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THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE RIVER

The River Runs Through It



Report to the President
December 15, 2006



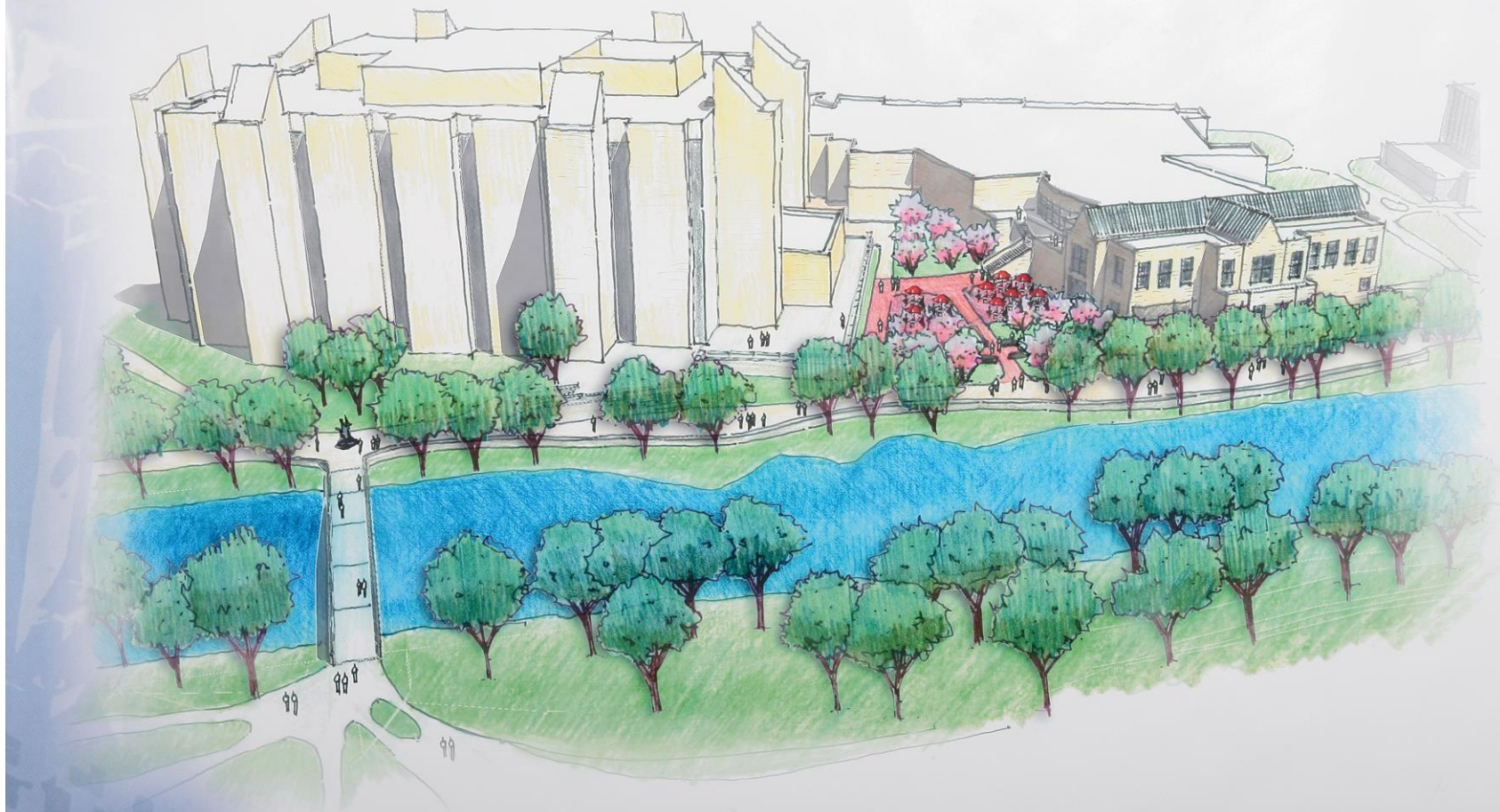


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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN **Demonstration Rain Garden** **THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN**

The rain garden is a garden designed to collect and absorb excess runoff from roofs, parking lots, and other impervious surfaces. It is a natural area that mimics the way water flows in a natural landscape. Rain gardens are designed to collect and absorb excess runoff from roofs, parking lots, and other impervious surfaces. They are designed to collect and absorb excess runoff from roofs, parking lots, and other impervious surfaces. They are designed to collect and absorb excess runoff from roofs, parking lots, and other impervious surfaces.

