

2016 Eddy Awards

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contrary to the main current



Pat Stolley & Josh Rose

With this award, we recognize leadership in supporting area artists. Pat, who understands construction, how buildings go together, and their acoustic characteristics, partnered with Josh, who had the desire to lure a young audience and artists to Rock Island's 3rd Avenue. Together, they brought an underused building to life. Artists themselves - Pat has a band, and Josh is an artist - they never limit themselves, they live in the future. In creating something remarkable in their building, they have created community, too. Since 2014, when they took over the building, they have helped art expand from The District into downtown Rock Island's East End. They have remodeled, offered discount space for artist studios, created a recording studio, and offered affordable practice spaces. Working with Rozz-Tox, next door, they have been able to offer sound set ups for concerts. Their joint mission has been to add more life, diversity, and culture to the 3rd Avenue neighborhood. Now there are all sorts of overlapping events. Through their hard work, Pat & Josh have brought fresh life to the art and music scene in Rock Island.

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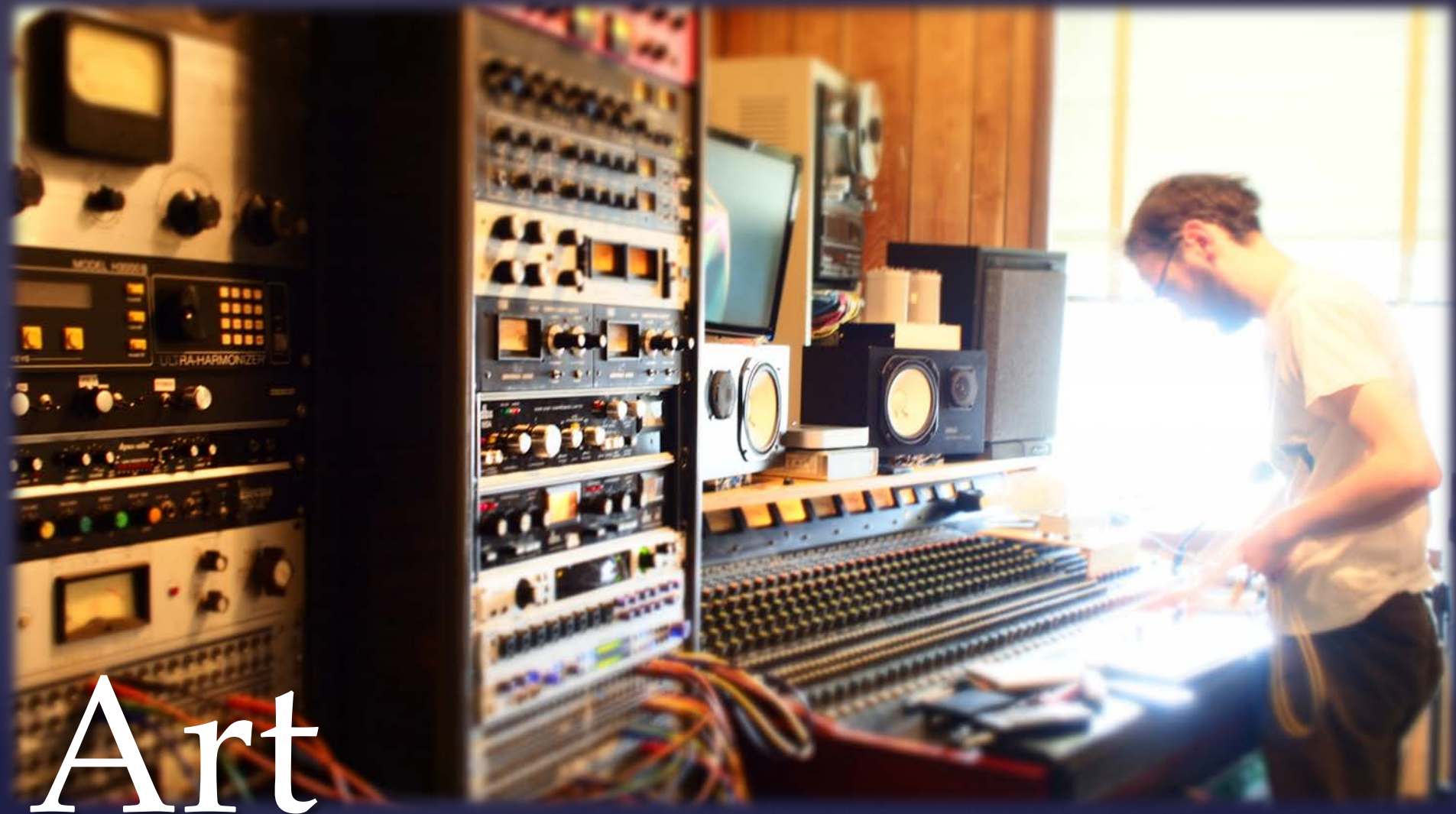
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Richard Bittner – Bechtel Trusts

