Prairie Rivers Network is Illinois’ advocate for clean water and healthy rivers.

We champion clean, healthy rivers and lakes and safe drinking water to benefit the people and wildlife of Illinois.
Thanks to our members, supporters, staff and board of directors, Prairie Rivers Network continued its trajectory of growth in 2013. Our programs are strengthened by a growing network of people and organizations that allow us to have more influence in pursuit of clean water and healthy rivers in Illinois. I am so pleased to be able to share with you the evidence, in both progress and financial stability, of another strong year for Prairie Rivers Network.

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**IMPROVING POLICIES**

**U.S. EPA ordered to set rules for safe disposal of toxic coal ash.**

Coal ash is the second largest industrial waste stream in Illinois. Until we get new rules, it will continue to be handled with little oversight, endangering water and public health.

Prairie Rivers Network has been working with a national coalition to get these much-needed regulations. In 2013, a federal court ruled in our favor, ordering the U.S. EPA to develop new coal ash disposal rules.

**Illinois proposed new comprehensive rules for the closure of coal ash dumps at coal-fired power plants.**

Pollution from coal ash has been found in the groundwater at every power plant examined in Illinois. For several years, Prairie Rivers Network has been investigating and highlighting pollution from coal ash dumps, leading to the development of critical new rules by the Illinois EPA that will help protect our water resources.

**Exposing coal’s drain on the Illinois economy.**

Prairie Rivers Network commissioned a report documenting state revenue related to the coal industry in Illinois, along with expenses and foregone revenue (through subsidies and tax breaks). The net impact for 2011 was a drain of $20 million on the state budget.
Traci Barkley speaks to the press about coal ash pollution.

Growing support for addressing invasive species in our rivers.

The man-made canal system in Chicago connects the Great Lakes with the Mississippi River basin, leaving both systems vulnerable to devastation from invasive fish, plants, and disease.

Prairie Rivers Network has been working with a coalition of Illinois and Great Lakes organizations to promote major rehabilitation of Chicago’s waterways to restore the natural separation between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins.

In June 2013, Governor Quinn publicly supported the idea, saying, “Ultimately, I think we have to separate the basins. I really feel that is the ultimate solution.”

Plans for near-term structural improvements are underway. They will address the Asian carp threat while improving water quality and paving the way for full separation.

Ruling means more accountability for U.S. EPA on nutrient pollution.

Nutrient pollution from sewage treatment plants, farms, and city streets is fouling Illinois waters, killing aquatic life and causing the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico.

The U.S. EPA has waffled for over a decade on setting legal limits for this pollution. In 2013, a federal court ruled in our favor, requiring the agency to make a decision. This gives us leverage as we keep the pressure on EPA to use all their available tools to reduce nutrient pollution.

Moratorium on new sand mines in LaSalle County provides time to improve mining operations affecting the Illinois River.

The Illinois River has seen a boom in sand mining because it is one of the few places in the U.S. with sand that is the right texture for use in hydraulic fracturing (fracking) operations.

Unfortunately, the moratorium came after the LaSalle County Board approved a controversial new mining operation adjacent to Starved Rock State Park; Prairie Rivers Network and our partners continue to fight that project.

Now we are working with other groups, citizen activists, and governments to craft improved planning for sand mining and the protection of natural corridors along the Illinois River.

PRN continues to educate farmers on conservation practices like these “Women Caring for the Land” workshop participants.

Robert Hirschfeld gathering stories and pictures along the Illinois river to highlight the impact of invasive species.

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Illinois and Mississippi Rivers

Chicago’s Stickney sewage treatment plant (the largest in the nation) will finally start removing phosphorus and nitrogen pollution from its wastewater thanks in part to years of pressure and a federal lawsuit by Prairie Rivers Network and our partners.

The Stickney plant is a major source of nutrient pollution in the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers, and ultimately to the Gulf of Mexico Dead Zone.

Vermilion County and the Salt Fork River

The proposed Bulldog coal mine in East-Central Illinois would have taken water from the Salt Fork River to wash coal and then discharged polluted water back to the river.

