



Kankakee River Watershed Conference

Kankakee: The River That Connects Us

Feb. 10, 2017

WELCOME FROM: PRESIDENT JOHN BOWLING, ONU

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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!**



MULTIPLE USES – MULTIPLE STAKEHOLDERS

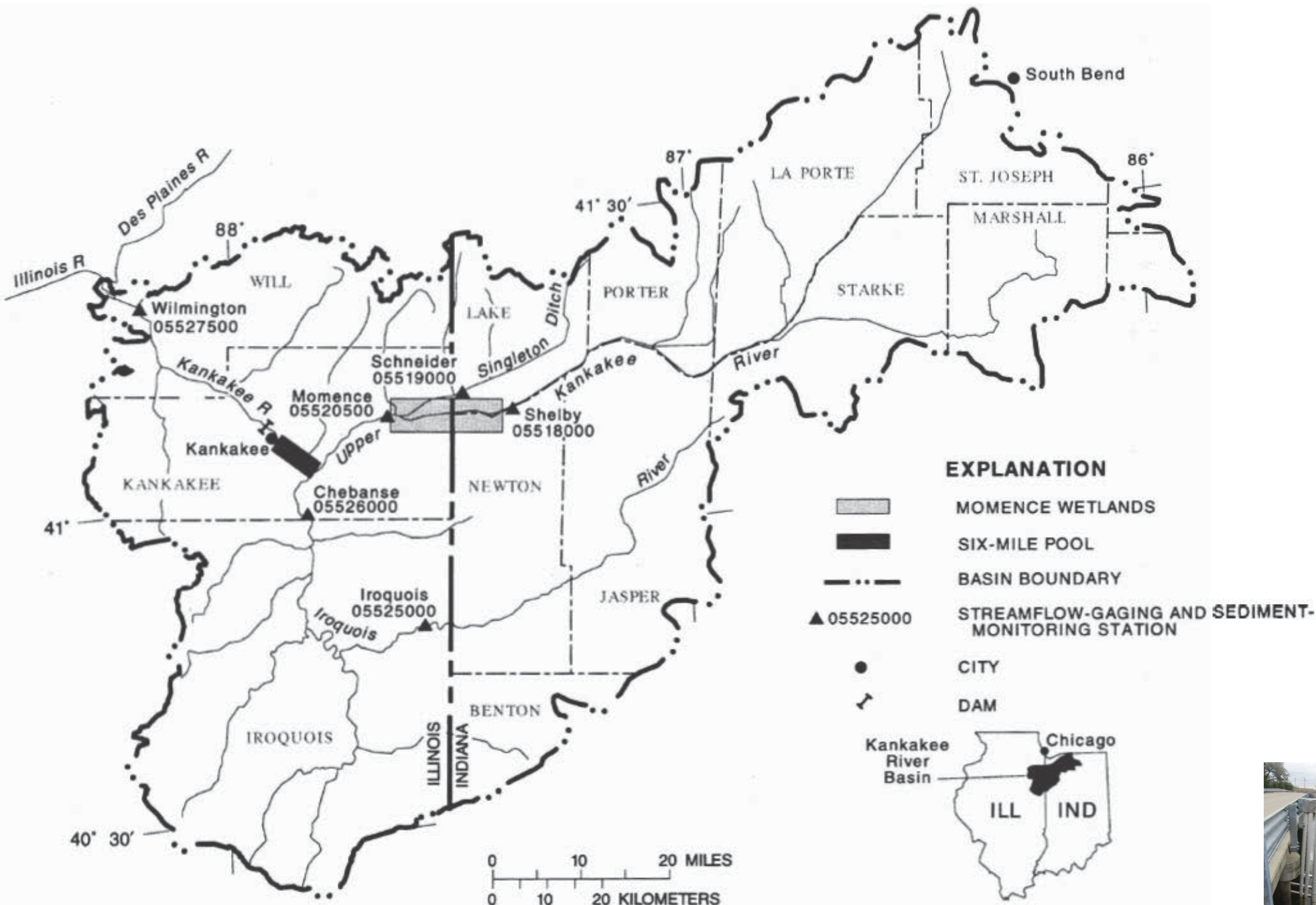
- AGRICULTURE
- DRINKING WATER/WASTEWATER
- RECREATION – QUALITY OF LIFE
- INDUSTRY
- NATURAL HABITAT
- FLOOD CONTROL



