



Save the Dates – November 19-20, 2014

Join us for a unique workshop on

Bioenergy and Sustainable Agriculture: Perennial Biomass Crops for Multiple Benefits

Location: Richland Community College, Decatur, Illinois

Green Lands Blue Waters (GLBW) and the **Agricultural Watershed Institute (AWI)** cordially invite you to attend a workshop on perennial biomass crops grown for renewable energy, forage or bioproducts plus environmental benefits. Workshop participants will:

- Explore synergies and trade-offs between biomass production and environmental goals
- Learn about logistics, energy conversion technologies, and markets for grass biomass
- Develop strategies to overcome obstacles and implement projects in Midwest watersheds or fuelsheds

Who should participate? The value of this workshop will come largely from exchange of ideas, information, and viewpoints among leading experts, key stakeholders, and decision makers including:

- ✓ Agricultural producers, landowners, and conservation professionals
- ✓ University-based researchers
- ✓ Agricultural, energy, and conservation agencies at the federal, state, and local level
- ✓ Environmental and agricultural nongovernmental organizations
- ✓ Business and industry, including bioenergy entrepreneurs and energy end-users
- ✓ Foundations and investors interested in renewable energy and sustainable agriculture

Workshop Content: Plenary and concurrent sessions will address topics including:

- The GLBW vision and plan for transformational change on the agricultural landscape
- How perennial biomass crops can help mitigate climate change and Gulf hypoxia
- Landscape design for co-production of biomass plus clean water—habitat—CO₂ reduction, etc.
- Economics and policy innovation, including payments for ecosystem services
- Biomass supply chains, markets/enterprises, and technologies: Opportunities & challenges
- Case studies of watershed projects for perennial biomass crops & other CLC systems
- A special **Sangamon Watershed Celebration** on the evening of Nov 19 will feature Cajun food & music and a keynote address by marine ecologist **Dr. Nancy Rabalais**, director of the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium and a leading expert on hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico.

GLBW supports development of and transition to a new generation of multifunctional agricultural systems that integrate more perennial plants and other continuous living cover (CLC) into the landscape. **AWI**, a nonprofit based in Decatur, Illinois, leads a collaborative project to promote perennial crops for bioenergy, forage, clean water and wildlife in the Upper Sangamon Watershed.

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