



JUNE 24, 2016 CONFERENCE TOURS

Both tours will depart at 8:30 a.m. from the Florian Keen Parking Lot, 600 W. River Dr., Davenport, IA 52801 (this is the parking lot just north of the Modern Woodmen Baseball Stadium) and return at noon. No lunch is provided, but there are many great restaurants downtown. *The tours are optional and are included in the conference fee.*

TOUR 1

Site 1: Green Valley Nature Preserve, *City of Moline*

Rodd Schick, City of Moline- Park Operations Manager will discuss the history of the site and ongoing restoration efforts at the preserve. In addition to a wetland project completed by River Action, LLC, Living Lands and Waters and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service partnered to restore three acres of hard mast producing trees along the Rock River at the preserve.

Site 2: Deere & Company World Headquarters, *Moline, IL*

Located just north of the headquarters building, this 24 acre prairie was the vision of a past CEO.

Site 3: Illiniwek Forest Preserve, *Hampton, IL*

Mike Peterson, Forest Ranger, will discuss ongoing Prairie Restoration Efforts at Illiniwek Forest Preserve. A total of 4 acres of short and tallgrass prairie have been created on what once was mowed turf grass.

TOUR 2

Site 1: Von Maur E-Commerce Center, *Davenport, IA*

Nick Bates from the company will share how Von Maur corporate headquarters has reduced mowing, improved aesthetics, and added pollinator and other animal habitat by planting prairie and installing a pond in which trumpeter swans are reared.

Site 2: Spin Williams' Farm and Kerry Meyers' Farm, *Stockton, IA*

Spin Williams is a Major League Baseball Coach and advisor with the Washington Nationals. His 30 acre property in Scott County, Iowa, features restored prairies and wetlands, and honey bees. Kerry Meyer is neighbors with Spin and is a conventional farmer who uses some best practices, including buffer strips, CRP, etc.

Site 3: Wapsi River Environmental Education, *Dixon, IA*

The Wapsi River Environmental Education Center is part of the Scott County Conservation Board System. Wapsi Staff will discuss forest and prairie management that helps to benefit pollinators.