



**Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative Annual Meeting**  
**Peachtree Catering & Banquet Center**  
**120 East Nifong, Suite D, Columbia, Missouri**  
**August 19-20, 2011**

*BIRD HABITAT: DOES A RIVER RUN THROUGH IT?*

**Friday, August 19**

- 5:00 p.m. Registration Opens
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Social with Snacks
- 7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Welcome/Remarks/Housekeeping (Open Silent Auction)
- 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Keynote Address: **Gretchen Benjamin**, Program Director Large Rivers, The Nature Conservancy, La Crosse, WI.  
Topic: How the absence or abundance of water and water quality can influence bird populations.
- 9:00 pm – 10 pm Continue Social

**Saturday, August 20**

- 7:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast – Available to all Conference Registrants
- 8 00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Opening Address, Highlights of the Year, and General Assembly  
**Charles Burwick**, Chair, MoBCI Steering Committee
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Perspectives of Floodplain Management and Changing Philosophies
- Changing Philosophies on Floodplain Management  
**Gretchen Benjamin**, Program Director Large Rivers, The Nature Conservancy
- Water Regulation and Management at the Federal Level  
Floodplain Restoration on the Upper Mississippi River; Challenges and Opportunities  
**Chuck Theiling**, Large River Ecologist, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Water Regulation and Management at the Local Level  
Management of the Mingo Basin  
**Frank Nelson**, Resource Scientist, Missouri Department of Conservation
- 10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Break/Project Poster Presentations



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11:00 a.m.-12:30 a.m. Case Studies - Water Management Issues, Decisions & Impacts to Avian Habitat Suitability

Management of Water Quality through Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative Projects (NRCS ); A project designed to reduce sediment and nutrient run-off to address hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico creates bird habitat

**NRCS speaker to be announced**

Mississippi/Missouri Rivers Confluence Partnership: Setting the standard for conservation delivery in the confluence area

**Mark Flaspholer**, Manager of Conservation Programs, Ducks Unlimited

Columbia Waste Water Management

**Tim James**, Wildlife Management Biologist, Missouri Department Conservation

12:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch - Available to all Conference Registrants  
Special Presentation: The challenges faced by societies that lose their legal ability to hunt - a unique perspective based upon travel to Lebanon  
**Dave Erickson**, MoBCI Founding Member

Silent Auction Closes

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. The Critical Role of Public Lands in Achieving North American Bird Conservation Initiative Objectives as They Relate to Wetland Dependent Species

Upper Grand River Accomplishments

**Greg Pitchford**, Fisheries Mngt. Biologist, Missouri Department Conservation

Bird Use of the Missouri River Corridor: Public and Private Lands

**Andy Raedeke**, Resource Scientist, Missouri Department of Conservation

Challenges and Opportunities Associated with Ted Shanks Conservation Area

**Mike Flaspholer**, Wildlife Mngt. Biologist, Missouri Department Conservation

3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Wrap-Up and Adjournment

**Charles Burwick**, Chair, MoBCI Steering Committee