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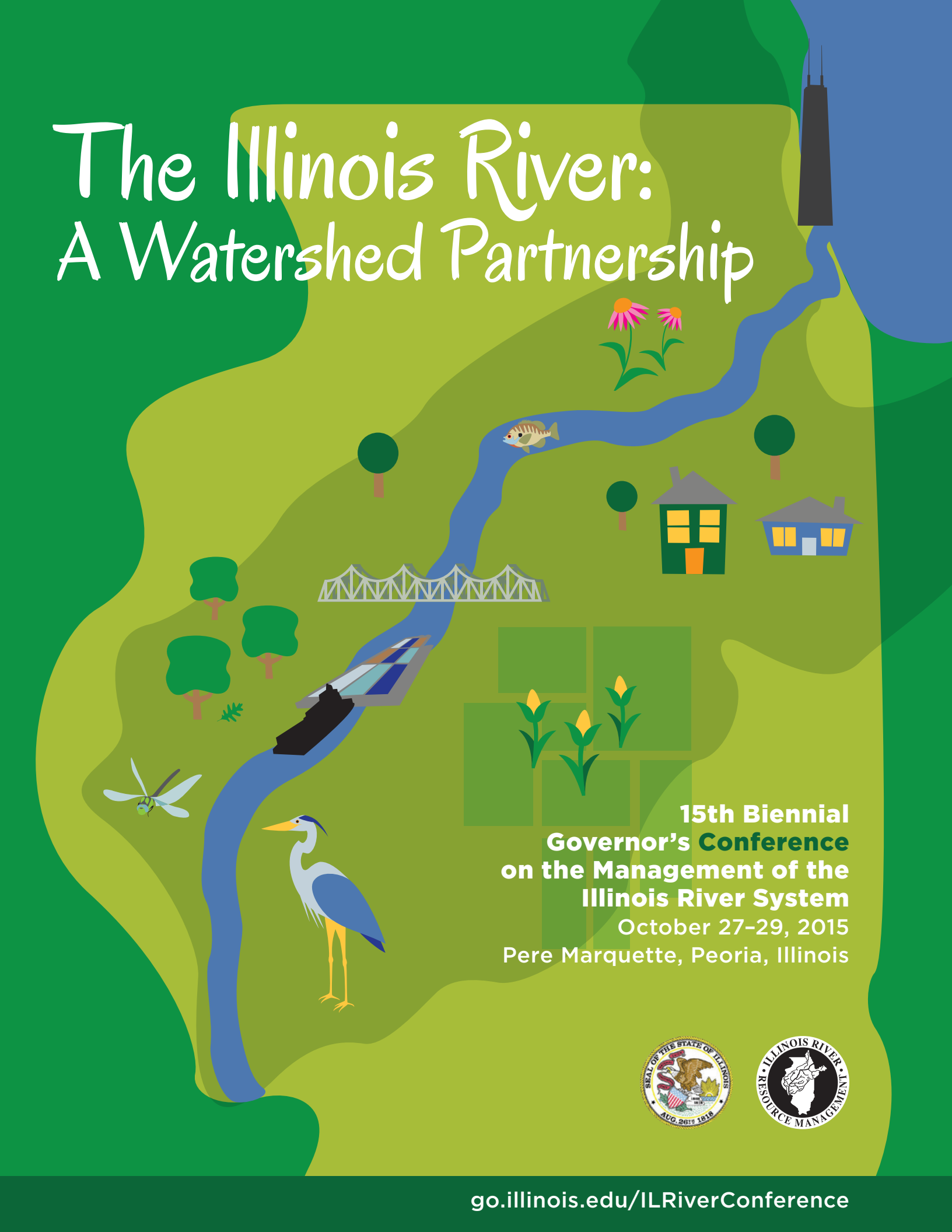

15th Biennial
Governor's Conference
on the Management of the
Illinois River System
October 27–29, 2015
Pere Marquette, Peoria, Illinois

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Working Agenda

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015

8:15–9:00	Registration and continental breakfast
9:00–12:30	Watershed Tour
9:00–3:30	Fellowship of the Stream
9:00–12:30	Achieve Your Watershed Objectives: Plan, Plan, (then work your) Plan
1:30–4:30	Implementing the Illinois' Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy
1:30–4:30	Watershed Partners Café
6:00–6:30	Illinois River Coordinating Council reception
6:30–8:30	Illinois River Coordinating Council quarterly meeting with public forum

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015

7:45–4:30	Registration
7:45–8:30	Continental breakfast
8:30–8:45	Opening remarks
8:45–9:50	Plenary session
9:50–10:20	Break and exhibits
10:20–11:30	Plenary session
11:45–1:15	Lunch and feature speaker
1:30–2:45	Concurrent sessions
1:30–4:30	Watershed exchange and poster session
2:45–3:15	Break and exhibits
3:15–4:30	Concurrent sessions
5:30–8:30	Peoria Riverfront Museum Meander

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015

7:45–12:00	Registration
7:45–8:30	Continental breakfast
8:30–9:45	Concurrent sessions
9:45–10:15	Break and exhibits
10:15–11:30	Concurrent sessions
11:45–1:15	Lunch and feature speaker
1:15–1:30	Closing comments

Plenary Speakers

The 2015 lineup hails from as near as Bloomington and as far as Ireland. No matter where they are from—or where they travel—our speakers' hearts are never far from a river, lake, or stream. With more than 100 years of water protection between them, our speakers will share knowledge on past, present, and future actions in our watershed.

