



Chillicothe Bottoms--

Connecting Lands.....

Connecting People.....

Connecting People to the Land

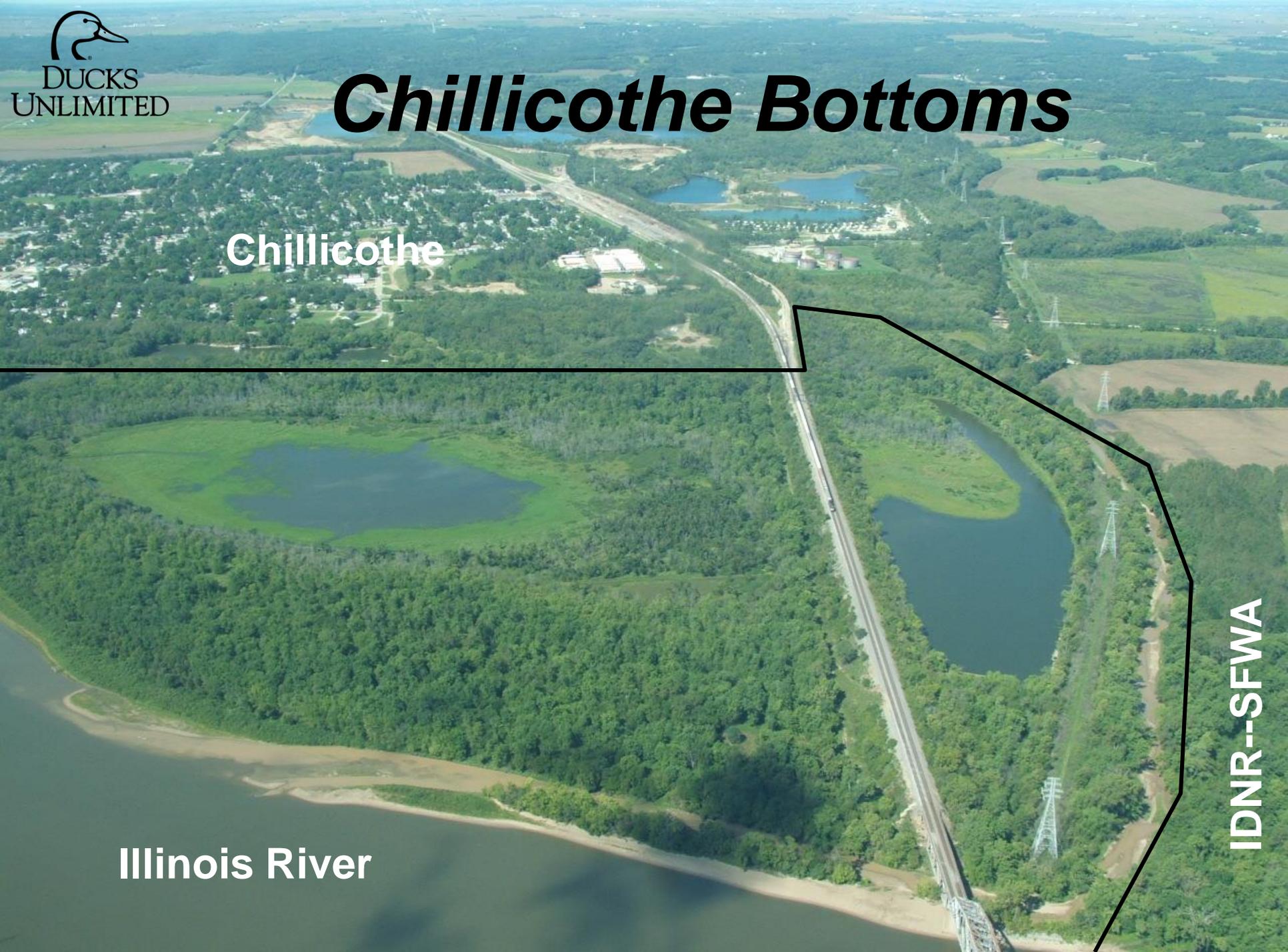


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Illinois River

IDNR--SFWA





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Goals:

