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# Kankakee River Watershed Conference

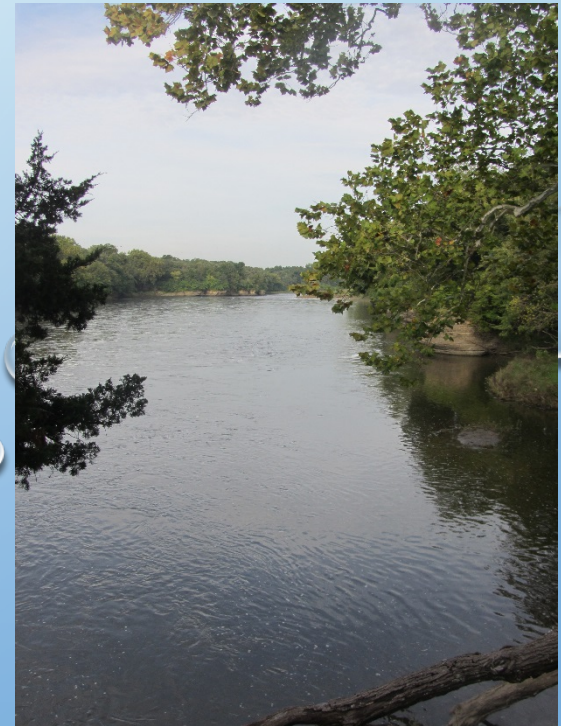
Kankakee: The River That Connects Us

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## **WELCOME FROM: PRESIDENT JOHN BOWLING, ONU**

### CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE:

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- **HOW MANY HAVE USED THE KANKAKEE RIVER TODAY?**
- **HOW MANY HAVE USED THE RIVER OR SITES ALONG THE RIVER FOR RECREATION IN THE LAST YEAR?**
- **HOW MANY HAVE CONSIDERED TAKING A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN CARING FOR THE LONG-TERM HEALTH OF THIS REGION'S MOST CRITICAL NATURAL RESOURCE?**
  - **LOOK AROUND YOU TODAY!**
    - **THE ENERGY & POTENTIAL!**





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## MULTIPLE USES – MULTIPLE STAKEHOLDERS

