



*Committed to the revitalization and redevelopment of the  
Root River  
to create a sense of place,  
promote economic growth,  
improve water quality and,  
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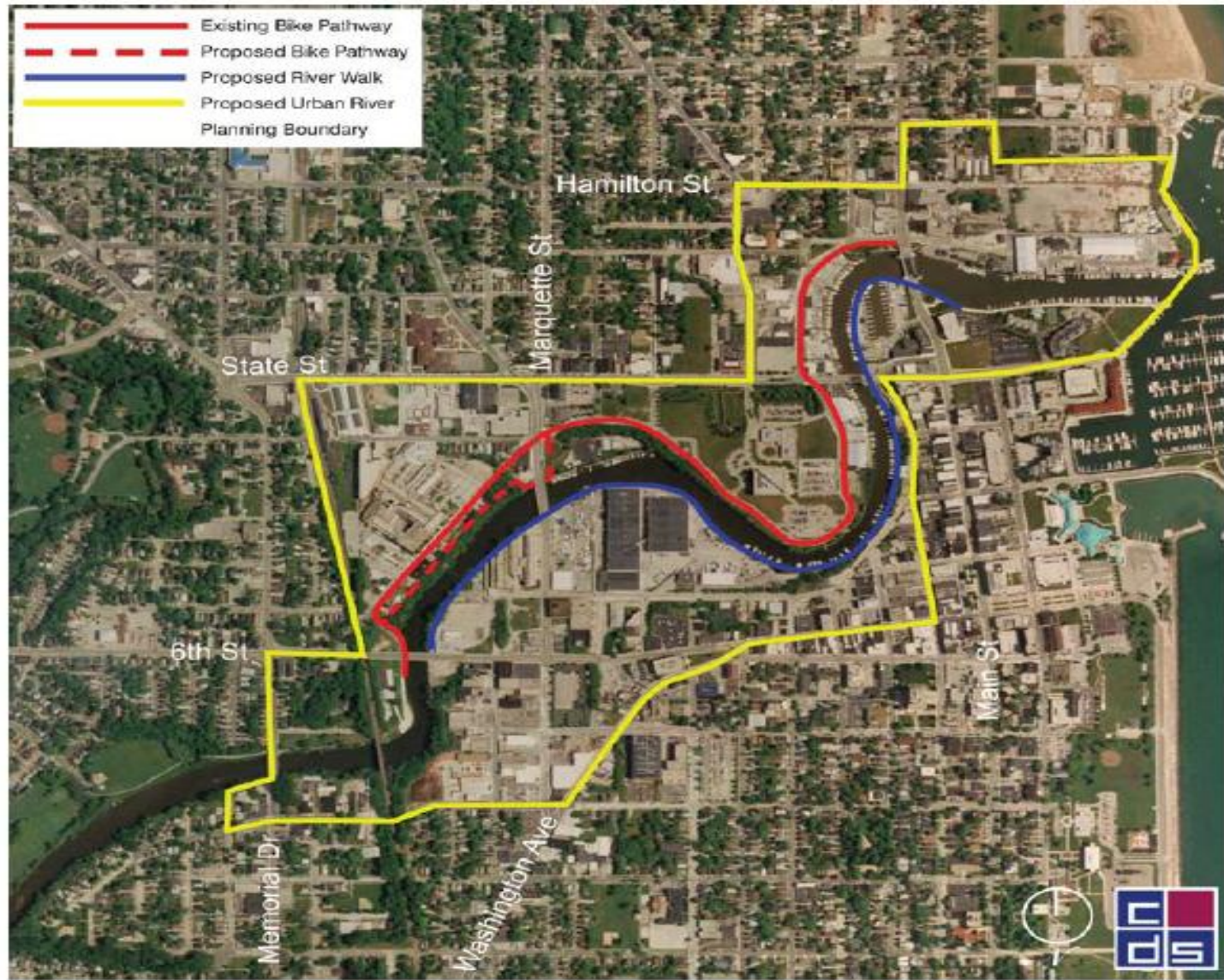
# Back to the Root: An Urban River Revitalization Plan



Presented by the Root River Council and River  
Alliance of Wisconsin  
July 2008



Figure 1: Proposed Urban River Planning Boundary, River Walk and Bike Path



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Foot Bridge, Horlick Park,  
Racine, Wis.