KANKAKEE RIVER WATERSHED

DRAINS:
2989 MI² IN
2169 MI² IL
7 MI² MI

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





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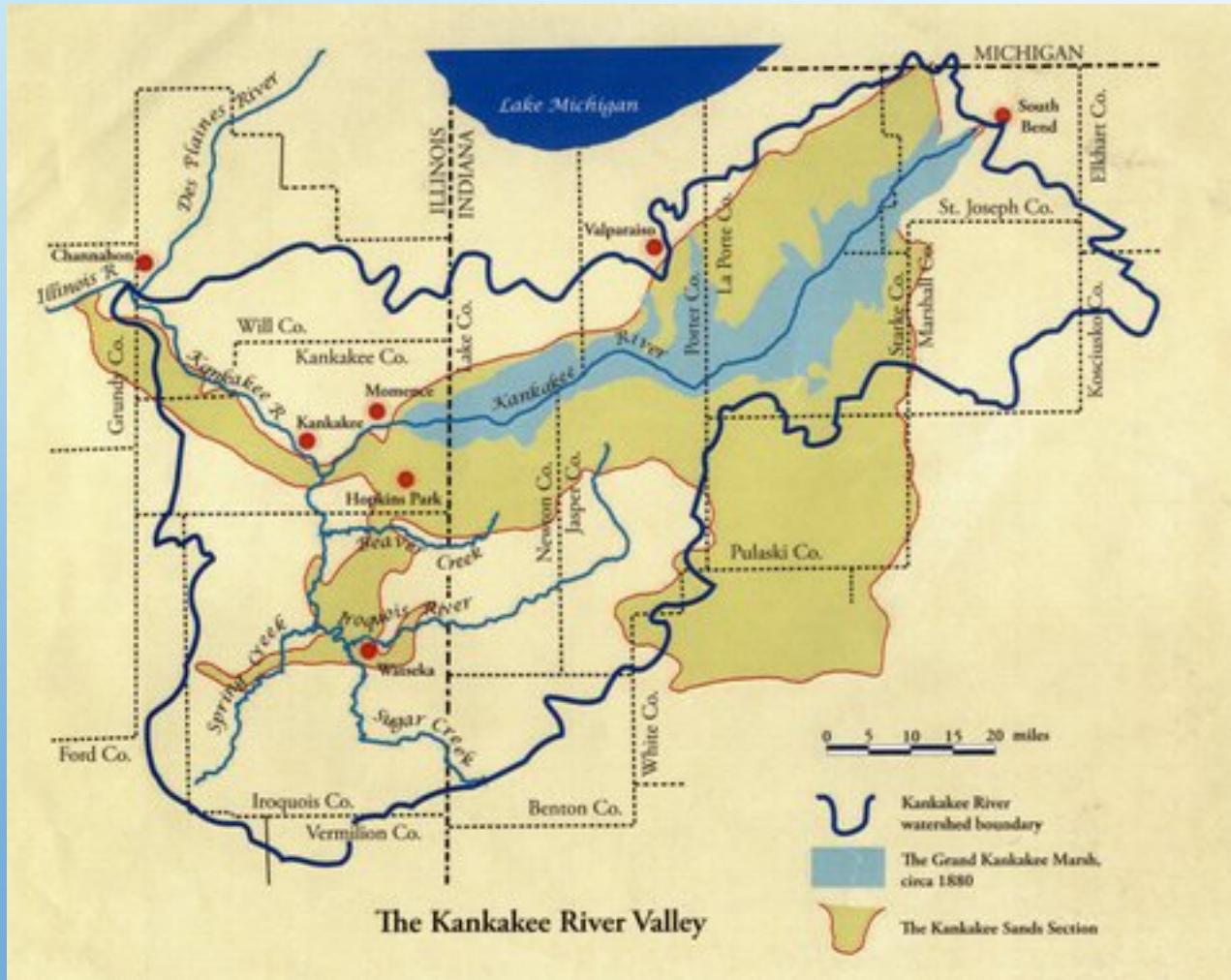
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HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

Grand Kankakee Marsh – IN.