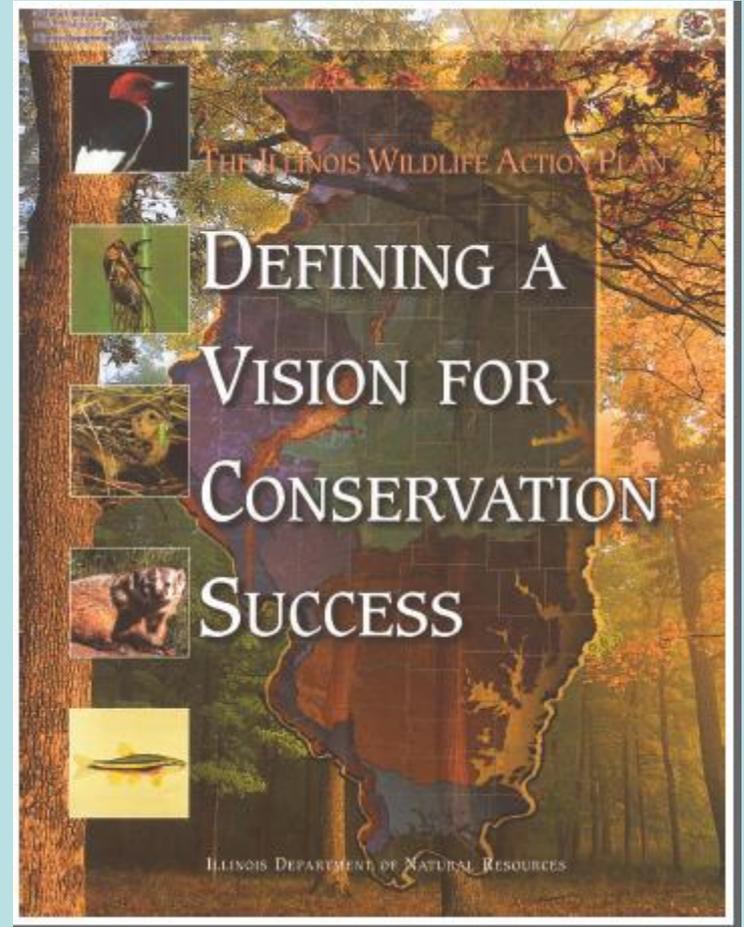
- **Protect & manage 232 acres in Middle Illinois River COA.**
- **Help build local capacity & support for conservation.**
- **Develop access program to engage public in conservation.**



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Illinois Wildlife Action Plan

- **Biological “Blueprint”**
- **Strategic Campaigns**
 - **Streams**
 - **Forests**
 - **Farmland & Prairie**
 - **Wetlands**
 - **Invasive Species**
 - **Land & Water Stewardship**
 - **Green Cities**