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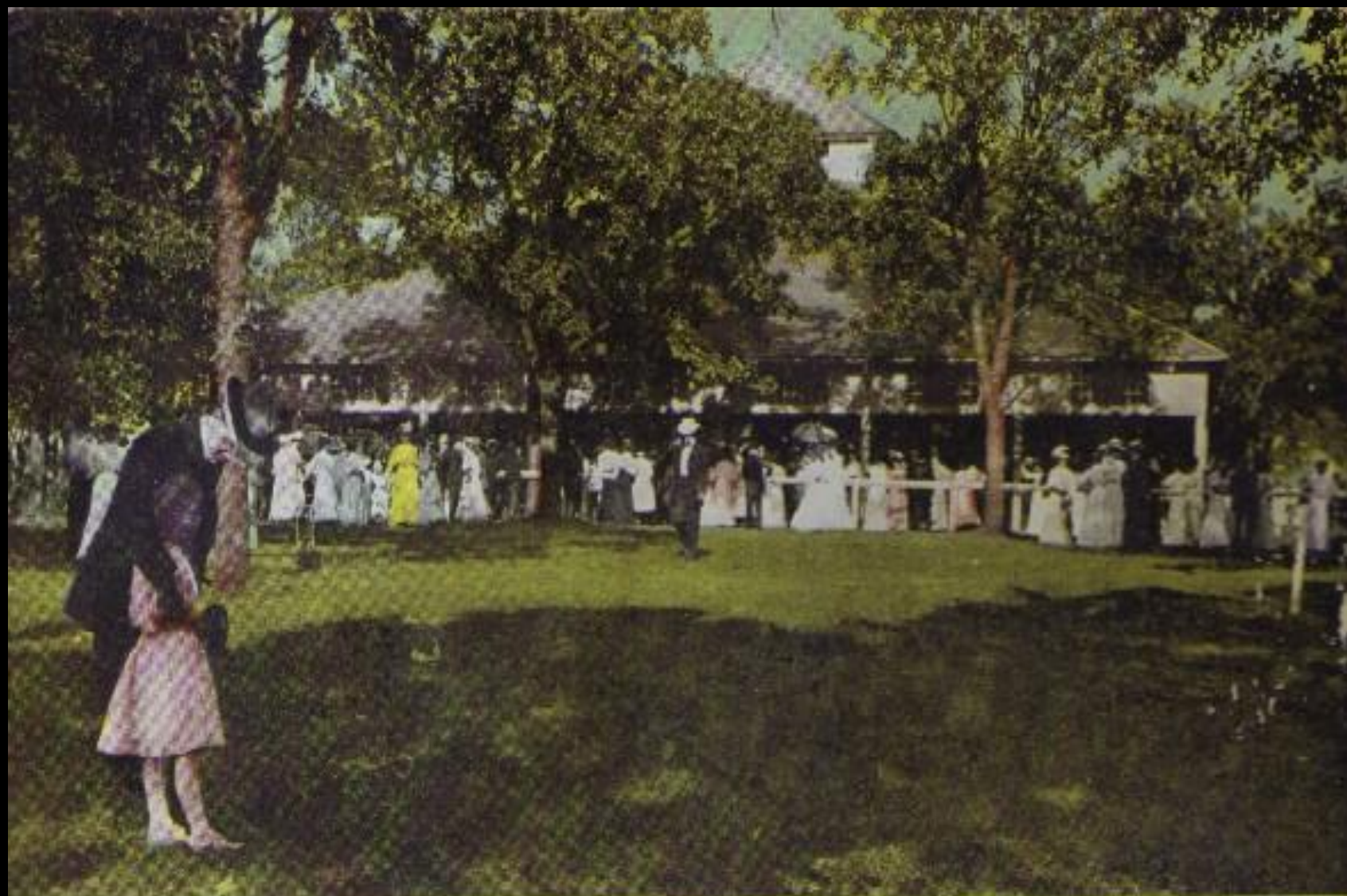
# ***THE CHAUTAUQUA MOVEMENT***

- ***Originated in Chautauqua NY -1874***
- ***Summer University***
- ***Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circles (CLSC) - est. 1878 nationwide***
- ***Circuit Chautauqua – est. 1903***
- ***UW- Chautauqua 1915-1917***



Scene at the Ottawa, Ill., Chautauqua, which will open  
August 18. Send for Booklet.  
T. B. Farrell, Secretary.





Amphitheatre of Ottawa Chautauqua Grounds near Ottawa, Ill.












BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF CHAUTAUQUA GROUNDS, JANESVILLE, WIS.

Chautauqua Grounds,  
Janesville,  
Wis.







