



**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—CO<sub>2</sub> 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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