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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF RAIN GARDENS?

- They help to reduce runoff and prevent erosion.
- They help to filter out pollutants and improve water quality.
- They help to recharge groundwater.
- They provide a natural habitat for wildlife.
- They are easy to install and maintain.
- They are a beautiful addition to any landscape.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

For more information, visit the University of Texas at Austin's Rain Garden website at www.utexas.edu/raingardens. You can also contact the University of Texas at Austin's Office of Sustainability at sustainability@utexas.edu.





































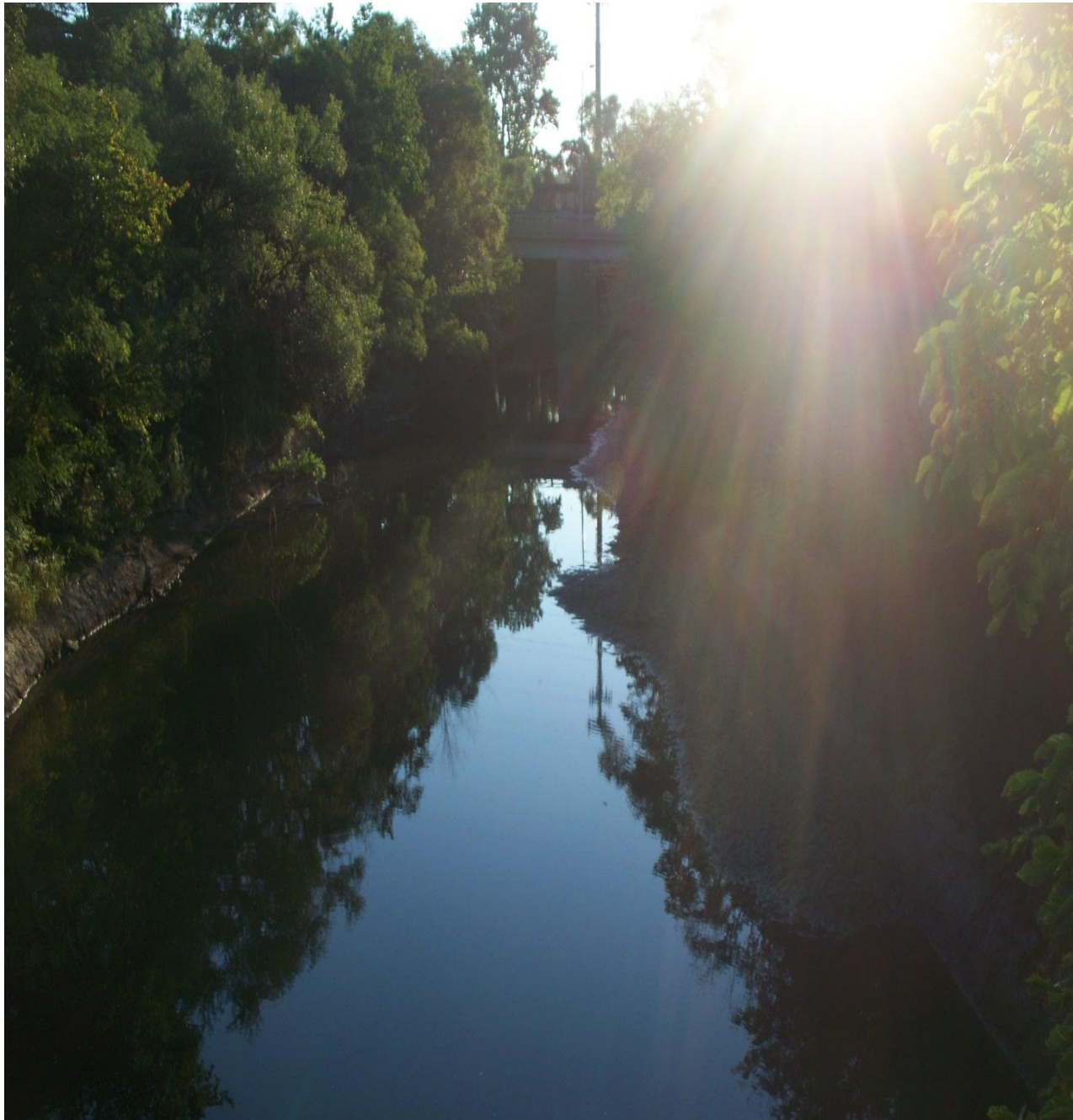


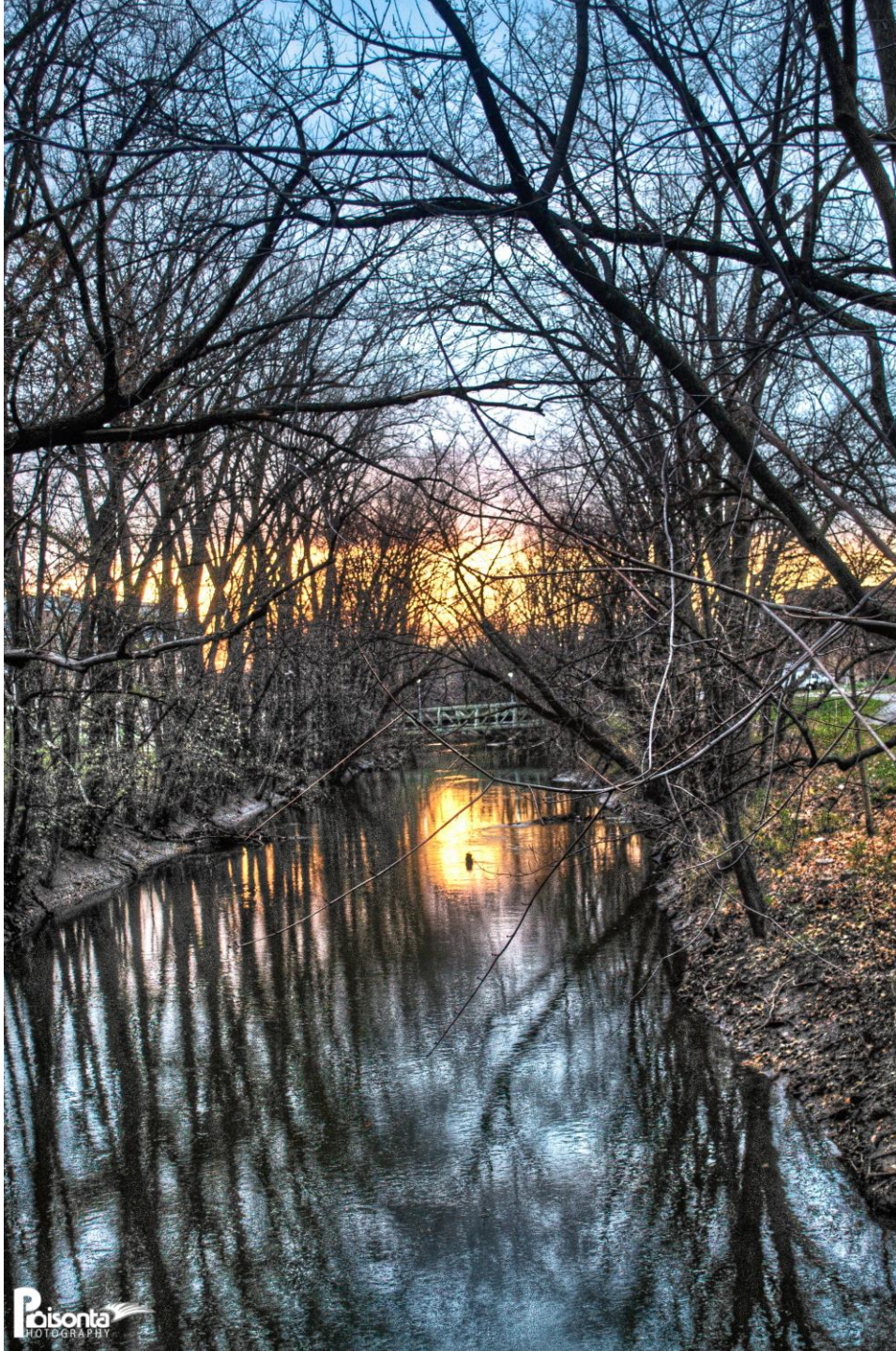










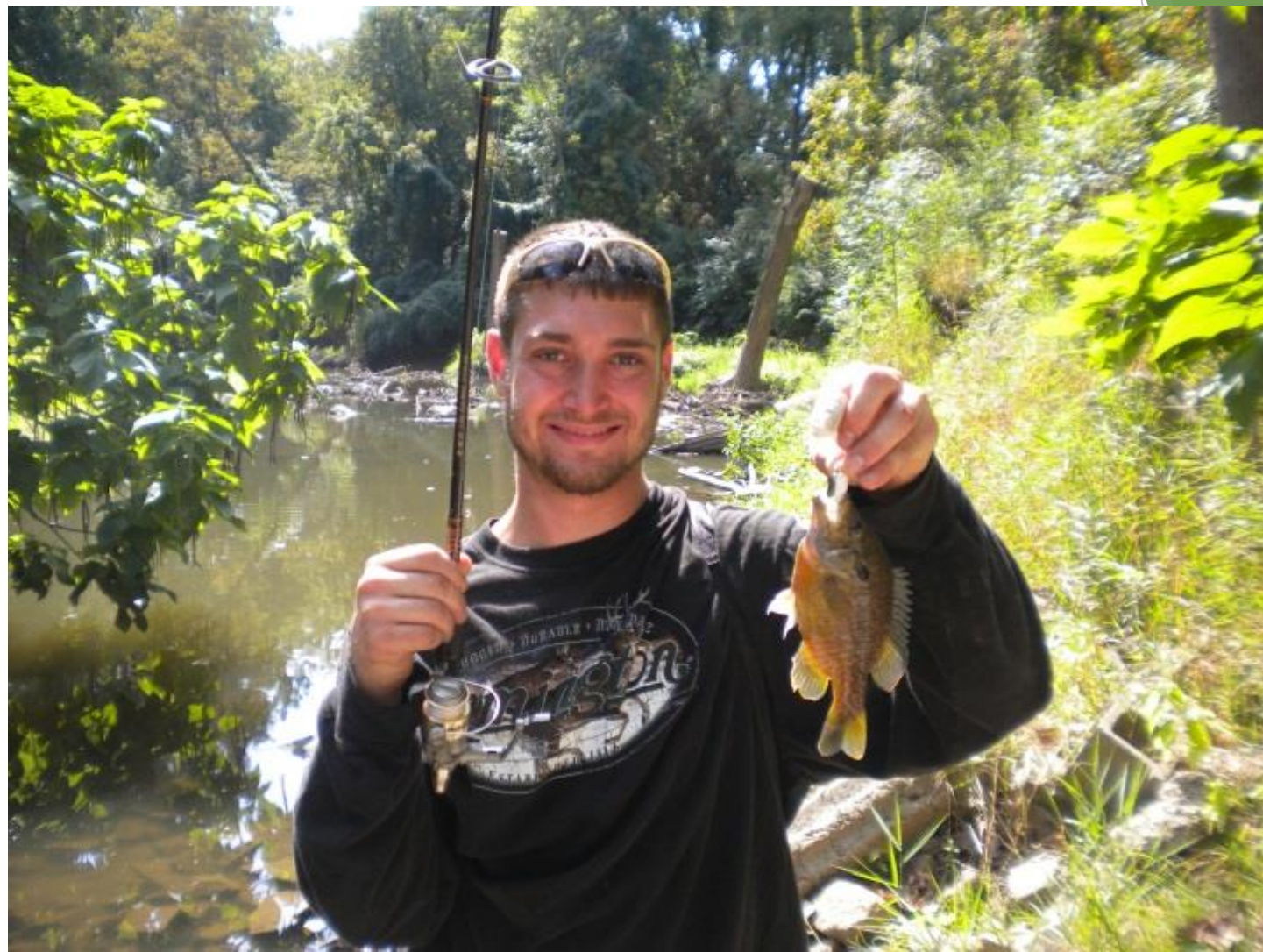




















DEC. 3, 2012



Photo By Nick Bryan

COLORFUL CATCH: Doctoral ecology student Carson Prichard held up a rainbow trout he caught in the Ottawa River on UT's Main Campus. Nick Bryan, a graduate student in ecology, also caught a rainbow trout. The recent catches show that this species has begun using this part of the Ottawa