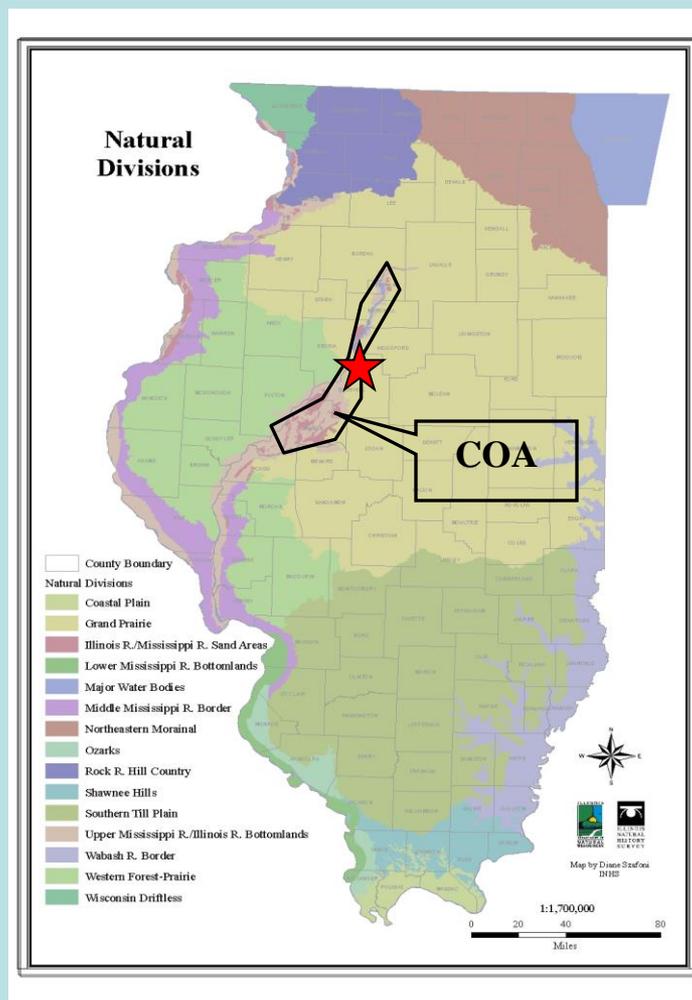




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Natural Divisions and Conservation Opportunity Areas (COA)

- **Upper Mississippi River & Illinois River Bottomlands**
Natural Division
- **Middle Illinois River**
Conservation Opportunity Area (COA)
- **Wetland Objectives**
 - Restore & Manage 20,000 ac.
 - Wood duck, spotted sandpiper, prothonotary warbler, et. al.



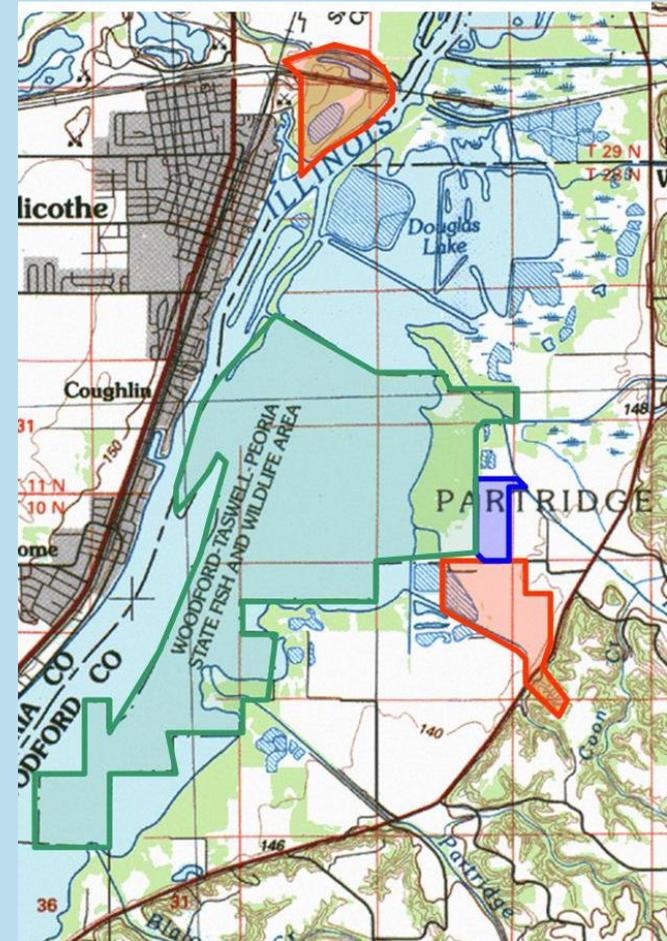


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One Project at a Time

Upper Peoria Lake Projects:

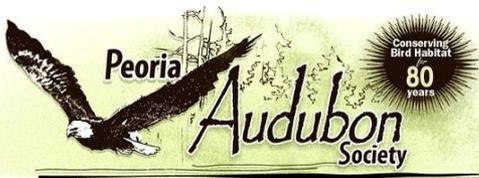
- Jenkins/VanZelst (242 ac.)
- Jenkins WREP (83 ac.)
- Chillicothe Bottoms (232 ac.)
- Woodford/Marshall SFWA



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**...by working together to achieve
common conservation goals.**



Conservation Partners--
Peoria Audubon and Ducks Unlimited



Peoria Audubon Society Sanctuary Initiative

- Began in 2000
- Preferably wetland habitat
- Benefiting both breeding and migratory species
- Accessible to the public
- Within 20-30 miles of Peoria
- Several sites were identified and evaluated
- Fundraising campaign initiated in 2000 to establish endowment funds for long term support
- Chillicothe Bottoms reviewed by Sanctuary Committee and determined to meet selection criteria in 2012



2012 Avian Survey

- 75 species of birds
 - 10 shorebird spp.
 - 8 Wood Warbler spp.

