

October 17
Des Moines
Botanical Center
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Iowa Environmental Council
Annual Conference



"Eventually, all things merge into one, and a river runs through it."

Norman Maclean, A River Runs Through It.

Disasters of different sizes—from epic events, like this summer's flooding, to fish kills from animal manure discharges—remind us that we are all affected by what occurs on, or what is done to the land and the water upstream from us. We are all connected by the land and by the waters of Iowa.

The Iowa Environmental Council's 2008 conference will explore where and how humans are having positive and negative impacts on Iowa waters and some of the ways individuals and communities can participate in solutions.

Featured speakers include ...

- ◆ Cornelia F. Mutel author of "The Emerald Horizon – The History of Nature in Iowa"
- ◆ Richard Leopold, Director, Iowa DNR
- ◆ Cornelia Butler Flora, Director of North Central Regional Center for Rural Development
- ◆ Craig Cox, Midwest Vice President for Environmental Working Group
- ◆ Pat Sauer, Stormwater Services Coordinator, Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities


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Conference will include sessions and workshops on:

- ◆ A history of Iowa's rivers, streams and lakes and how humans have altered them
- ◆ How our altered landscape is impacting water quality in Iowa
- ◆ The current state of Iowa's water—quality and quantity
- ◆ Rebuilding after the floods--the state's response
- ◆ Our water rights and responsibilities
- ◆ How citizens can make a difference in an urban setting
- ◆ How citizens can make a difference on a watershed basis—Thinking outside the box
- ◆ Vision and Action—a participatory workshop that will address the question: What do we want for the future of water in Iowa and how do we get there?

The Council's annual conference is open to the general public. While this conference may be especially helpful to those currently working or interested in working with a watershed association, a community improvement project or urban and rural planning, anyone who has an interest in Iowa's land and waters will also find this conference valuable.

 Visit www.iaenvironment.org for more information, or call Barbra Jotzke at 515-244-1194, ext 202.