It is mesmerizing; it informs as well as delights.. We applaud Dick Bittner & the Bechtel Trusts for their vision, placing this statue in Bechtel Park in view of the river. When it comes to a monument to Abraham Lincoln's role in Quad City history, you can bet that that Dick Bittner had something to do with its creation. Mr. Bittner, a lawyer, writer, historian, trust officer, community activist and outdoorsman himself, has been instrumental in making known Lincoln's legal vision, courtroom prowess, and pivotal role in advancing the transcontinental railway in Davenport. That includes Lincoln's greatest case in which he defended the Rock Island Bridge Company and the Railway Company when they were sued by the owners of the Effie Afton riverboat. Had the railroad lost the case, it might have been decades before another bridge spanned the Mississippi River; Westward expansion would have been hindered dramatically. Dick shared several Lincoln quotes at the statue dedication in February, one of which was Lincoln's response to the son of the bridge engineer who gave him knowledge of river currents, "I'm glad I came out here where I can find a little less opinion and a lot more fact." It appears Mr. Bittner's willingness to buck the current was also true of Mr. Lincoln. Dick Bittner has helped direct the resources of history to inform civic life in the Quad Cities area.

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Zachary Peterson

Zack's design plan aims to revive a distressed industrial site without losing its surviving assets, a working riverfront and fantastic views. This project draws people closer to the river. Its design is subtle, within a setting of public trails, parking, and in the future, one touchdown of the First Bridge project. Landscapes are for the long haul, and this park design underscores the remarkable power of good design. Zack has incorporated the Government Bridge work into the railings on the seawall, and the meandering river into the river promenade. Go see it on a day when the sun goes in and out of clouds. As we congratulate Zack on his Eddy Award, we acknowledge another award he will receive this month. He will be given an Honor Award for the design of River Heritage Park from the Iowa Chapter of ASLA, the American Society of Landscape Architects!

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Miss. River Eco-Tourism Center

Reading all that Mark Roberts, Education Director, has done, I get tired! What a doer! In a state of the art center in Clinton, on the Mississippi River at Rock Creek, he has built permanent displays and receives special traveling exhibits. The next two exhibits involve riverbanks, with a special emphasis on the box turtle in and around sand prairies on the Upper Miss, and the traveling exhibit of a 69' rattlesnake skeleton, due to open May 1st. According to our jury, the hardest task he has undertaken is "The Heron" and the many tours he has given on the Mississippi River backwaters. Operating a large pontoon boat is one thing, but the variety of tours, the number (at least 200 each summer), and the fact that he makes the program sustainable without passenger fares (a Coast Guard ruling requires that there be no charge for the narrated trips.) is truly remarkable. Whether you take an eco-cruise or visit the many displays, The Center has put together a package of facilities and services that will rival any on the river.

