

# “Flood Response: On the Path to Drier Ground”

## THE 2008 UPPER DES PLAINES WATERSHED TOUR

### TOUR OVERVIEW

#### **1** Wetlands Demonstration Project Wadsworth, IL

Our first stop will be a visit to the Des Plaines River Wetlands Demonstration Project. The site near Wadsworth, Illinois is a living laboratory designed to provide scientists the research opportunities necessary to study the function of wetlands. These controlled, experimental wetlands have been constructed where abandoned farm fields and gravel pits once stood.

Kathy Paap, former site manager of the Wetlands Demonstration Project will be our guide. Ms. Paap currently works with the Lake County Health Department's Lakes Management Unit.

We'll learn how the site helps to reduce flooding along the Upper Des Plaines River and how lessons learned here can be applied elsewhere. This promises to be an exciting stop!

#### **2** Village of Gurnee, IL

After lunch, we'll visit the Village of Gurnee, Illinois and learn about their experiences as a community that has experienced significant, repeat flooding. Village Administrator James Hayner will tell us about Gurnee's program to buy-out

flood-prone properties and convert them to more appropriate uses. We'll learn how this benefits other communities as well.

#### **3** “Flood Response” Village of Lincolnshire, IL

Our final stop will be the Village of Lincolnshire, which has achieved one of the highest ratings in the Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS level of a community impacts the flood insurance rates that its residents will pay.

Jennifer Hughes, Director of Public Works and Village Engineer, will discuss the village's flood response plan and how participation in the CRS program has benefitted the community.

#### **4** Annual Meeting Lincolnshire, IL

At the end of our tour, we invite you to stay for UDPREP's Annual Meeting. The keynote speaker will be Donald L. Hey, Ph.D., the director of Wetlands Research, Inc., which manages the Des Plaines River Wetlands Demonstration Project (tour stop #1).

Details of the annual meeting are on the reverse side of this page.

#### DATE

Wednesday, October 8, 2008. Rain or Shine.

#### TIME

8:45 am – 2:30 pm

#### COST

\$15 for advance payment. \$25 at the door.  
Included lunch and travel aboard a comfortable coach.  
RSVP required to receive a lunch.

#### REGISTRATION

Mail registration form, along with \$15 check made out to “UDPREP” by September 30, 2008 to:

Jill Hughes, UDPREP Coordinator  
PO Box 471  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

#### WHERE TO MEET

Lincolnshire Village Hall, remote parking lot

One Olde Half Day Road, Lincolnshire, IL 60069

Please follow the signs. A map is provided on the other side of this page.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The tour size is limited to the first 50 registrants.
- If paying at the door, and requesting a lunch, please email your name and contact information by September 30 to [coordinator@upperdesplainesriver.org](mailto:coordinator@upperdesplainesriver.org)

#### QUESTIONS?

Contact Jill Hughes, UDPREP coordinator at (847) 561-2294 or [coordinator@upperdesplainesriver.org](mailto:coordinator@upperdesplainesriver.org)

# UDPREP's Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting is an opportunity for UDPREP members and guests gather to celebrate our conservation successes and elect UDPREP officers. This year's annual meeting has been scheduled to coincide with our popular watershed bus tour. If you are unable to join us for the tour, you are still encouraged to attend the annual meeting.

Our keynote speaker will be Donald Hey, Ph.D., president and co-founder of The Wetlands Initiative, Inc.

The meeting will be held at Lincolnshire Village Hall, One Olde Half Day Road, Lincolnshire, IL 60069, 3:00–4:00 PM. See map below.

There is no charge to attend the meeting, but we would appreciate an RSVP to let us know that you will be attending so that we can have the room set up for the appropriate number of people. Please RSVP by email to [coordinator@upperdesplainsriver.org](mailto:coordinator@upperdesplainsriver.org) or call Jill Hughes at (847) 561-2294.

If you register for our Watershed Tour, we encourage you to stay for the meeting.

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## About our keynote speaker...

Donald L. Hey, Ph.D. is president and co-founder of The Wetlands Initiative, Inc. He also is director of Wetlands Research, Inc., which manages the Des Plaines River Wetlands Demonstration Project in Lake County, Illinois, one of the nation's first large-scale wetland restoration projects. He formerly was president of Hey & Associates, an environmental services consulting firm.

He received a B.S. in civil engineering from the University of Missouri at Rolla, an M.S. in water resources engineering from Kansas University, and a Ph.D. in environmental engineering from Northwestern University. His research interests focus on the restoration of river and wetland systems and the development of low-cost management programs for sustaining natural aquatic ecosystems.

Dr. Hey has served on a number of committees and editorial boards: the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board Committee of Integrated Nitrogen (2007-2009); the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Assessment Plan; Technical Proposal Evaluation Committee, Everglades National Park, National Park Service; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board; the International Joint Commission, Levels Reference Study; the National Research Council, Committee on the Restoration of Aquatic Ecosystems; the Illinois Department of Conservation, Wetland Advisory Council; Ecological Engineering and Restoration Ecology. He is co-author of *A Case for Wetland Restoration* (Wiley & Sons, 1999) and numerous articles.

