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Above: workers use a board to smooth out concrete poured in June 2010 as part of the Student River Plaza behind the Student Union and Carlson Library

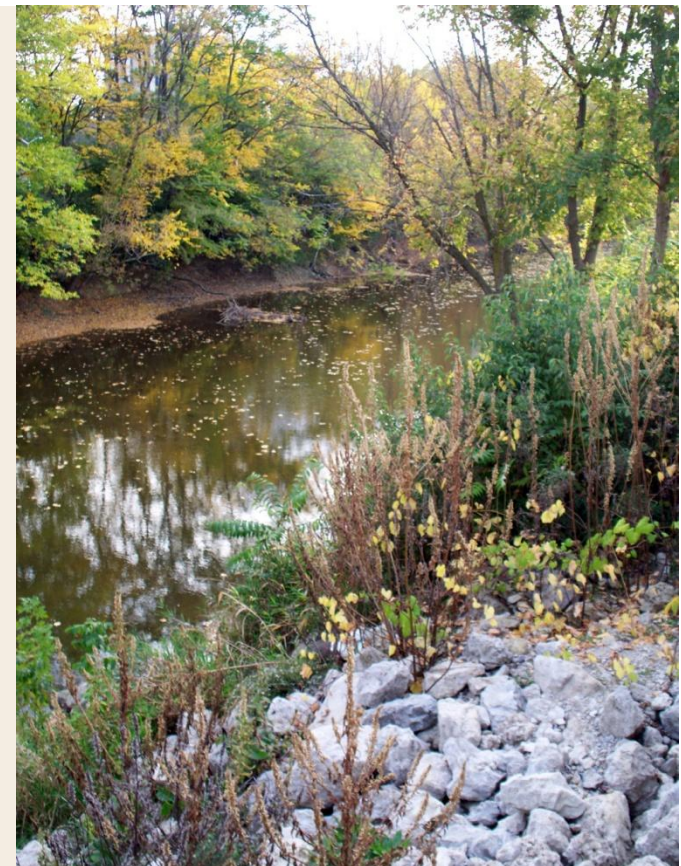
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Five Years of Accomplishment

*The President's
Commission on
the River
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5th Anniversary: President's Commission on the River

The President's Commission was originally formed by then UT President Dan Johnson in 2005 with the first report of the Commission presented to UT President Lloyd Jacobs in December 2006.

Highlights >>>

The Commission wishes to acknowledge the five-year anniversary of its existence by highlighting the following major accomplishments and achievements that occurred during that period.

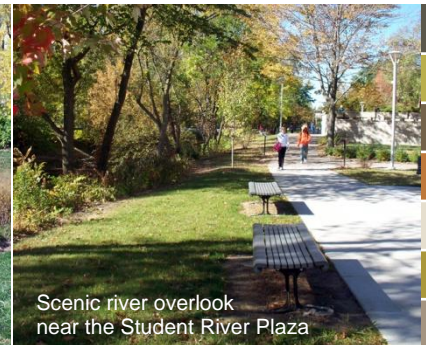
- Completion of several river overlooks, most notably at the Student River Plaza, Savage Arena, and David Root Bridge
- Installation of three rain gardens to demonstrate efforts at storm water management
- Efforts at improved education and public awareness regarding the Ottawa River on main campus through the annual *Celebrate Our River* events and other outreach and media activities
- Ongoing efforts to address the contact advisory postings on the river
- Undertaking of the EC3 River Restoration Project
- Fund raising efforts and grants awarded resulting in an approximate total of \$441,000 in support of projects and activities
- Involvement in various community initiatives regarding the Ottawa River, including the annual *Clean Your Streams* event



Savage Arena site for proposed river restoration project



Carolyn E. Edwards Memorial Rain Garden



Scenic river overlook near the Student River Plaza

Since its formation in 2005, the President's Commission on the River at the University of Toledo has strived to make improvements to the 4,700 feet of the Ottawa River that passes through the main campus. With its 2006 report, the Commission established a series of recommendations and concept plans for the river to address beautification, environmental issues, student involvement, research needs, access and views, public awareness, and community engagement. Over the last five years, significant progress has been made in many of these areas in association with numerous university and local partners. The support of UT faculty, staff, students, administrators, and volunteers has been essential to this endeavor, along with the funding support from federal and state grants, community foundations, and donors to the UT Foundation "Friends of the River" account. At this 5th anniversary of the Commission, the members acknowledge the progress made and renewal of our collective efforts to continue with our mission to achieve the aim of making the Ottawa River a centerpiece of pride on our campus. ~Dr. Patrick Lawrence, Chair, President's Commission on the River