River; according to Bryan, who is a teaching assistant in the Department of Environmental Sciences. Trout are indicators of good water and habitat quality in rivers, and until now were not seen at UT, he said. The trout are examples of the improved aquatic habitat from the Ottawa River restoration project, which began earlier this year with help from a \$235,000 grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and a \$111,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.











River Habitat Restoration in Progress



Work is currently underway along the 3,700 feet of the Ottawa River on the main campus of UT with the installation of several in-stream structures to improve aquatic habitat.

These various features use stone, wood and native plantings to provide enhanced sites for the feeding, spawning, and shelter for fish and many other natural organisms found within the river. In addition, along the river banks non-native exotic plants will be removed and replaced with native species

For more information on this project refer to:

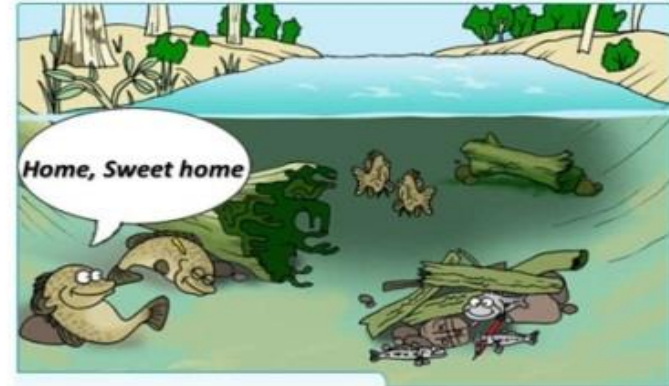
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University of Toledo Ottawa River Habitat Restoration Project



