 PM | CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Track 1:

Rivers as Bridges: Connecting the People of the Yangzi and Mississippi Rivers
Jeff Smoller, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Creek Freaks: Adopting America’s Creeks
Olivia Dorothy, Izaak Walton League

Track 2:

Partnering for River Restoration
Marvin Hubbell, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Going Beyond the Traditional Campus: Exploring the Connections Between People and Water
Rusty Walker, Holabird & Root, Chicago, IL

7:15 - 8:30 PM | CATFISH FRY | BASS STREET LANDING, MOLINE, IL

Bus rides will be provided.

Youth Summit Keynote Speaker

Dave Murcia, Naturalist and Director of the Wapsi River Environmental Education Center

Dave joined the Scott County Conservation Board (SCCB) in December 2006 with a bachelor’s degree in Conservation Biology from St. Ambrose University. Currently his main mission with the SCCB is administering and conducting environmental education and natural resource management while operating the Wapsi River Center. Dave served several years with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the National Wildlife Refuge System and was stationed last at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, Iowa, as Wildlife Refuge Specialist and Supervisory Park Ranger.
Many communities in the Upper Mississippi River watershed have discovered that living with the river makes much more sense than fighting the river. New technologies, such as accurate forecasting and real-time flood mapping, help to make flooding a predictable risk. Strict floodplain regulations and building codes keep development out of harm’s way. State and federal mitigation programs help to fund opportunities which promote open space uses. That old’ river is no longer a threat to communities. It is increasingly an asset.
Lee is the author of Wicked River, a narrative history of the Mississippi River and society in the 19th century. Wicked River takes readers back to a time when the river was still wild; back to a time of pirates, music, drinking, and gambling. Lee was born in Wildwood, IL, and grew up in the suburbs of Chicago, where he now lives.

1:30 - 3:30 PM | CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Track 1: Make Room for the River in Your Life
- The Clean Water Act: What’s the Point? Or is it Pointless? Scott Tomkins, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- The Great River Road: Ten States, One River John Goodmann, Mississippi River Parkway Commission

Track 2: Make Room for the River in Architecture
- Retaining the Rain in the Urban Landscape Todd Wiebenga, Aunt Rhodies Landscaping and Design Studio
- Rain Gardens in the Suburban Stormwater Landscape Stacy James, Prairie Rivers Network
- Home on the River: The Evolving Riverfront Landscape Jeff Anderson, Moline City Planner

Track 3: Make Room for the River in the Floodplain
- Partnering for River Restoration Marvin Hubbell, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Upper Mississippi River Restoration Projects
- Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative: Addressing Matters of Mutual Concern Colin Wellenkamp, Northeast Midwest Institute
- Community Floodplain Rating System - What You Need to Know! Bill Capuccio, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
A special rate of $94 for a single person room is available to conference attendees. For reservations call 800-659-2220 and ask for the Upper Mississippi River Conference block.

**Conference Registration**

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To assist with planning, please tell us if you plan to attend the following:

- ... opening reception (Wed. 9/26)
- ... catfish fry (Wed. 9/26)
- ... cocktail hour (Thurs. 9/27)
- ... Field Trip 1 - Green Architecture
- ... Field Trip 2 - Hennepin Canal
- ... Field Trip 3 - 140 Years of Sustainability

**REGISTRATION FEES**

- $99 before 9/7/12
- $149 after 9/7/12
- $200 after 9/21/12
- $198 group rate (3 registrations for the price of 2!)
- $25 student

**CONFERENCE TOTAL**

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Method of payment

- Check is enclosed (payable to ‘River Action’)
- Bill my credit card (please provide the information requested below)

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CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY: A partial refund (registration fee less a $40 service charge) will be given for cancellations made prior to 9/7/12.

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**Youth Summit Registration**

There is no cost to attend the Youth Summit. Registered Youth Summit attendees are also invited to the UMRC Catfish Fry - free of charge!

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**Conference Lodging**

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**Three Ways to Register**

On the web at: www.riveraction.org

Fax your registration form to: 563/322.0916 (available 24 hours a day)

Mail your registration form & payment to: River Action, 822 E. River Drive, Davenport, IA 52803
Many thanks to the sponsors & supporters for their continued support and involvement in the UMRC!