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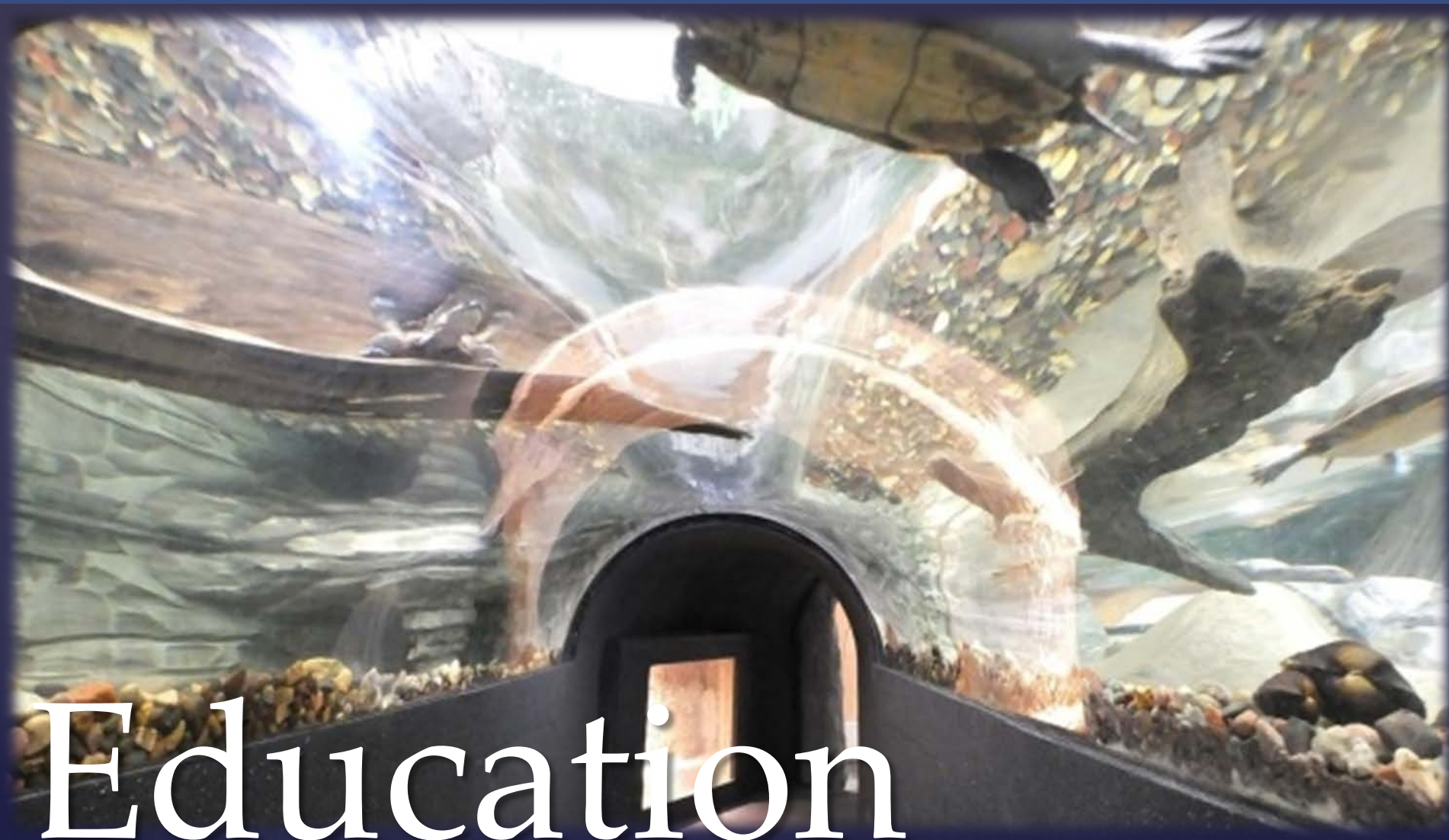
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Lisa Whalen

A whip smart teacher not content to limit lessons to the classroom, Lisa has opened the eyes of her students to the outdoors. She incorporates in her lessons the internet, teams, community speakers, field trips to Nahant Marsh, Duck Creek, Lost Grove Lake, and the Mississippi River. Her students conduct water testing, observe insects, waterfowl and plants. She's dynamic, positive, and real, and we are only at the beginning of her special brand of outdoor education. She would like to see a science academy in the Davenport school district in the future. Lisa is fearless. Following her curriculum and seeing the faces of her excited students makes us think we should all get out of our buildings more and question, am I smarter than a Lisa Whalen 5th grader?

