

# RIVER talk

## Free Fundraising Seminar May 16

SPRING 2006

On Tuesday, May 16, 2006, UDPREP will host a free seminar entitled "Getting Grants for Land and Water Improvement Projects." The event features presentations by the managers of three major government grant programs. They will explain what their programs fund and offer tips for developing strong proposals. Nonprofits, private landowners, and municipal employees responsible for the management of water resources, land, parks, and wildlife are encouraged to attend.

The seminar will begin with a presentation by Amy Burns Walkenbach of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Based in Springfield, Ms. Walkenbach runs the "319 Grant Program" which supports efforts to reduce water pollution through "best management practices," watershed planning, and educational programs. (See related article in this issue of *River Talk*.)

Mike Redmer of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will talk about several regional funding programs that he manages. USFWS grants support a variety of activities including

wetland creation and restoration, wetland-related education, and the conservation of waterfowl and non-game migratory birds through surveys, monitoring, or applied research. USFWS also offers funding to private landowners, municipalities, and nonprofits in support of efforts to restore fish and wildlife habitat.

The seminar also features Greg Akers of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Akers manages the OSLAD and LAWCON Grant Programs which support efforts by towns, townships, and park districts to acquire and/or develop land for public parks and open space.

The seminar is taking place from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Buffalo Grove Village Hall, 50 Raupp Boulevard in Buffalo Grove, Illinois. Refreshments will be served. More information is available online at [www.upperdesplainesriver.org/grantseminar.htm](http://www.upperdesplainesriver.org/grantseminar.htm).

To register for the seminar, email your name, address and phone to [upperdesplainesriver@yahoo.com](mailto:upperdesplainesriver@yahoo.com) by May 12, 2006.



**Learn about grants for wetland restoration techniques, like disabling drain tiles (above), at the seminar. Photo courtesy of Liberty Prairie Conservancy.**

### SAVE THE DATE

## "Walk the Prairie with Bill Kurtis"

Wednesday, June 21  
3-6 p.m.

Join us at Mettawa Manor, home of acclaimed documentary host and producer Bill Kurtis, for UDPREP's Annual Meeting

Don't miss this special opportunity to tour the four distinct landscapes at Mettawa Manor, including:

- ➔ Restored prairie
- ➔ Arboretum and water features
- ➔ Restored woodlands
- ➔ Formal garden

**Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks!**

## Illinois Wildlife Action Plan: A Local Perspective

At the end of last year, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources completed the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan (IWAP), a comprehensive strategy designed to coordinate and focus the state's conservation efforts over the next 10 years.

The IWAP classifies nearly 700 animals as "Species in Greatest Need of Conservation" (SGNC). Protecting these species and their habitats will be a priority for the State of Illinois over the next decade. In addition, the "State Wildlife Grants" program focuses all funding on the protection and management of SGNC.

UDPREP recently worked with the Illinois Natural History Survey to develop a list of SGNC predicted to occur in our watershed. This list is intended to help local stakeholders identify links between their projects and the objectives of the IWAP. Establishing a connection with the IWAP may improve stakeholders' chances of getting technical assistance and funding from the state. Visit [www.upperdesplainesriver.org/IWAP.htm](http://www.upperdesplainesriver.org/IWAP.htm) for the local list of SGNC and more information.

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**The Swainson's Hawk (left) is one of nearly 100 "Species in Greatest Need of Conservation" in the Upper Des Plaines River Watershed. Photo by James Gallagher.**



# 319 Proposal Writing Assistance

Each year UDPREP offers a pre-proposal review service for stakeholders who are interested in applying for funding from the 319 Grant Program (see description at right). Applicants are invited to submit draft proposals to upperdesplainesriver@yahoo.com by 3 p.m. on June 23, 2006. UDPREP will convene a panel of experts to review the pre-proposals and meet with applicants to offer suggestions to help strengthen the proposals. More information on the 319 Grant Program and UDPREP's review process is online at [www.upperdesplainesriver.org/319.htm](http://www.upperdesplainesriver.org/319.htm).

## WHY IS IT CALLED THE "319" PROGRAM?

**Section 319(h) of the Federal Clean Water Act authorizes Congress to appropriate money to the states for the purposes of controlling "nonpoint source pollution," also known as polluted runoff. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency disburses Illinois' share of this money through the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program. This financial assistance program is commonly referred to by its simple nickname, the "319 Grant Program".**

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## UDPREP Awarded C2000 Grant

We are pleased to announce that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Conservation 2000 Program awarded UDPREP a two-year grant in support of our new organizational strategic plan.

## Welcome 2006 Members

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## CALENDAR

**MAY 16, 2006**

"Getting Grants for Land and Water Improvement Projects." See lead story for more information. Please RSVP by May 12 to [upperdesplainesriver@yahoo.com](mailto:upperdesplainesriver@yahoo.com).

**JUNE 21, 2006**

UDPREP Annual Meeting. Details coming soon!

**JUNE 23, 2006**

Deadline to submit 319 pre-proposals. See related story.

**JUNE 30, 2006**

319 pre-proposal applicants meet with panel to discuss pre-proposals.

**JULY 1, 2006**

Deadline to submit proposals to the OSLAD and LAWCON programs. These state-financed grant programs provide funding assistance to municipalities for acquisition and/or development of land for public parks and open space. Learn more at <http://dnr.state.il.us/ocd/newoslad1.htm>.

**JULY 14, 2006**

Deadline to submit final 319 proposals to UDPREP.

## THANK YOU!

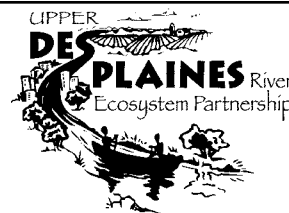
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UDPREP works to preserve, protect, and enhance the Upper Des Plaines River watershed through stakeholder education, collaboration, and technical assistance.