



PRESERVATION: *Initiatives to Preserve and Protect Wildlife*

At Ameren, we're committed to providing our customers with clean, reliable energy, while preserving, protecting and improving the environment. This fact sheet describes some of the company's efforts to work with our communities, industry and government to meet our commitment to delivering energy in an environmentally sensitive way.

ABOUT AMEREN

Ameren Corporation companies provide energy services to 2.4 million electric and nearly one million natural gas customers over a 64,000-square-mile area of Missouri and Illinois. Among the nation's top utility companies in size and sales, Ameren companies' net generating capacity is more than 16,400 megawatts. Based in St. Louis, Mo., Ameren Corporation is the parent company of AmerenCILCO, based in Peoria, Ill.; AmerenCIPS, based in Springfield, Ill.; AmerenIP, based in Decatur, Ill.; and AmerenUE, based in St. Louis, Mo. The company is also the parent of non-rate-regulated generating, energy marketing and fuels services companies.

PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Several Ameren facilities offer recreation and wildlife conservation areas, and the company also supports a range of programs to help preserve endangered species:

- For many years, AmerenUE has supported the work of the World Bird Sanctuary, an organization devoted to the preservation of all birds through a variety of educational, captive breeding, rehabilitation and field study projects. In 1985, AmerenUE provided the "seed money" to launch an educational program on raptors (birds of prey) in St. Louis area schools, and in 1992, the company funded a World Bird Sanctuary program to encourage song bird nesting along transmission line rights-of-way. In 1995, the company funded a program to research why woodpeckers choose utility poles, rather than trees, as nesting sites in an effort to find ways to protect the poles and the woodpeckers. To reintroduce endangered peregrine falcons, AmerenUE has also installed poles with hacking boxes for young falcons at its Missouri generating plants in Franklin, Callaway and Jefferson counties and in West Alton, Mo. Thanks to the company's continued support for this program, peregrine falcons have been nesting at AmerenUE power plants since the early 1990s.
- Conservation and wildlife preservation areas are common around the company's generating plants.
 - **Callaway Plant** since 1977 has leased 6,300 acres of AmerenUE land surrounding Callaway Nuclear Plant near Fulton, Mo., to the Missouri Department of Conservation. This created a wildlife area that is abundant with recreational activities, including a one-mile section of a well-known bicycling and hiking trail — the Katy Trail. At this wildlife area, known as the Reform Conservation Area, AmerenUE also funds land and water conservation programs for wildlife enhancement and species enrichment.
 - At **Coffeen Power Station** — an AmerenEnergy Generating power plant in Montgomery County, Ill. — is Coffeen Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and offering excellent fishing, deer hunting, hiking and picnic facilities. The centerpiece of that area is an 1,100-acre lake built to provide water for the plant. One of the state's deeper lakes, with a depth averaging about 19 feet and at its deepest, 59 feet, the lake offers 50 miles of shoreline. There are 22 species of fish in the lake, including the recently introduced striped bass and always popular white crappie. The area also includes 1,650 acres of land for picnicking, camping and hunting.
 - **Duck Creek**, AmerenCILCO's Power Station near Canton, Ill., is built on 9,000 acres of mostly un-reclaimed strip mine land. The single-unit, 366-megawatt coal-fired plant began operating in 1976. At the heart of the conservation area is an 1,800-acre cooling lake created by an earthen dam across Duck Creek. The public is allowed on portions of the land during the state's annual deer season, and the area is an ideal haven for an assortment of wildlife, flora and fauna.

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- **E.D. Edwards**, AmerenCILCO's 740-megawatt Power Station near Bartonville, Ill., is located on the Illinois River. This portion of the Illinois River and associated wetlands are home to one of the most productive waterfowl and upland species habitats in Illinois.
 - **Keokuk Plant** and Dam near Keokuk, Iowa, is the largest privately owned and operated dam and hydroelectric generating plant on the Mississippi River. A lake, created when the dam was built, offers boating and fishing. The company controls or has flowage rights on a total of 42,000 acres of land above the dam, including many islands, wetlands and timberland — an ideal habitat for game birds. The area immediately downstream of the dam contributes to an important habitat for bald eagles.
 - Lake of the Ozarks, home of AmerenUE's **Osage Plant**, was created in the 1930s with the damming of the Osage River — resulting in the creation of 1,150 miles of shoreline for this well-known southern Missouri recreation area and hydropower for generating electricity at AmerenUE's Osage Plant. Also in the '30s, the federal government purchased 18,700 acres, creating Lake of the Ozarks State Park — a valuable resource for wildlife preservation. As a steward of the now popular Lake of the Ozarks, the company has launched aggressive shoreline management activities, supported development of a local visitors' center and established programs that reduce flooding, ensure stable water supplies, increase the quantity of local fish and improve dissolved oxygen for aquatic species. The company's activities at the lake have won multiple awards from the National Hydropower Association for "outstanding stewardship" of America's waterways.
 - The 1,755-acre Newton Lake in Jasper County, Ill., is popular with fishermen and naturalists, as well as a source of cooling water for AmerenEnergy Generating's **Newton Power Station**. The lake is stocked with a variety of fish and has an 11-mile equestrian trail that is also open for hiking and cross country skiing. Abundant turkey, deer and waterfowl provide opportunities for viewing wildlife. Many species of neotropical songbirds, eagles, ospreys and several other threatened or endangered species are frequent visitors. On a portion of the plant's property is a chicken sanctuary developed to support the last remaining Illinois prairie chicken population. A larger wet land provides resources for waterfowl and shore birds; the plant's ash pond is the site of an annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count; and the lake is one of two release points for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' efforts to reintroduce the river otter back into Illinois.