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Renaissance Rock Island / MetroLINK

With persistence and resourcefulness, this team of Jeff Nelson, General Manager of MetroLINK and Brian Hollenback, Executive Director of Rock Island Renaissance, has gone from ambitious project to ambitious project. They have that rare combination of talents and resources to accomplish big developments such as the square block project known as The Locks and District Station in Rock Island. Their untethered creativity and commercial savvy answered the need for more market driven housing. In 2011, they created a Transit Line to Development Plan that called for market rate housing and a connection to inner city transit. Construction began in 2014, and when finished in 2015, 100 people were on the waiting list; every unit was taken two weeks after rentals began. With their great sense of innovation, these two men know what we are going to want to do before we do.

Revitalization

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City of Riverdale

The Eddy Award recognizes those who have taken the responsibility to promote projects, addressed the nitty-gritty questions of how projects will actually be funded, and how they will work when completed. The Riverdale extension of the Mississippi River Trail is one such integrated, long-range project, successful because of Mayor Sonja Paddock. Concerns of homeowners opposed to the trail, US 67 design trials, and where to find funding in a setting of a city of less than 1,000 population, she has tackled them all. The resulting trail that links Duck Creek Trail, the Mississippi Trail, Alcoa, and the entrance to Scott Community College, is an asset that looks like it has always been there. We know differently, and the jury applauds her hard work in helping to take the trail extension from design stage to completion.

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Brian Parkinson

Two things you should know about Brian Parkinson, a Rock Island County farmer: he wants to make the world a better place, and he won't wait for someone else to do it for him. With invention and innovation, he modified his corn and bean planters in the 1990's to plant no-till fields. Today he has gone undercover. He uses cover crops on his 1,300 acre farm to help slow soil erosion, increase soil organic matter, reduce compaction, and improve soil health. After experimenting with rye for several years, he can tell us cover crops do all of these things, plus reduce input costs and consequently increase profitability. Cover crops go together with no-till planting, he says, because they control erosion, keep nutrients in the field, and protect water quality. His grassed waterways, buffer strips, and terraces contribute, too. Brian is a steward of the land; he goes beyond saving topsoil to building it. He works with the Natural Resources Conservation Service of Rock Island, and shares his conservation success with neighbors.

