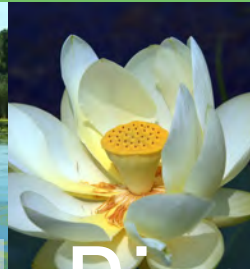
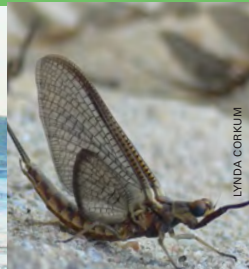


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Nestled amidst the southern Detroit metropolitan area, the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (DRIWR) is a shining example of the resurgence of native species within an urban region. Established in 2001, the DRIWR includes 48 miles of Detroit River and western Lake Erie shoreline, stretching from southwest Detroit to Erie Marsh, north of Toledo. The Refuge has grown to over 5,000 acres.

### Our priorities for the International Wildlife Refuge:

- Restore habitat for fish and wildlife
- Grow Refuge lands and partners through cooperative agreements and acquisitions
- Provide public opportunities for wildlife-compatible recreation and environmental education

The DRIWR is a new model for conservation: restoring habitat in an urban area through public-private partnerships. It is a blueprint for the revitalization of nature in urban centers across the nation.



Working to support the mission of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge



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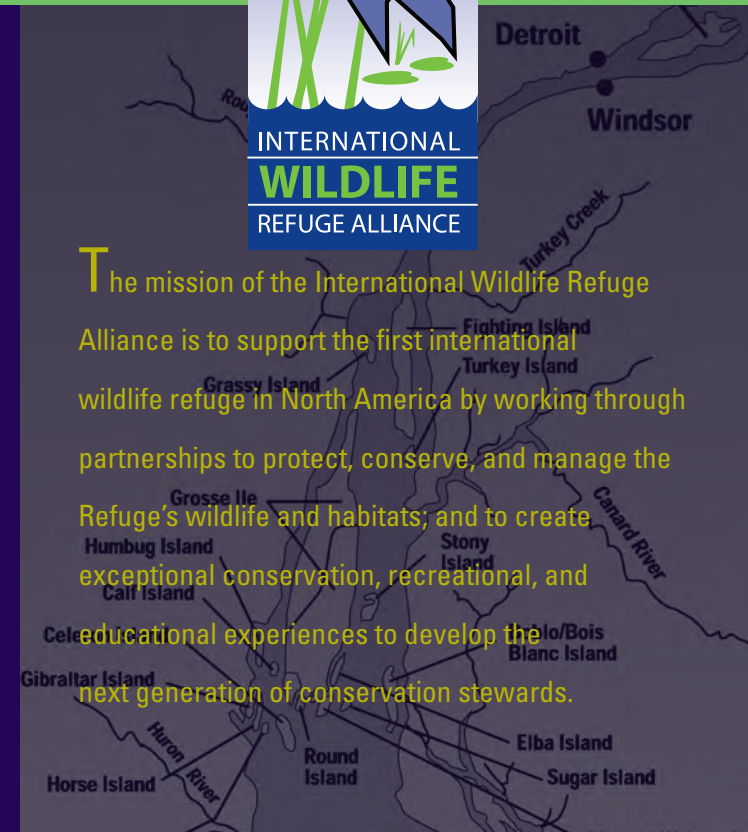
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# WHO IS THE INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE ALLIANCE?



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Humbug Marsh

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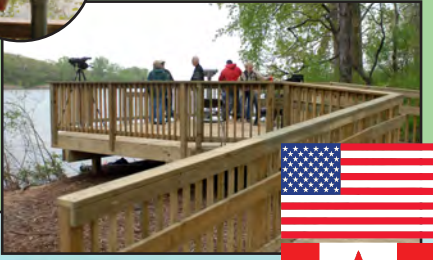
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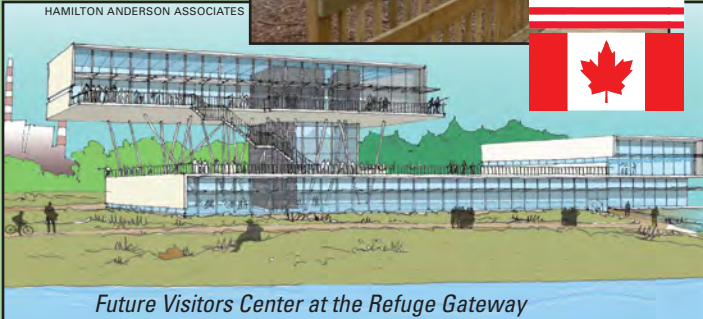
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Wildlife observation deck at Humbug Marsh



Future Visitors Center at the Refuge Gateway

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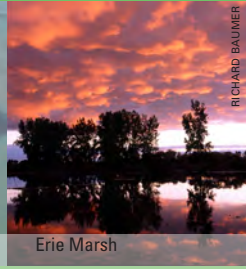
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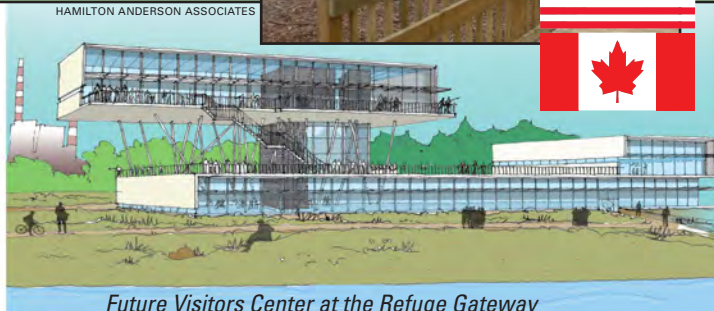
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## Supporting North America's first International Wildlife Refuge!

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### Programs and Projects -2008

The **Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge** is rapidly acquiring a national reputation for effective public-private partnerships. We work to enhance those partnerships in support of the Refuge. Our priorities include:

- building awareness of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge;
- constructing an environmental education shelter at the Humbug Marsh Unit;
- providing outreach and educational events for the public;
- coordinating volunteers to help with habitat restoration and other Refuge projects;
- hosting recreational events, such as *Paddle By Your Refuge*;
- developing trails at the Humbug Marsh Unit;
- supporting the conservation of endangered species in the Refuge;
- rehabilitating and conserving habitats throughout the Refuge;
- promoting eco-tourism and the *Byways to Flyways* project &
- improving quality of life through conservation efforts.

We are an independent 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. Financial information is available at [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org)