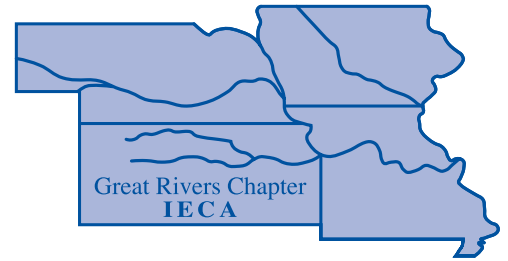


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### President's Column *by Don Thieman*

My name is Don Thieman and I am the newly elected president of the Great Rivers Chapter. This is a very exciting time for our chapter. We have 2 new additions to the Board, Dennis Hagg from Tetra Tech EM, Inc. and Doug Norsby from The City of Lenexa Kansas and we have the enforcement of Phase II of the Clean Water act coming to fruition. I feel very fortunate to be apart of this chapter and being allowed to direct and guide us into a new era in Erosion and Sediment Control.

When I realized what I had gotten myself into by being elected to this position, I decided to get myself focused on what kinds of things people wanted to get out of the chapter and what I thought was important to its future.

*I created the following personal goals for the chapter:*

- ✓ **Increase Membership**  
Membership provides us the financial support and the network to continue. We will again work hard this year to provide value to our members so that they perceive a true value in their membership.
- ✓ **Advance the use of CPESC**  
CPESC, Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control, is a program that many of our membership and related professionals could participate in. It is a very large "feather in the cap" of professionals in our business. I, myself, plan to take the test and become certified. Anyone interested in joining me can call me and we can do it together.
- ✓ **Update and add to our website**  
<http://www.greatriversieca.org/>  
We need to keep people coming back to it with projects, events, updates and other information of interest.
- ✓ **Continual Conference Improvement**  
We had a spectacular conference in Kansas City in 2002, an awesome Spring 2003 conference in Lincoln and are already working on the 2003 Annual Conference in Kansas City as well as the 2004 spring conference in Columbia, MO. By continuing to add value to these conferences, our attendee numbers will grow and our word will get out to even more professionals.

One other comment I would like to add to this rambling for my first president's column is something that I realized on vacation this spring going to the Black Hills of South Dakota. I frequently get frustrated when, after being in this industry for 7 years, I still see cut slopes with no mulch or silt fence and creeks close by, or track hoes in creek channels with no protection or simple drainage swales with rip rap instead of the more aesthetically pleasing vegetated swales. When driving to South Dakota, I realized we have definitely made an impact. BMP's for effective E&S control are being performed at a much higher rate than they were. While not every site is perfect, we have much to be proud of and a lot of good things to show for all of our hard work. Be Proud, now get off your rear end and get back at it! There is a lot more to be done!!!

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# Monticello Lake & Park PROJECT

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The engineering study and design of the proposed Monticello Lake and Park Project, Lenexa, Kansas, has resulted in the development of several innovative solutions for management of storm water within a rapidly urbanizing environment. Through a series of public review meetings with concerned citizens, a final selected storm water management alternative was developed. To meet project goals, the selected alternative seeks to conserve environmental quality, reduce the risk of flooding, provide recreational opportunities and create community amenities supportive of quality development in an economical manner.

The selected alternative integrates upland best management practices (BMPs), stream restoration and conservation and regional storm water detention. The alternative proposes a system of innovative in-stream wetland treatment "eyebrows" and chain of lakes and wetlands that provide flood detention, improved water quality, stream flow augmentation, greenway trails along

with interpretive signage. The system of lakes, streams and wetlands also includes wetland and riparian filters as well as the installation of upstream best management practices such as infiltration galleries and aggressive erosion and sediment control practices.

The project is part of a larger effort to inventory and conserve stream corridors in the developing western portion of the City of Lenexa. The inventory and rapid ecological assessment of stream corridors helped to develop a ranking system to rate riparian habitat quality for each stream segment. High quality environs in the upland areas of Coon Creek watershed and other undeveloped areas of Lenexa were also identified. The project includes revisions to local storm water engineering performance standards for storm water to facilitate more environmentally sensitive site design and construction practices. The revised standards incorporate water quality best management practices such as bioretention and other "green solutions" for storm water storage and conveyance.



## Calendar Of Upcoming Activities & Events

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

2003 IECA Great Rivers Chapter Annual Conference  
The ABC's of BMP's CPESC Tutorial Included  
Keynote Speaker - Andrew J. Reese, PE, VP  
or AMEC Earth and Environmental, Inc.

**September 10-12, 2003**

The American Planning Association  
Missouri Chapter Conference  
Creating Communities - Springfield, MO  
<http://www.planning.org/chapters/conferences.html>

**November 12-13, 2003**

SCIECA Fall Conference and Expo  
Houston, TX  
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**March 2004**

2004 IECA Great Rivers Chapter Spring Workshop  
Columbia, MO

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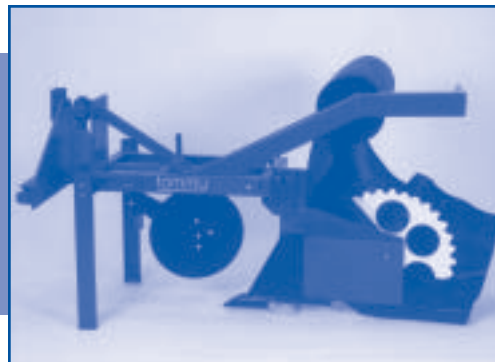


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