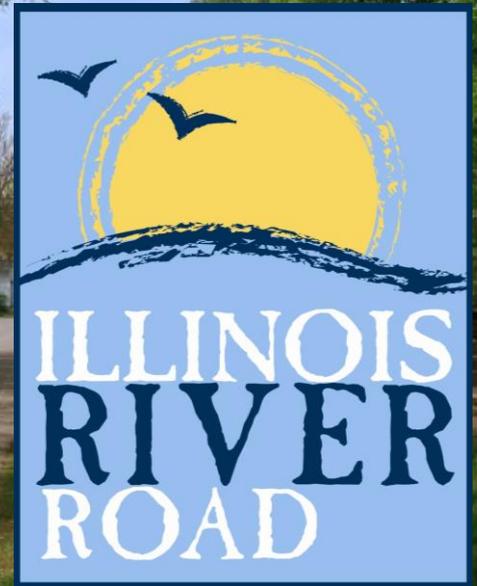
Birdwatching and Hunting in Illinois:

5 million wildlife viewers (\$765)

512,000 hunters (\$2,484)



Conservation Partner--
Illinois River Road National Scenic Byway



www.illinoisriverroad.org







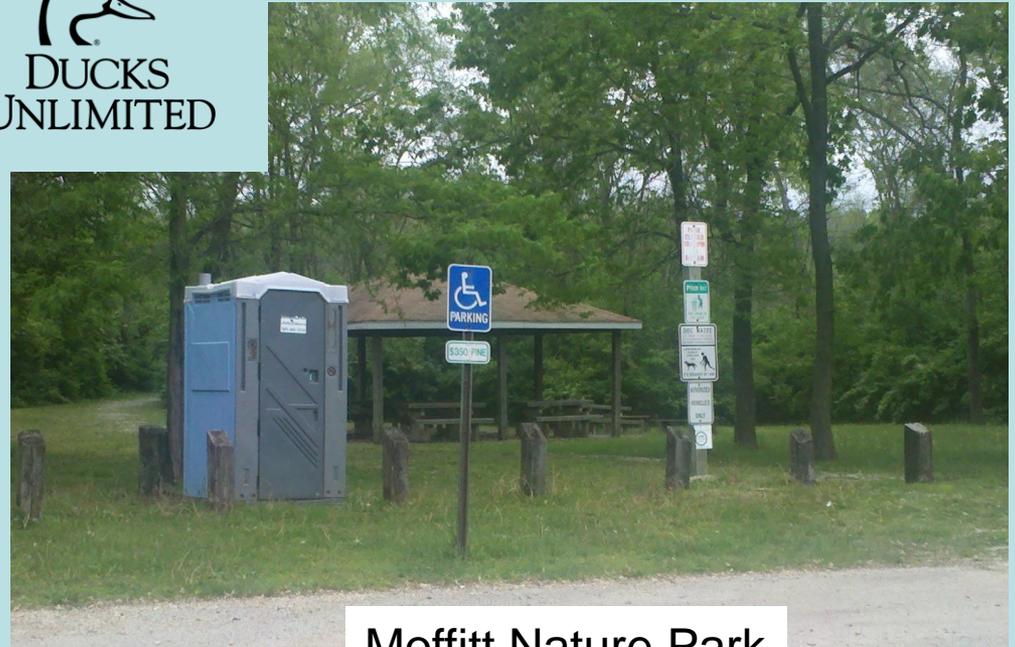
Conservation Partners--
City of Chillicothe (pop. 6,108)
Chillicothe Park District
Peoria Casting Club



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Shore Acres Park



Moffitt Nature Park



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Vital People for Vital Lands