We worked with residents and advocates to slow the development of the coal mine: the Village of Homer will not sell water from the Salt Fork River, a proposed railroad spur needed for transporting coal was blocked, and leasing of mineral rights has slowed.

Big Bureau Creek

More farmers in the Big Bureau Creek watershed north of Peoria have incorporated cover crops and grassed waterways into their farms thanks to our outreach efforts. These practices decrease soil erosion and nutrient pollution.

Perhaps more importantly, these “early adopters” serve as examples to their neighbors, helping spread the use of these practices in the community.

Chicago and Calumet Rivers

In fall 2013, Chicago’s Metropolitan Water Reclamation District broke ground on new sewage disinfection facilities at two of its plants that discharge to the Chicago and Calumet Rivers. As a result of pressure by a large coalition that included Prairie Rivers Network, these plants will pollute less, making the rivers much safer for recreation.
STRENGTHENING THE NETWORK OF RIVER ADVOCATES

Heartland Coalfield Alliance

Founded by Prairie Rivers Network in 2010, the Heartland Coalfield Alliance continues to grow. The Alliance works to “reduce impacts from dirty coal mining, coal burning and coal waste disposal while promoting cleaner, more sustainable and affordable energy solutions.”

In June, we welcomed over 75 people from eight states to a retreat in Southern Illinois. Leaders from across the nation worked with attendees to build skills, networks, and campaigns to ensure that the true costs of coal are borne by the industry as we work to create a cleaner energy future.

River Bend Wildland Trust

Over the past two years, Prairie Rivers Network convened habitat conservation groups working along the Mississippi River in Illinois to foster better identification of needs and coordination of activities. An early outcome of the work was the formation of a new land trust targeting important river bottomland habitat in the Quad Cities area.

Sharing Compelling River Stories

In June 2013, staff members Elliot Brinkman and Robert Hirschfeld paddled stretches of the Illinois River from Chicago to St. Louis as part of a new storytelling and media initiative. Carrying cameras and microphones, they met with members of our network throughout the state, capturing interviews, videos, and photos of those who work, live, and play along the river. Using new communications media will help us reach bigger and broader audiences.

Statement of Activities

for the year ended December 31, 2013

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*Net assets at the beginning of the year include grant funds received in previous years earmarked for work in 2013. Similarly, net assets at the end of the year include grant funds earmarked for 2014 work.

Our finances are audited each year by an independent certified accountant and are available upon request. Our Federal 990 tax forms are also available upon request or through guidestar.org.
Thank You Members and Supporters!

We are grateful to our donors and funders, especially those who have been with us for many years. Your support ensures that the fight for clean and healthy rivers is carried on, and that the voices of the people make it to Springfield and Washington D.C. to combat the special interests that would avoid accountability for polluting and degrading natural resources.

If you are just getting to know Prairie Rivers Network, we invite you to visit our website at prairierivers.org and follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/PrairieRiversNetwork) or Twitter (@PrairieRivers). These are also great places to connect with others who share your interest in clean water, wildlife, and river recreation.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please don’t hesitate to get in touch!

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A special thank you to our community partners. We encourage you to support and thank those businesses and organizations that protect our rivers and streams.

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- Platinum $5,000 and above
  - McKenzie Wagner, Inc.*

- Gold $1,000–$4,999
  - Fox Development Corporation *
  - The Highdive
  - Marco Technical Documentation
  - Patagonia-Enviro Department
  - UpClose Marketing and Printing *

- Silver $500–$999
  - Blue Moon Farm
  - Common Ground Food Co-op
  - First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust
  - Paul’s Machine & Welding Corporation

- Bronze $250–$499
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  - Champaign Surplus *
  - Champaign Telephone Company
  - First Presbyterian Church of Urbana +
  - Laborers Local Union #393
  - Middlefork Audubon Society
  - National Wildlife Federation
  - Northwest Illinois Audubon Society
  - Robeson Family Benefit Fund
  - Salt Fork River Partners
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- The Lumpkin Family Foundation
- The McKnight Foundation
- National Wildlife Federation
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Ohio Citizen Action Education Fund
- Rockefeller Family Fund
- Women, Food, and Agriculture Network

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