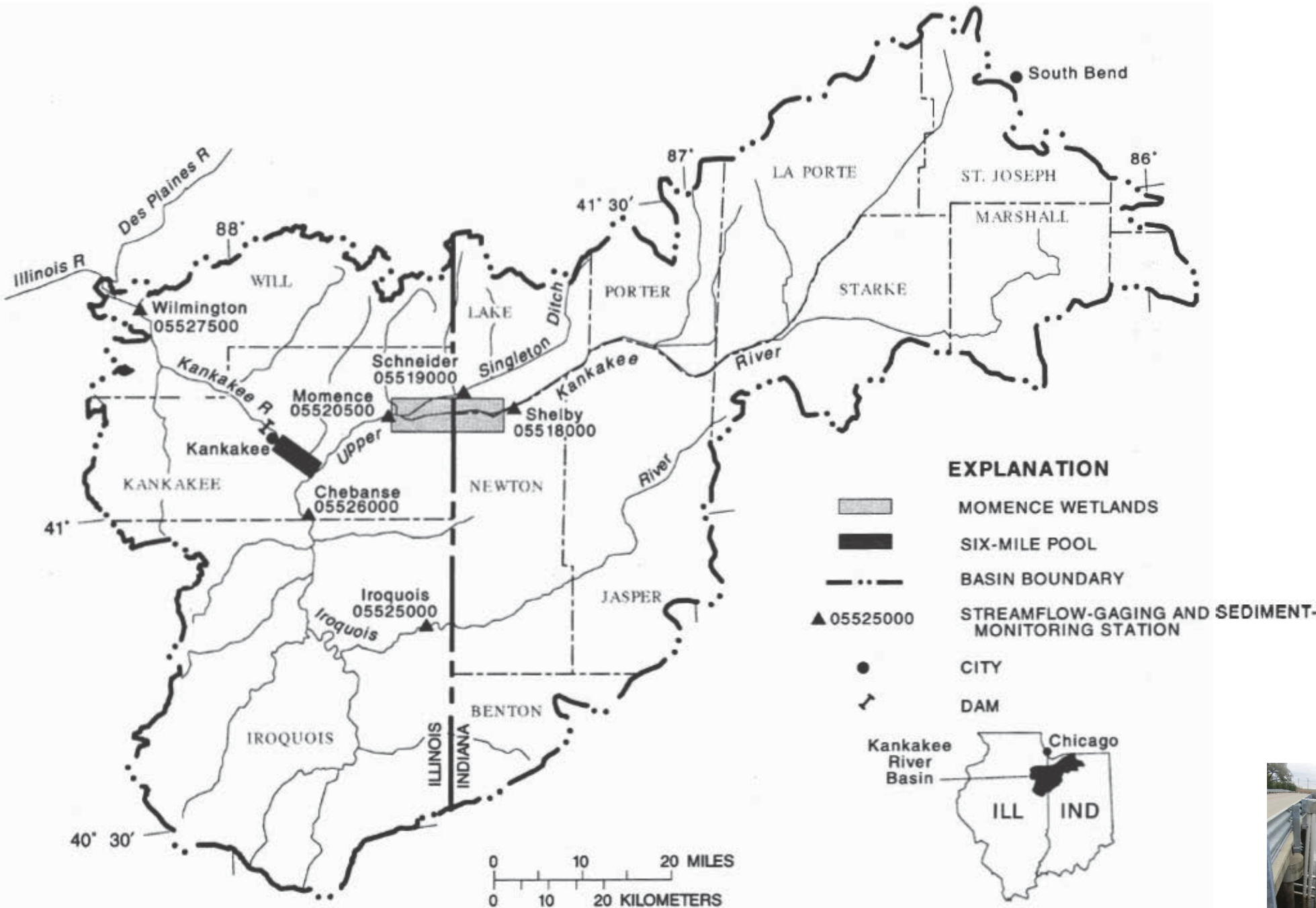
- AGRICULTURE
- DRINKING WATER/WASTEWATER
- RECREATION – QUALITY OF LIFE
- INDUSTRY
- NATURAL HABITAT
- FLOOD CONTROL



# KANKAKEE RIVER WATERSHED

DRAINS:  
2989 MI<sup>2</sup> IN  
2169 MI<sup>2</sup> IL  
7 MI<sup>2</sup> IN

NOTE:  
1) **IROQUOIS & YELLOW RIVERS;**  
2) **MOMENCE WETLANDS;**  
3) **GAGING STATIONS**





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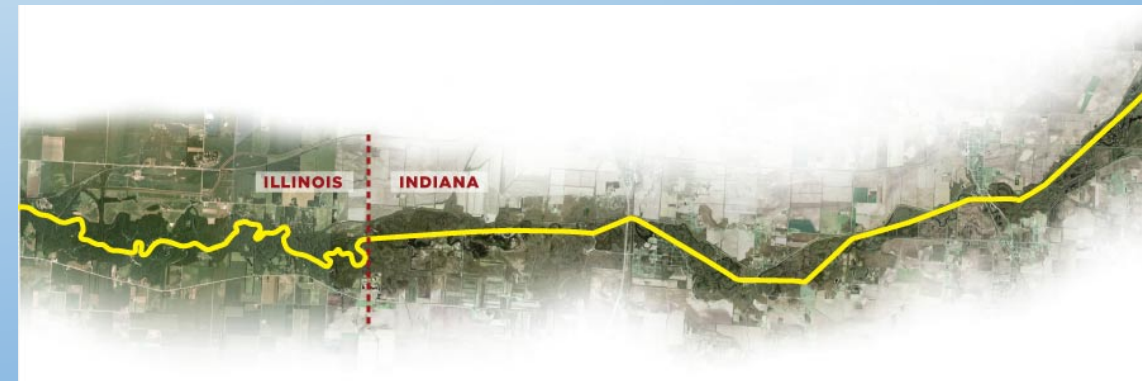
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## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

***Grand Kankakee Marsh – IN.***

Channelized (250 reduced to 90 mi)