LUMBERS

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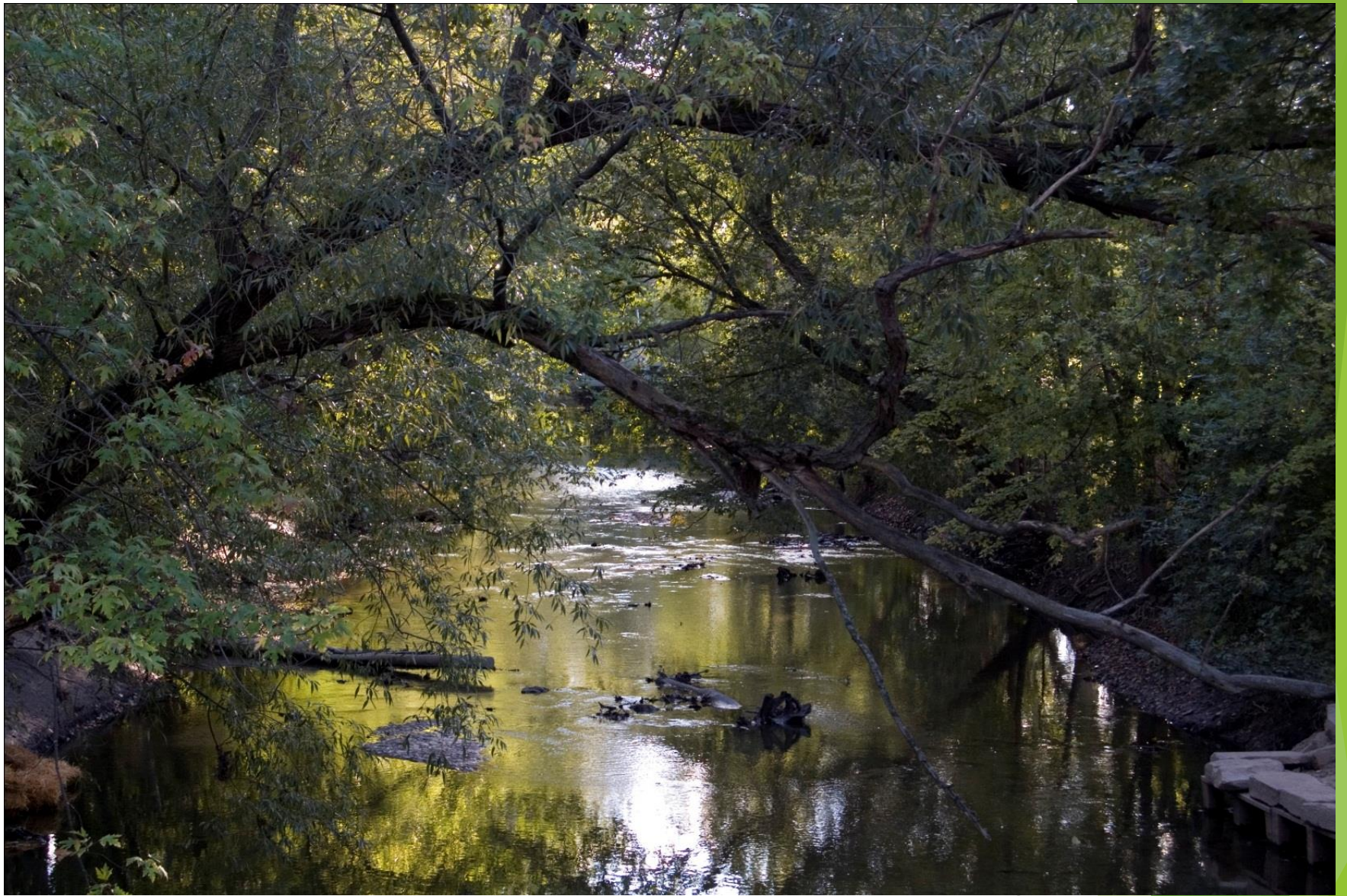


