

Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

March 21, 2013

FPRF Founded November 13, 08

Scheduled Events!

1st Spring Thaw is scheduled for March 23. It will include a silent auction. Check our website.

FPRF will be responsible for organizing and running the July 20th flotilla, the July 21st canoe-kayak race, and October 5th 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

Lena Community Park District
609 N. Schuler St., Lena, IL 61048
815-369-5351 www.lenaparks.org

FPRF is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible. Make checks payable to: Community Foundation of Northern Illinois.

Membership and support packages can be viewed at:
www.pecriver.org

CHECK OUR WEBSITE!

Other web sites:

www.paddlethepec.com www.illinoispadding.org

You can email us at pecriver@hotmail.com

Or write us at our new address:

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Current

A raising tide raises all boats equally!

A flood crest just makes a mess all over! The recent flood accomplished the movement of almost everything that was in the watershed. Logs that were near Winslow are now near McConnell or on their way downstream to the Rock River and eventually might make it to the Mississippi River.

I've been told that at one point in time logs were removed from the river to be used for heating Freeport homes. Its said people had wood lots along the Pecatonica to help heat their homes. Erosion claims many trees into the river and the lack of trees makes for more erosion. Farmers would like to keep that soil on their fields and the chemicals they use out of the river.

For those that haven't had to pay attention to the Stephenson County Soil & Water Conservation District, you should know Stephenson County was the site used for the original film promoting the concept of national soil conservation! What a legacy!

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.

Local Scheduled Events

The **Mar. 21st** meeting is at Rafters at 7:00PM. The next meeting is **April 18th. 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.