

# Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

April 18, 2013

FPRF Founded November 13, 08

## Scheduled Events!

The 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Thaw on March 23 was a success. We are planning other activities that will benefit our community. Keep watching this space.

FPRF will be responsible for organizing and running the July 20<sup>th</sup> flotilla, the July 21<sup>st</sup> canoe-kayak race, and October 5<sup>th</sup> flotilla, in 2013. These events are planned for McConnell's Bobtown Landing. The Lena Community will retain the Catfish events.

If your organization wants to conduct a paddle or river event, contact FPRF! If you have a plan that involves the river, and want advice, information, consultation, contact FPRF. If you have an idea to improve stewardship of the river, contact us! If you don't like something we do, contact us.

Freeport Park District  
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Freeport, IL 61032

815-235-6114 [www.freeportparkdistrict.org](http://www.freeportparkdistrict.org)

Lena Community Park District  
609 N. Schuler St., Lena, IL 61048  
815-369-5351 [www.lenaparks.org](http://www.lenaparks.org)

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Membership and support packages can be viewed at:  
[www.pecriver.org](http://www.pecriver.org)

## CHECK OUR WEBSITE!

Other web sites:

[www.paddlethepec.com](http://www.paddlethepec.com) [www.illinoispadding.org](http://www.illinoispadding.org)

You can email us at [pecriver@hotmail.com](mailto:pecriver@hotmail.com)

Or write us at our new address:

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## Current

### A raising tide raises all boats, logs and anything else that floats.

All the material floating in the Pecatonica River is bound for the Gulf of Mexico. Most the material will hang up along the way. The plastic material does no good anywhere. The logs, branches and material from nature, does benefit nature.

These materials are known as Large Woody Debris, LWD. Large woody debris is a significant ecological and structural component of streams and rivers, and forms essential habitat for aquatic and terrestrial organisms. Large woody debris provides:

- Habitat for benthic plants, algae, invertebrates and microorganisms;
- Hiding places (refuges) to avoid predators;
- Resting places out of the main river flow;
- Assistance in developing scour pools, which provide important shelter for fish during hot weather and droughts. That is the short list. FPRF cultivates the experts so we can contribute to the wellbeing of the watershed.

The mission of FPRF is to preserve, protect, and foster the vitality of the Pecatonica River for plant, animal and human communities within Stephenson County, Illinois, watershed.

It is important that our members and supporters contribute to this goal. Bring your opinions and most of all, your knowledge to bring about this goal.

**A special thanks to Gary Shockey for all the help and support he and Robin have giver FPRF.**

### Local Scheduled Events

The **April 18th** meeting is at Rafters at 7:00PM. The next meeting is **May 16th, 2013**. Everyone invited. Bring your ideas!

**Pecatonica River Scenes in Postcard** Selling for \$10, \$13 mails order, still available. See September newsletter at [www.pecriver.org](http://www.pecriver.org).