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RACINE CHAUTAQUA, JULY 24, 08,  
WRIGHT PHOTO NO. 75



Lake City Chautauque,  
Sunday P.M. atten 2300.

Hawkins  
Photogr.



# ***THE RACINE CHAUTAUQUA***

- ***Hosted in Racine from 1903-1928***
- ***Week-long event***
- ***Held at 'Kinzie Heights' current site of McKinley School (pre-1920)***
- ***Held along Washington Avenue adjacent Washington Bowl (post-1920)***
- ***Lectures focused on History, Socio-Economic Issues, Theology/Philosophy, Home Economics, Art, and Science.***
- ***Cultural events included music, theater, comedy, and dance.***



Chautauqua Tent





AUDITORIUM TENT,  
RICHMOND CHAUTAUQUA.







AUDITORIUM TENT, RICHMOND CHAUTAUQUE





*Big Tent, Chautauqua '08, Wild Cat Springs, Hamilton, Ill.*







Fairfield Chautauque





Big Top Chautauqua - Lake Superior





Live Music













Dance



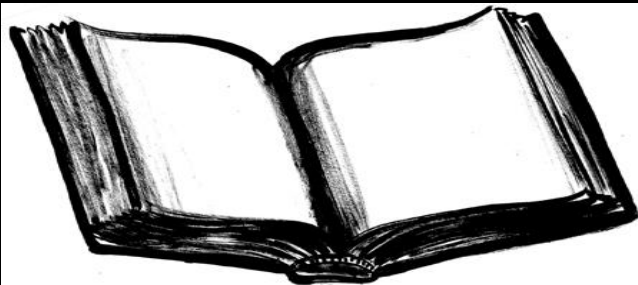
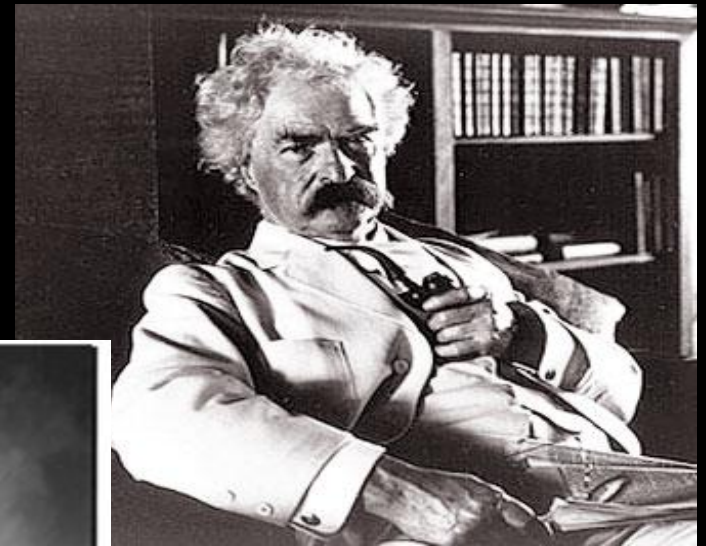
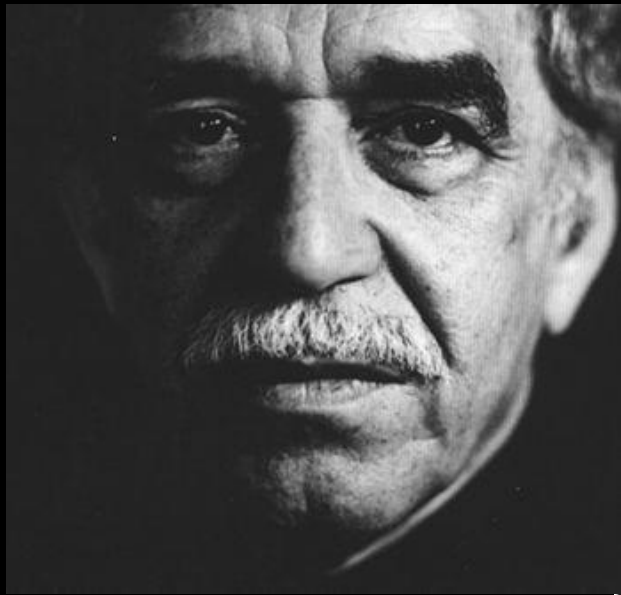
# Comedy Improvisation





Theater





# Book Signings



# Political Discussion



LIFE

# Historical Re-enactment





# Current Issues



Bringing People Together

THE  
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September 2011