Harald 'Jordy' Jordahl
Director, America's Watershed Initiative

Harriet Festing, Center for Neighborhood Technology
Director, Water Program

Jon Scholl, University of Illinois
Instructor, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics

Richard 'Dick' Lanyon, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Executive Director (retired), Author

Paddy Woodworth
Author of "Our Once and Future Planet: Restoring the World in the Climate Change Century" (U of Chicago Press 2013)

Concurrent Sessions

Carp Pay$

Trends in Sport and Commercial Fisheries

Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Roadshow

Asian Carp Dynamics

Landscape and Watershed Connections

Water Use in Central Illinois: From Traditional to Innovative

Watershed Partner Spotlight

Putting Stormwater BMPs in Practice

Monitoring: Fins and Feathers

Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS): Overview and Considerations

Stormwater Policy & Funding

Monitoring: Nutrients and Sediment

Watershed Tour

TUESDAY | 9:00 AM–12:30 PM*

Infiltrate the green infrastructure movement within the greater Peoria area. This charter bus tour stops at a variety of locations to let you investigate public and private urban stormwater management efforts with those doing the work.

Fellowship of the Stream

TUESDAY | 9:00 AM–1:00 (3:30) PM*

Join the quest to protect Illinois water resources through education and outreach. This fellowship provides an overview of citizen science and river education, as well as opportunities for involvement and curricula available across Illinois. See demonstrations of activities from programs like Project WET and Our Mississippi and take advantage of an exhibit session and breaks to connect with new and old colleagues. Enhance your experience with a visit to the Peoria Riverfront Museum (additional $10) or by recharging at the Watershed Partners Café.

Achieve Your Watershed Objective; Plan, Plan, (then work your) Plan!

TUESDAY | 9:00 AM–1:00 PM*

Very few water quality or quantity issues can be solved with a single action. Most issues require many partners taking many steps over many years. This panel discussion uses real-world examples to help you develop effective watershed plans. A unique collection of representatives from state and federal agencies will also share tips for implementing and measuring the success of a plan. PLAN to attend!

Implementing the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy

TUESDAY | 1:30 PM–4:30 PM

Illinois will be finalizing a strategy to improve water quality at home and downstream by reducing nitrogen and phosphorus levels in local waterways. The strategy builds on the successes of past nutrient management efforts with a comprehensive suite of best management practices for point and non-point sources. During this session, panelists will discuss implementation progress and future strategies to reach long-term nutrient loss reduction goals.

Watershed Partners Café

TUESDAY | 1:30–3:30

The Watershed Partners Café will explore challenges and opportunities associated with the restoration of the Illinois River system. Facilitated by the Middle Illinois River Collaborative Action Partnership, the session allows individuals and organizations to exchange information on related projects and initiatives while identifying conservation opportunities for alignment and support.

** Lunch is included*

Illinois River Coordinating Council: Quarterly Meeting and Public Forum

TUESDAY | 6:30–8:30 PM

The Council is charged in part with the coordination of state policies and initiatives related to the preservation and restoration of the Illinois River watersheds, particularly as they relate to economics, flooding, recreation, and tourism. The meeting will include official business and an opportunity for the general public to express issues and concerns related to the management of the Illinois River.

Watershed Exchange and Poster Session

WEDNESDAY | 1:30–4:30 PM

You set the pace as you explore the latest research methods and outcomes on a variety of watershed and water quality issues. Posters, displays, and demonstrations on a variety of topics will be available.

Questions?

1. Visit go.illinois.edu/ILRiverConference or
2. Call Carla Blue at 217-244-6916 or email blue1@illinois.edu

Registration Fee	Early Bird Fee by 10/9/15	After 10/9/15
Full Conference*	$175	$215
One Day Registration (Wed.* or Thurs.)	$95	$135
FOTS Workshop**	$45	$50
FOTS Workshop without trip to Peoria Riverfront Museum**	$35	$40
Watershed Planning Workshop**	$35	$40
Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy	N/C	N/C
Watershed Partners Café	N/C	N/C
Watershed Tour**	$30	$30
Museum Meander	$25	$25
Exhibitor	$250	$250
Student or Press	contact us	

*Includes the Peoria Riverfront Museum Meander
**Additional Fee: not included in the full conference registration.

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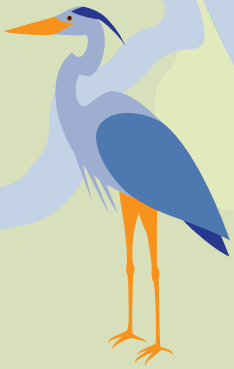

Peoria Riverfront Museum Meander

Wednesday | 5:30–8:30 PM

Experience the exhibits at the Peoria Riverfront Museum: Illinois River Encounter, The Street, and Awkward Family Photos

Music, cocktails (cash bar), and hors d'oeuvres

Join your colleagues for an evening of networking, good food, and entertainment.

Accommodations

Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette
501 Main Street, Peoria, IL 61602
Phone (309) 637-6500
Toll-free (800) 228-9290
www.marriott.com

A group rate of $89/king + tax is available until October 9. To make reservations at this rate, contact the hotel directly and mention "Illinois River Conference."

Sponsor and exhibit opportunities are available.

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