



Riverine Wetlands: Connections, Corridors and Catchments

12th Annual Wetland Science Forum

February 1-2, 2007, La Crosse, WI



Dear Wetland Enthusiast,

Thank you for registering for our upcoming conference, *Riverine Wetlands: Connections, Corridors and Catchments* – we're pleased that you will be joining us for our 12th Annual Wetland Science Forum. This year we are providing all pre-conference information to registrants in electronic form rather than as paper copies in an effort to make our conference more environmentally sustainable as well as to save paper and postage costs. If you would prefer to have hard copies of conference information mailed to you, please call or email our office (608-250-9971, programs@wiscwetlands.org).

Please read the following below and follow links to our website for additional details:

- Program details (PDF with abstracts will be available for download by Jan. 22)
- Pre-conference social: January 31 at 7:30 pm at Piggy's Restaurant
- Registration reminders
- Silent auction: Wisconsin Wetlands Association fundraiser
- Accommodations
- How to get to the Radisson Hotel La Crosse (map, airport shuttle, and parking info)
- For additional information, visit: www.wiscwetlands.org/2007forum.htm

We encourage you to register at the pre-conference social the night before the conference at Piggy's Restaurant – get your nametag and conference packet (including presentation abstracts) early so you can plan ahead which presentations you want to attend. If you prefer to register the morning of the conference, our registration tables in the foyer at the Radisson will open at 8:00 am on Thursday, February 1. Please arrive in time to check-in and join the opening of the plenary session at 9:00 am. We will have coffee and snacks available during this registration period.

NOTE: Presenters, moderators, exhibitors and volunteers will receive additional information and instructions before the conference.

Feel free to contact our office if you have any additional questions, and we look forward to seeing you at the beginning of next month!

Sincerely,
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PROGRAM DETAILS: We have an exciting and full program planned, and will be posting a PDF of the program (including abstracts) on our website by Monday, January 22. Many other program details are already posted including details on session topics, speakers, presentation titles, the plenary session and keynote address, working group, field trips and our banquet. This year's conference features a special session, *Wetlands of the Upper Mississippi River Corridor*, on Friday morning. Organized with the help of several La Crosse-based members of our Advisory Panel, this session will include ten presentations largely focused on the response of riverine wetlands (vegetation, birds, fish and ecosystem functions) to large scale habitat restoration and water level management projects that have been conducted in the Upper Mississippi River corridor. View details for this and other sessions on our website at: www.wiscwetlands.org/2007program.htm

PRE-CONFERENCE SOCIAL & EARLY REGISTRATION, Wednesday, Jan 31, 7:00 PM:

We invite all conference participants to join us for a social the evening before the conference begins. Catch up with your wetland colleagues over a beer at [Piggy's Restaurant](#), a La Crosse favorite for several decades. At its new location in the historic Pioneer Foundry building, Piggy's is just a couple of blocks from the Radisson Hotel. This social will be held in the Lounge at Piggy's. For those of you who would like to review presentation abstracts and plan your conference schedule ahead of time, we will have a pre-registration table set up so that you may pick up your copy of the printed program and other conference materials at this social. Piggy's is located in downtown La Crosse at 501 Front Street South. For a map, visit [Piggy's website](#); select "Information" and then "Directions".

REGISTRATION: Our registration tables in the foyer at the Radisson will open at 8:00 am on Thursday, February 1. Please arrive in time to check-in and join the opening of the plenary session at 9:00 am. Upon check-in, you will receive a name tag and a packet that includes a printed program with abstracts. *Registration reminders:*

- **Banquet Dinner & Presentation - Resurrection of the Bayou People: Wetlands, Hurricanes, and Restoration** If you did not purchase a banquet ticket with your registration, but decide that you would like to attend, please let us know as soon as possible (608-250-9971 or admin@wiscwetlands.org). We have a limited number of seats for the banquet – tickets cost \$30 for conference participants / \$35 for the general public and we will accept payment for additional banquet tickets by phone or at the registration table. Read about the banquet dinner and presentation on our website at: www.wiscwetlands.org/2007banquet.htm.
- **Field Trips:** Both advertised field trips are full. We have recently added a third trip, *Wetlands in the City of La Crosse: History & Mitigation*, to be led by Larry Kirch and Adryan Slaght of the City of La Crosse. For a trip description, go to: www.wiscwetlands.org/2007fieldtrips.htm. To register for this trip, please contact us as soon as possible as space is limited and it is filling quickly (608-250-9971 or admin@wiscwetlands.org). *Please note that the field trips will go in almost any weather (except hazardous conditions). We've encountered a wide range of conditions on our February field trips. Please bring sturdy shoes and warm clothing to wear.*

SILENT AUCTION - WISCONSIN WETLANDS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER: A traditional part of the Wetland Science Forum, this silent auction is a great opportunity to support our wetland protection efforts while purchasing something fun to take home for yourself or your family. Featured auction items will include many wonderful pieces of original artwork and photography, signed and unsigned books, outdoor gear and clothing, specialty food items, travel certificates, event tickets, and wetland or outdoor themed items. The auction will run all day on Thursday Feb. 1 and will conclude following our banquet that evening. Funds raised will support our wetland protection efforts across the state of Wisconsin – bring your checkbook or credit card!

ACCOMMODATIONS: Our room block reservation at the [Radisson Hotel La Crosse](#) has a few rooms left and the deadline for reserving them under our group rate (\$62 single, \$92 double) has been extended **until January 25**. After this date there may be rooms available at the Radisson, but our group rate no longer applies. The [Holiday Inn](#) (608-784-4444) is right across the street from the Radisson and [Days Inn](#) (608-783-1000) is inexpensive, though it is about a 10 minute drive from the Radisson (this may be a good option for students because of the cost). For information on other accommodations in the La Crosse area, visit [Explore La Crosse](#) the website of La Crosse Area Visitors & Convention Bureau.

GETTING TO THE RADISSON LA CROSSE: The Radisson Hotel La Crosse is located at 200 Harborview Plaza on the riverfront in downtown La Crosse. Directions from I-90 are provided below. For a map and to get directions from any starting address, please visit the Radisson website: www.radisson.com/lacrossewi and click on “Map & Directions”.

- **Directions from I-90:** Exit on to Hwy 53 South (Exit #3). Travel south on Hwy 53 into downtown La Crosse (~3.5 miles). Once downtown, turn right on State St (just past Vine St.). After 1 block, turn left on 2nd St. The Radisson is on the first block on the right.
- **Airport Shuttle:** The Radisson provides shuttle service from the La Crosse Airport. If you are flying in, look for the Radisson Shuttle Phone in the airport baggage claim area. When you pick up the phone it calls the Hotel directly and you can ask for a shuttle pick up (~15 minute wait).
- **Parking:** Parking for Hotel guests and meeting attendees is complimentary. Hotel guests will receive parking tokens for the parking lot gate upon check-in at the reservations desk. Attendees not staying at the Radisson can pick up parking tokens at our registration table.