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WATERWAYS COUNCIL, INC.'S MIDWEST VICE PRESIDENT, NAMED 'HERO OF CONSERVATION'

WASHINGTON, DC – Paul Rohde, Waterways Council, Inc.'s (WCI) Vice President – Midwest Region, has been named a “Hero of Conservation” for 2008 by *Field and Stream* Magazine. The award is presented to honor “extraordinary outdoorsmen and women who have shown an unwavering commitment to restoring the habitats and wildlife in their local communities.” Rohde was recognized for “making a career out of river protection” in his work as former President of the Midwest Area River Coalition (MARC 2000) and now as WCI's Vice President.

“We are very proud of Paul Rohde for being recognized by this national publication for his conservation efforts,” said R. Barry Palmer, Waterways Council's President and CEO. “Those of us involved in navigation modernization on the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers have looked to Paul, our Midwest advocate, for organizing construction authorization efforts to improve seven locks on the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). WRDA 2007 will also authorize spending for more than 105,000 acres of habitat along the Mississippi River as part of its critically important ecosystem restoration component. The fact that Paul Rohde is being recognized for his conservation efforts and for bringing environmental interests together with economic development interests is truly commendable,” Palmer said.

Of the award, Rohde said, “I'm honored to be recognized with this award, demonstrating that both ecosystem sustainability and navigation viability are achievable. I'm also resolute in our continued promotion among our conservation partnerships of the positive environmental upshot of river navigation. Most importantly, I'd like to acknowledge and thank all WCI members and staff for our collaborative effort to obtain this honor.”

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