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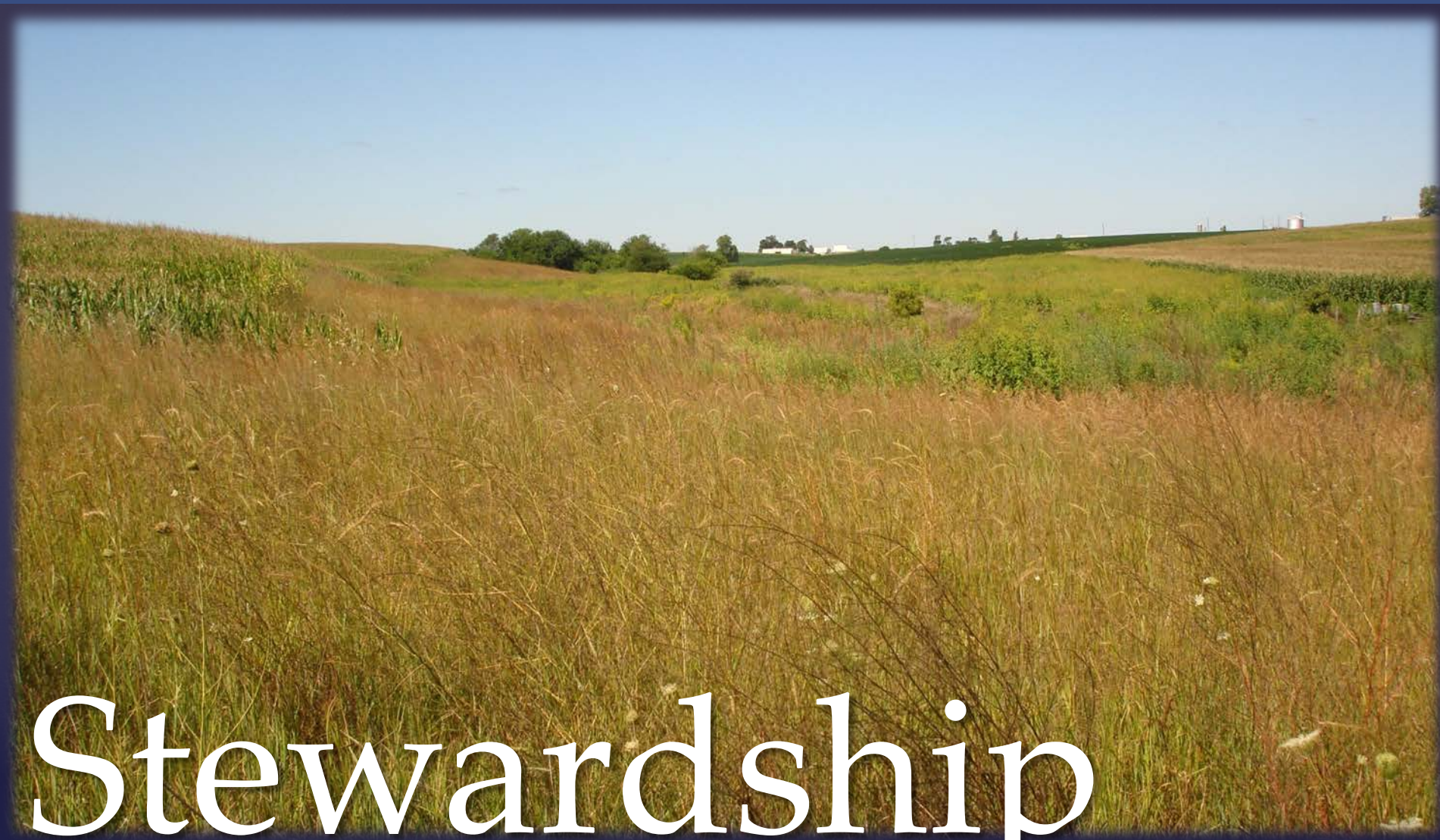
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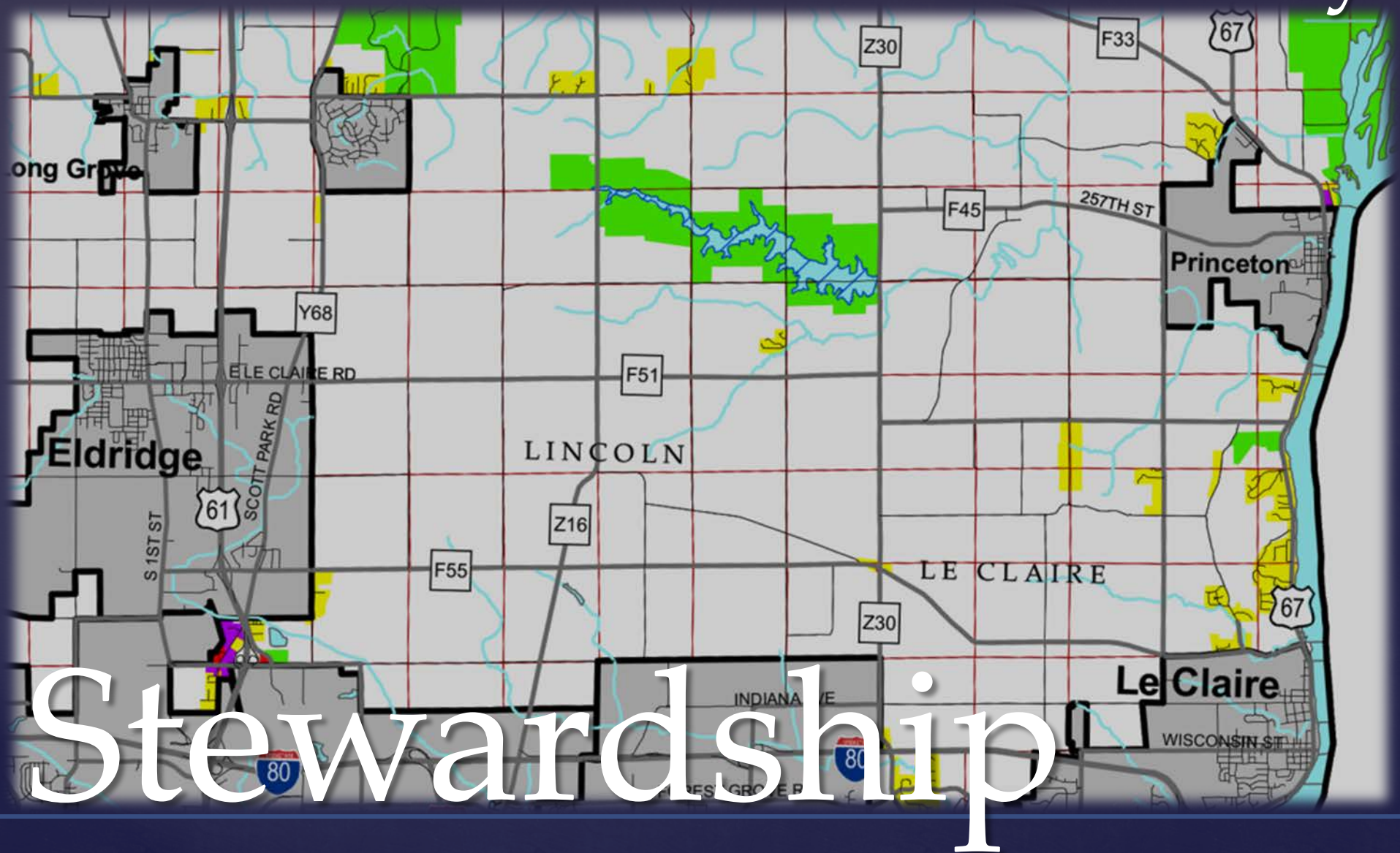
Tim Huey