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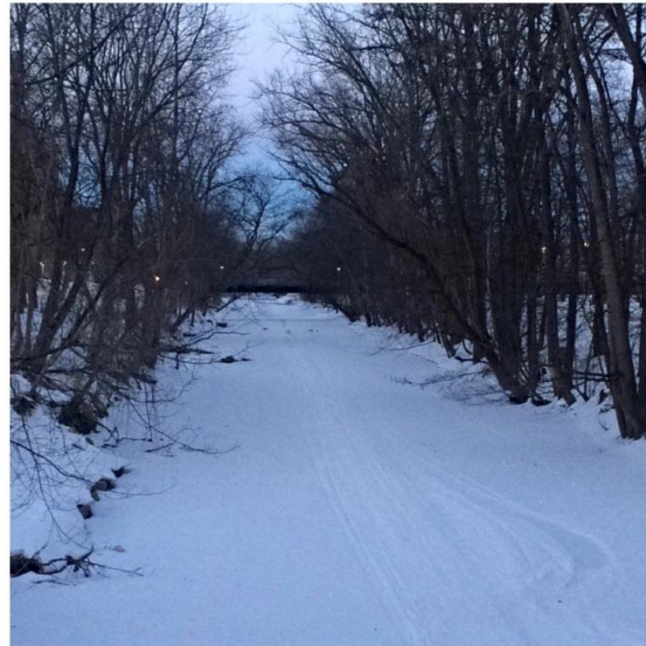
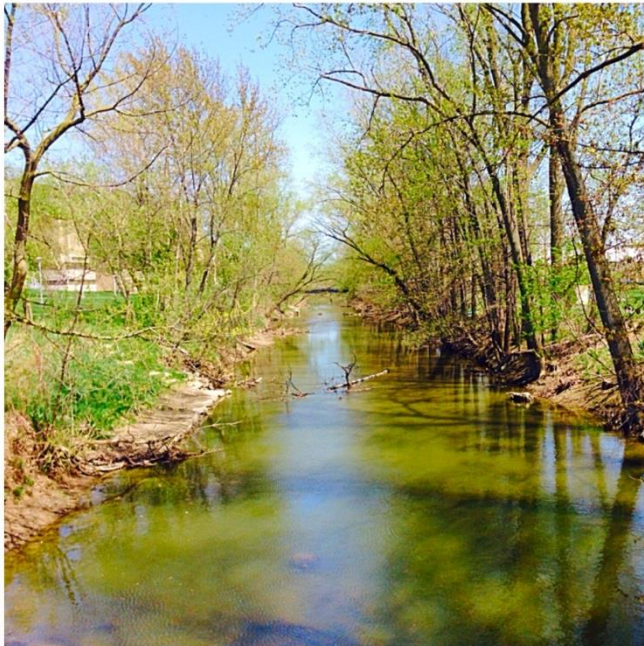
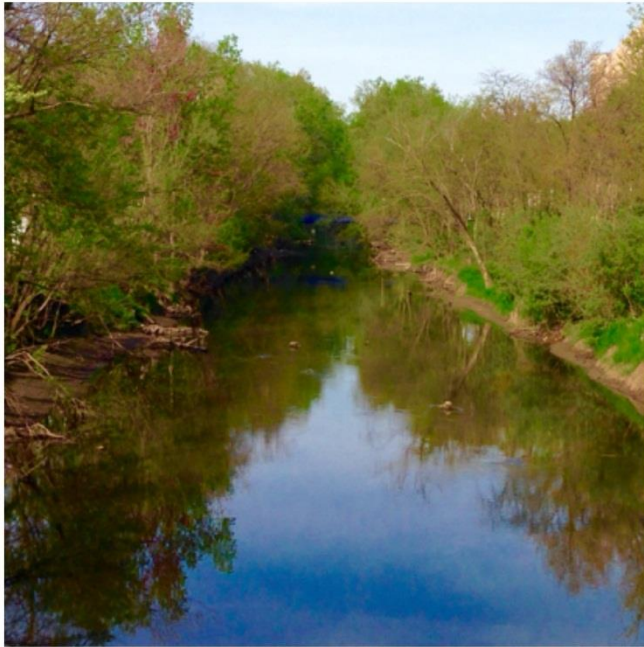


Dr. Patrick Lawrence, professor and chair of the UT Department of Geography and Planning, and chair of the President's Commission on the River, right, shook hands with architect Dick Meyers during a dedication ceremony for a new river outlook near Savage Arena. A plaque paying tribute to Meyers is part of the new scenic spot near the Ottawa River. As a co-founder of the Collaborative Inc., a Toledo-based design firm, Meyers has been involved with more than 30 landscape design and planning projects on UT campuses. He cited his most notable achievement as Centennial Mall, which was a parking lot before he helped design the green space. Meyers also is one of the original members of the President's Commission on the River, the organization that started the habitat restoration efforts for the 3,700 feet of the waterway running through Main Campus.

Photo by Daniel Miller























A photograph of a stone wall with a central plaque. The plaque is a light-colored rectangular stone with the words "Ottawa River" inscribed in a black, gothic-style font. The wall is constructed from various shades of tan and brown stones. The image is set against a background with green geometric shapes on the right and bottom.