Channelized (250 reduced to 90 mi)

Natural flow in IL.



Kankakee River Awareness Program



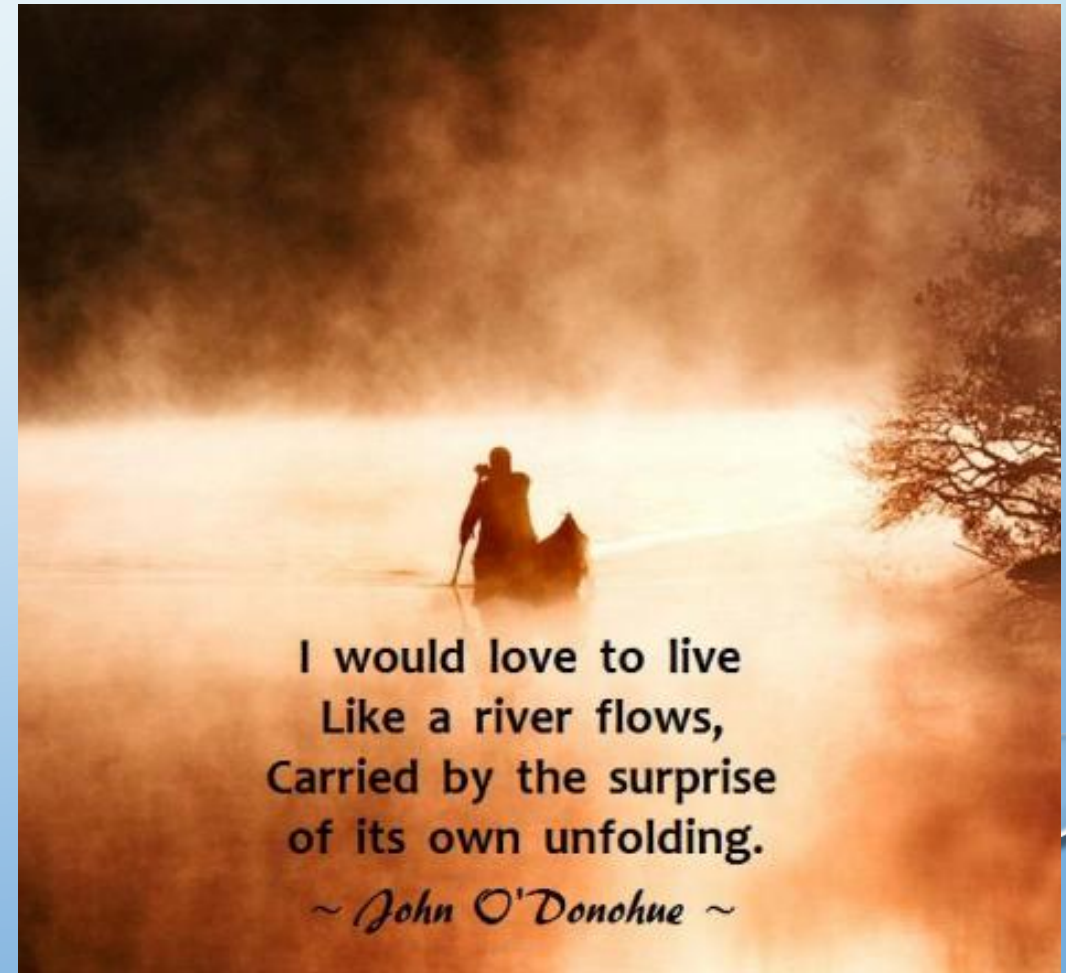
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FOCUS TODAY:
**EDUCATION, CONVERSATION
BRIDGING GAPS
BUILDING NEW PARTNERSHIPS**

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



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.