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BOOK DIGITIZATION PROJECT PROPOSAL COVER SHEET
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PROJECT NAME: Illinois Great Rivers

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Project Proposal for CARLI Book Digitization Initiative

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Description of material to be digitized.

The previously unpublished data and reports we propose to digitize constitute the scientific documentation of the changes in the river that resulted from changing human valuation and use of the rivers. Some of these data and reports were also instrumental in changing public attitudes, fish and game codes, and environmental laws.

How does the proposal address the theme "Illinois Culture and Heritage"?

The navigable rivers of Illinois were the routes for settlement, commerce, and cultural exchange, for both native Americans and for the European explorers, traders and settlers. The rivers and their alluvial valleys also provided a wealth of fish, game, mussels, wood for both fuel and construction, and rich floodplain soils whose fertility was renewed by sediments deposited during spring floods. Starting in the 1880s, the Illinois Natural History Survey began investigating the basis for the high biological productivity of the Illinois and Mississippi rivers, to ensure that the fish and other natural resources were wisely managed for the welfare of citizens of the state. The fate of these resources and the people who use them have been entwined with historical changes in cultural values, legal doctrine, and economic development.