In an era of polarization, it is easy to forget that cooperative efforts can work to tackle problems. With cooperation, a vision can become reality. Such was the case at Lost Grove Lake. When development was considered, Tim Huey helped preserve the water quality of Lost Grove Lake. Believing in sustainable growth, he helps the county decide how to best control its natural resources. As its Economic Development Director, he has helped find the balance between development and preservation. Tim had studied the Park View development over a period of time. He realized that development and housing around Lost Grove Lake, if implemented in the same way, would harm the quality of the lake's water. He prepared zoning that would prohibit development and assure conservation in the acres surrounding this north Scott County lake. As a result, tests show the water is very clean today. Fishing and recreation flourish as a result of Tim's zoning plan and Scott County's action.

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William Gluba

Bill likes to work big; it is a metaphor for his success. The Eddy Jury found his many successes on the riverfront worthy of special recognition. When asked where his passion for the river comes from, he answers 'from his childhood and his academic studies that delved into why his ancestors settled here.' Often, as mayor, he declared his mission was to build a world class riverfront on the Mississippi. To that end, he sold Viking River Cruises on the idea of making Davenport a Port of Call, led efforts to tear down storage buildings at the site of what is now the spray park in Centennial Park, led the tearing down of the Dock Restaurant, cleared the site, and created green space, established Veterans Memorial Park and preserved 43 acres of land for future park expansion, and was a founding member of the Mayor's Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative, a national advocacy group. Mayor Gluba worked closely with the Levee Commission and contributed greatly to RiverVision planning during his service as mayor from 2008-2016. Revive this major asset, our riverfront, don't lose it. That was his watchword. It is also his great legacy.

