



***To bring inspirational and educational environmental films to our community
encouraging grassroots activism for environmental justice and for the care of our planet***

Dear QCEFS Fans,

Thank you for helping to make the QC Environmental Film Series 2025 a blockbuster season! Despite some technical challenges, each movie event was a wonderful experience thanks to inspiring films, excellent reflection speakers and you!

Since we had a full house for our movies, it was time to look for a “bigger boat”! We’re happy to announce that our seventh season will be held at the Galvin Fine Arts Center at St. Ambrose University. Galvin offers not only a larger theater but also space for tabling with other organizations, closer parking and popcorn!

It was our fourth year to partner with the environmental clubs from Augustana College, Black Hawk College, North High School and St. Ambrose. Our partnership brings more students to our film series and most importantly brings their energy and passion for caring for our planet. All students receive free admission and school clubs receive a \$250 donation for their environmental projects.

Other highlights of the QC Environmental Film Series 2025 films were:

- The Stock Cropper inventor and farmer, Zack Smith, who was featured in *Food Inc. 2* was our reflection speaker for that movie.
- Todd Western III, whose family Heritage Farm dates back to the 1860s, was the reflection speaker for the movie *Farming While Black*.
- The producer/filmmaker of the movie *Ripples of Plastic* zoomed in to be our reflection speaker.
- *Giants Rising* producer/filmmaker traveled from CA to not only be our reflection speaker but also to speak to students at St. Ambrose University and Augustana College the following day.
- *Giants Rising* inspired St. Ambrose’s Green Life to plan an AWE Fair (arts, writing and ecology) giving opportunity to share poetry, artwork along with conservation clubs’ information.
- The Sustainability Lifestyle Fair was held before the movie *The Shitthropocene* and planned by Augustana Sierra Club students. There were a dozen vendors including nonprofits, libraries, outdoor clubs and eco-friendly businesses who participated.
- Students helped promote their movies by recording a River Way Story on WVIK, appearing on QC Live at KWQC as well as tabling on their campuses.

To help us continue to provide inspiring movies and speakers, that support our student environmentalists and other film series related events please consider becoming a QCEFS underwriter for \$300 a season or \$750 for 3 seasons. As an underwriter, you will receive a season pass and recognition for your support. For more information, please contact April Kleckner at River Action (563.322.2969) or email April at aprilkleckner@riveraction.org. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to seeing you at the movies in 2026!

Sincerely,

QC Environmental Film Series Committee

River Action, Nahant Marsh Education Center, Fourth Wall Films, Partners of Scott County Watersheds and Sierra Club Eagle View Group