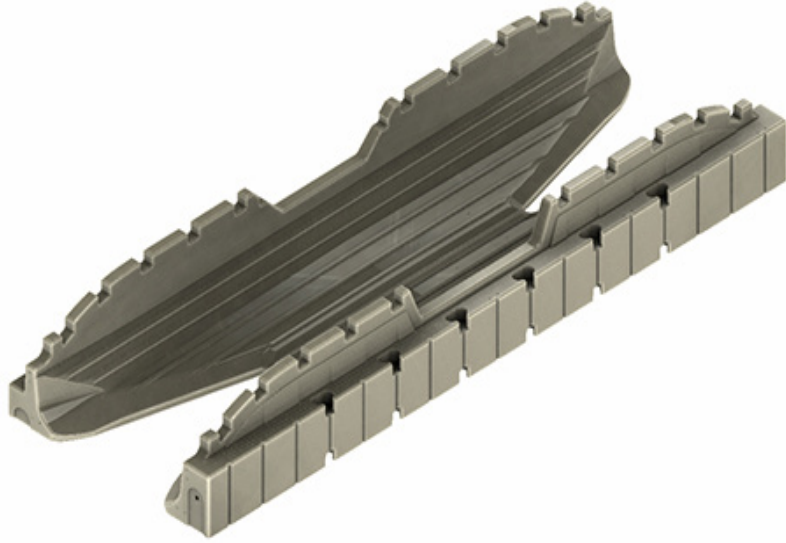


Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

THE CURRENT

November 2017



This is an EZ Dock Kayak Launch. It is designed for kayaks and canoes to launch by centering the boat in the “groove” and, using the paddle, pull the kayak forward and out of the launch. I recommend you see how it is done, at: <https://fwmdocks.com/docks/ez-residential-kayak-launch/> It has to be attached to an EZdock section and FPRF has one for this site. The combination will have a ramp and two alignment bars attached to the river bank. We will be working out the details over the winter. This is the plan for Atten’s Landing. The design is not etched in stone. However the funds are allocated for this phase of construction.

The second planning project for the winter is working with the VFW on their addition of an overlook/fishing pier similar to the ones FPRF has for McConnel’s Bobtown Landing, Atten’s Landing, and also at McNeil’s Damascus Landing. Also the project planning includes canoe and kayak improvements. The trip from Tutty’s Crossing to the VFW has been very popular. Please watch for the fund raiser to help pay for this important addition.

Joe Ginger, president

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Everyone is invited. Bring your ideas!

Nov. 16	Monthly Meeting Rafters 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	Next meeting Rafters
Dec. 3 to Dec. 30	FHN Community Festival of Trees 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Freeport Public Library
Nov. 17 to Feb. 10	14th Annual Juried Exhibition Freeport Art Muesum 121 N. Harlem Ave.
Dec. 1st 4:30 to 8 p.m.	Lena United Methodist Cookie Walk & Chili Supper 118 W. Mason st. Lena Adults \$6.50 Children \$4.50
Dec. 2	Trinity Annual Cookie Walk 8 a.m.- 11 a.m. 2600 W. Pearl City Rd. Freeport
Dec. 2	27th Annual Cookie Walk St. Thomas Aquinas Church 1400 Kiwanis Dr. 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

Other Events & Activities

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The Bridge at McConnell from 1880, crossed the Pecatonica River at Grove Street. The original bridge, built in 1843, was replaced in 1858 with another wooden bridge. In turn, it was replaced with an iron bridge in the 1880's and another 1938. Bridges would come and go, but the river has to be crossed. It isn't just people and wagons crossing the Pecatonica River. The railroad is coming to the area and it will have an influence on development. The railroad comes to McConnell in 1887 as the Freeport, Dodgeville, and Northern Railroad, a subsidiary of Illinois Central, follows the Pecatonica River after leaving the Madison branch at Red Oak. Livestock and lumber shipping helped the system run a train each way, morning and afternoon.

Individuals and organizations interested in improving river stewardship, paddling, organizing river events, the history of the river and communities along the river, check our website and contact us.

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