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ERMA is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization funded through dues, grants and donations.

MEMBERSHIP: Individuals, corporations, businesses, local governments, organizations, etc. are encouraged to join. Dues are \$20.00 for 1 year or \$50.00 for 3 years.

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DONATIONS: Donations are of utmost importance in supporting our conservation work and are tax deductible. Keep **ERMA** & Conservation in mind for donations, fund raisers, memorials, and estate bequests.

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Embaras River Watershed



Embaras River Basin			
Acreege of Each County in Basin			
County	Total Acres	Acres in Basin	% of County
Champaign	640,000	89,970	14.1
Clark	323,200	139,450	43.1
Coles	324,480	224,980	69.3
Crawford	282,880	178,620	63.1
Cumberland	221,440	201,500	91.0
Douglas	268,740	189,930	70.7
Edgar	401,920	122,830	30.6
Effingham	308,480	2,700	0.9
Jasper	316,800	214,880	67.8
Lawrence	239,360	165,940	69.3
Richland	232,960	32,680	14.0
Vermilion	574,720	2,970	0.5
TOTAL Basin Acres — 1,566,450			

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“OUR CONSERVATION GOALS”

ERMA remains focused on the preservation and restoration of the natural character and resources of the Embarras River Watershed.



Improve Water Quality & Quantity



Reduce Soil Erosion & Stream Sedimentation



Implement Flood Reduction Projects

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ERMA, with adequate funding, will continue to implement the goals and objectives identified in the Embarras River Basin Resource Management Plan.



Promote Conservation Education



Preserve & Enhance Fish & Wildlife Habitat



Improve Recreational Opportunities

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...Lending Nature A Helping Hand

The Embarras River begins on the campus of the University of Illinois and runs generally southward for 192 miles through rural and agricultural land until it converges with the Wabash River in Lawrence County. The Embarras River Watershed encompasses approximately 1.5 million acres and is home for over 130,000 citizens.

The Embarras River Management Association (ERMA) is a not-for-profit corporation formed in 1993 by local landowners that were concerned about protecting and enhancing the natural resources within the Embarras River Watershed. With assistance from the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), ERMA developed the comprehensive Embarras River Basin Resource Management Plan (1996), which provides long-term solutions to the existing resource concerns.

In 1997, the Embarras River Watershed was recognized as a National Watershed Model for its planning efforts. As a result of developing the Resource Management Plan, the entire Embarras River Watershed was designated as a Conservation Priority Area under the *Environmental Quality Incentives Program* through the NRCS.

During the last seven years, ERMA has been successful in obtaining over \$6 million in funding through available state and federal conservation programs and grants that was utilized for conservation projects, education and research in the Embarras Watershed. ERMA makes a difference for conservation.