



## International Erosion Control Association

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### **EC08 Keynote Speaker Chad Pregracke Shows One Person Can Make a Difference**

Steamboat Springs, Colo.—One man focused on one river and one piece of garbage at a time has inspired thousands of volunteers to join together for a massive clean-up of America's rivers. Chad Pregracke, Founder & President of Living Lands & Waters, a not-for-profit environmental organization, will share his story with attendees of Environmental Connection 2008 (EC08), annual conference and expo of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA), as part of the opening session February 20, 2008, in Orlando, Florida.

Pregracke has tackled the banks of the mighty Mississippi, the Ohio, the Illinois and the Missouri Rivers, clearing the shores of hundreds of tons of trash. He now works with a paid staff and thousands of volunteers who help in community clean-ups and participate in the Riverbottom Forest Restoration and Adopt-a-Mississippi River Mile programs.

Pregracke's work has been featured in national and international media including *Outside*, *Readers Digest*, *Smithsonian* and *PBS*.

EC08's general session is open to all attendees. For more information about EC08 or to register visit <http://www.ieca.org/ec08>.

#### **About Environmental Connection**

More than 2000 erosion, sediment control and stormwater professionals from around the globe will connect in Orlando, Florida, February 18-21, 2008, for Environmental Connection—the world's largest soil and water event. Environmental Connection's education program features more than 20 full-day training courses and 50 technical sessions including case studies and original research. The expo, held February 19-21, hosts 160 exhibitors dedicated to erosion and sediment control.

#### **About IECA**

The International Erosion Control Association (IECA) is the world's oldest and largest association devoted entirely to helping members solve the problems caused by erosion and its byproduct – sediment. Founded in 1972, IECA is a non-profit organization that serves as the premier global resource for the prevention and control of erosion. For more information about state-of-the-art educational events and materials, please visit our Web site at <http://www.ieca.org>.