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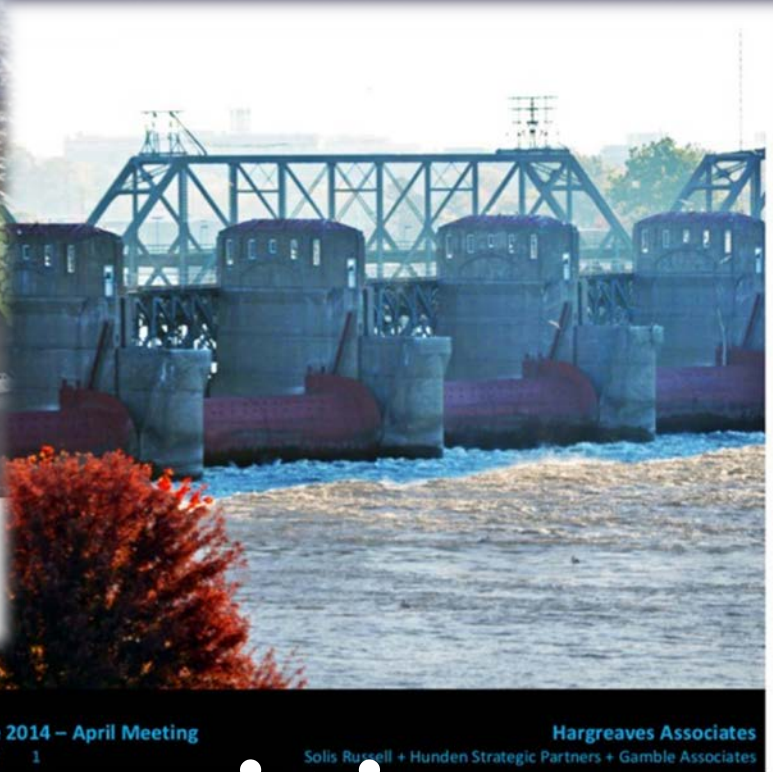
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River Advocacy

Tom & Pat Bolton

Tom and Pat believe people are basically good, and if you give them the opportunity to be good, they will be. This is how the couple have such a big following of volunteers for the many programs and projects they undertake for the Coast Guard Auxiliary, including travel to distant disaster areas like Katrina, the Quad City Bicycle Club, and River Action. Whether it is mounting a large safety plan with 16 boats for Floatzilla, creating the Grand Excursion Bike Ride from the Quad cities to St. Paul, volunteering for TOMROV, showing up at every “Tune up for Taming” event and patrolling and guiding paddlers, completing a flotilla of boats for Taming of the Slough, selling thousands of helmets for participants on Ride the River, or cleaning up a Channel Cat dock, the Boltons, the true Power Couple, inspire all who know and work with them.

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Walt Bassow

Captain Walter Bassow so ably runs his barge business, Mississippi River Fleeting, Buffalo, Iowa, that few would know how generous he is with his tow, barge, and time for non-profit groups. Regularly, Red White and Boom has called on him to provide the barge for the 4th of July fireworks. For twenty years, he has pushed upstream on Father's Day to carry bikes from Bettendorf to Moline on Ride the River. This has required resourcefulness when currents have been swift, docking has been difficult, and bringing loading ramps and life jackets has proved to be challenging. Yet, every year, Walt gives up Father's Day to volunteer and perform these duties at no cost to Ride the River. In addition, he invites participants on Riverine Walks, to tour one of his six tows and hear about the barge industry past and future. Walt is a volunteer extraordinaire!

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