

# Community Science at NGRREC

The National Great Rivers Research and Education Center (NGRREC) is committed to connecting the people of Illinois to the water resources we all rely on for drinking water, recreation, agriculture, and many other uses.

2023

## Illinois RiverWatch

OVER **1860** VOLUNTEER HOURS

from **240 RiverWatch participants** who monitored 74 sites in **24 counties**, a **43% increase** in volunteer effort.



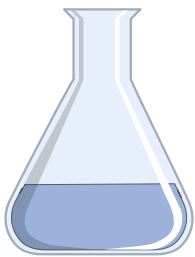
**14** TRAINING WORKSHOPS

held throughout Illinois, taught **144 volunteers** about the importance of our waterways and the animals who live there

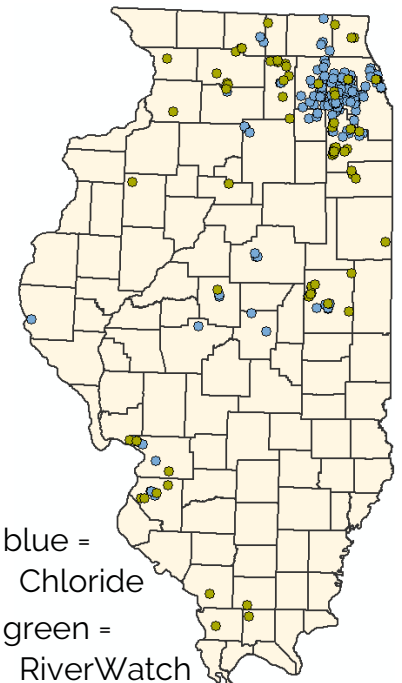
## Winter Chloride Watchers

**200** SITES MONITORED

in 17 Illinois counties. Volunteers have tested **1200 water samples** since November 2021.



**227** NEW VOLUNTEERS participated in our in-person and virtual training sessions. This is a **220% increase** over last year!



## Freshwater Mussel Monitoring

**“MUSSEL GRUBBING” FILM RELEASED**

Our award-winning film had over **2350 YouTube views**.



OVER **150** VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANTS

collected **2440 mussels** of 22 species in the Sangamon River.



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