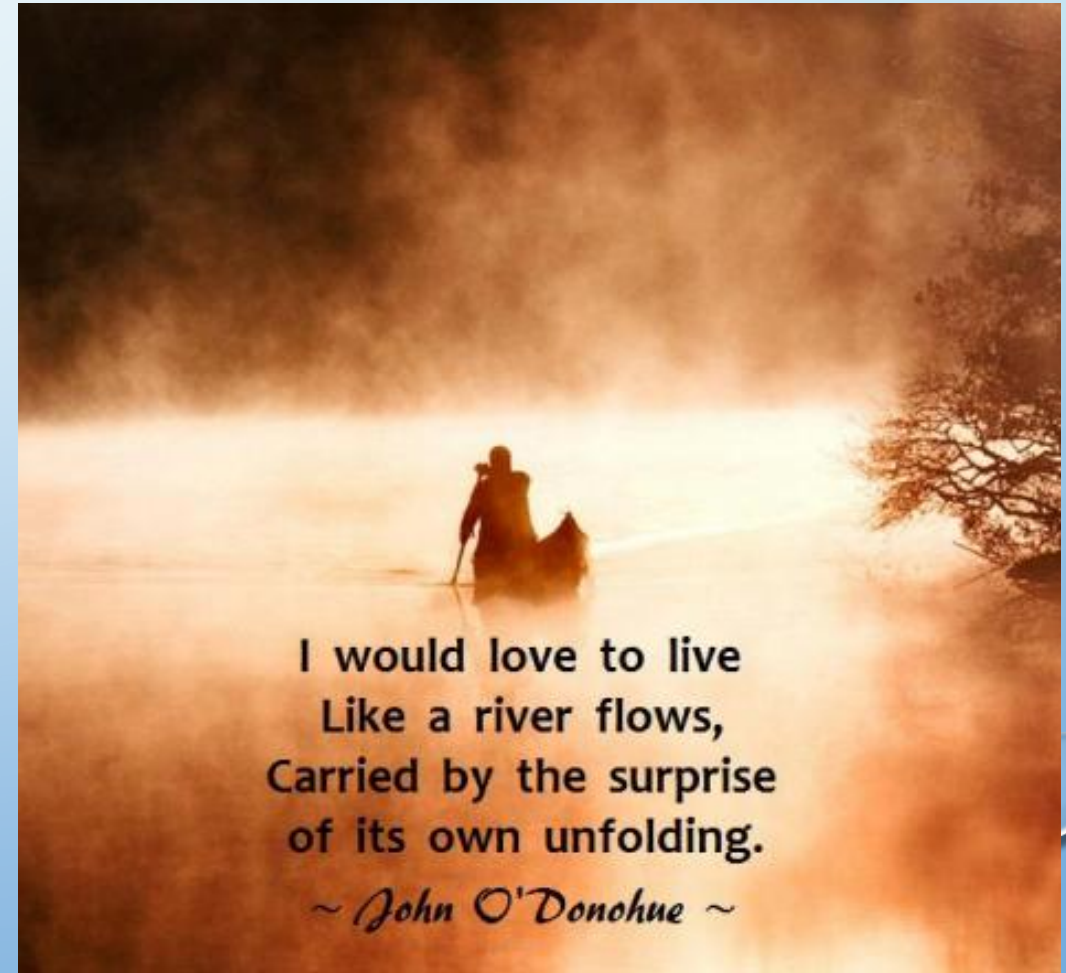
Natural flow in IL.



Kankakee River Awareness Program

**FOCUS TODAY:  
EDUCATION, CONVERSATION  
BRIDGING GAPS  
BUILDING NEW PARTNERSHIPS**

***Sustainable Stewardship*** of this essential natural resource is important for ***Everyone's Future!***





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TODAY IS A RARE  
OPPORTUNITY!

CONNECT;  
MAKE NEW FRIENDSHIPS;  
HAVE NEW  
CONVERSATIONS;  
THINK NEW THOUGHTS;  
ENJOY THE UNIVERSITY!



Life is like a flowing River of Opportunities...  
It's up to you to stand up with a Bucket or with a Spoon.

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