Ottawa River

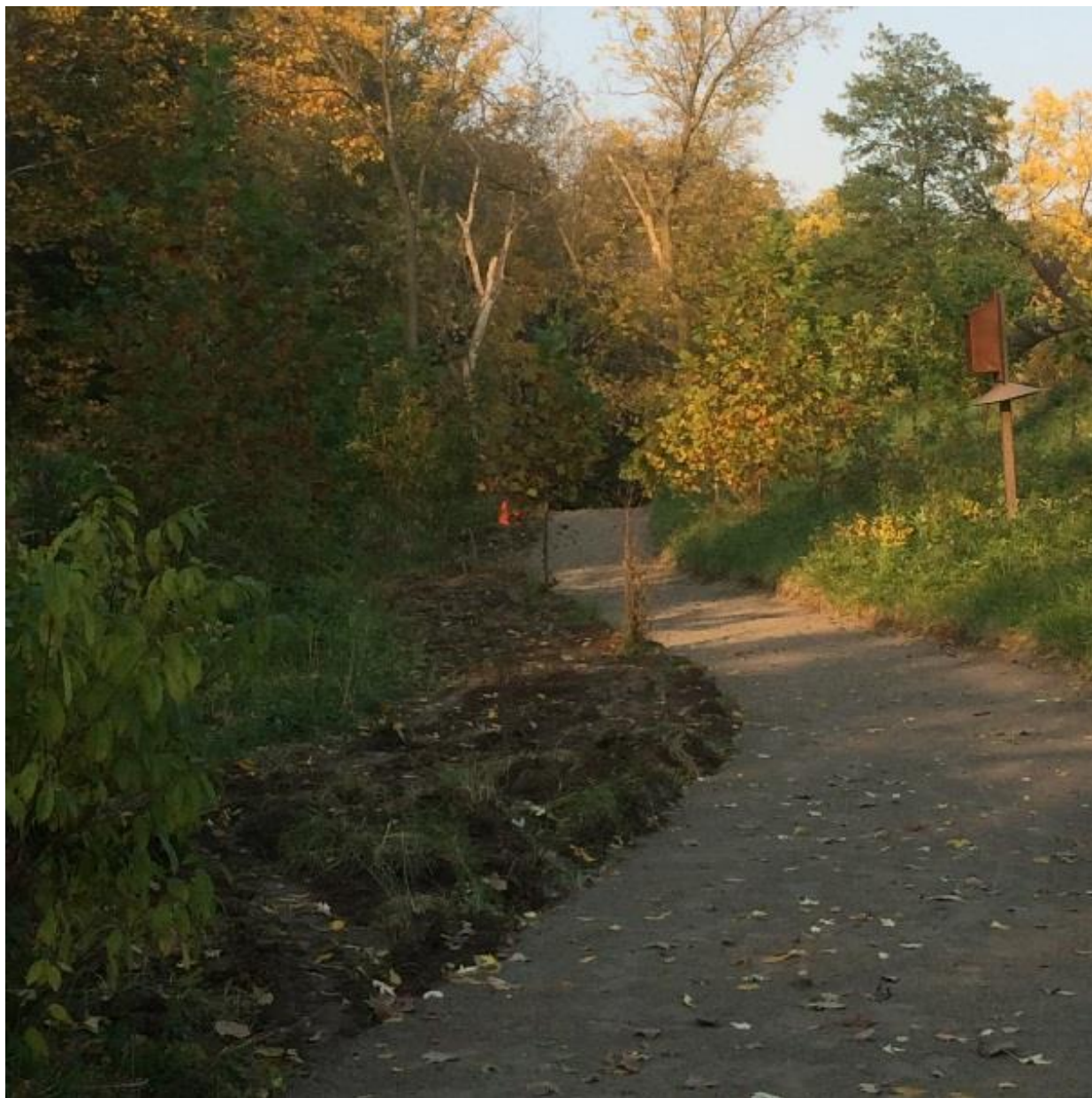






















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