

FREEPORT — You have a chance to help clean up the Pecatonica River in Freeport.

The city is holding its annual river cleanup day from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 28.

This year's project areas include Wetlands Park and Tutty's Crossing, the city said. Clean up materials, including garbage bags and gloves, will be provided by the city.

Cleaning up the river does more than just make it look nicer.

"Garbage can quickly destroy the beauty, health, and safety of our water systems, with plastics and Styrofoam being the biggest cause for concern for both water quality and wildlife safety," said Randi Kohlbauer, the city's environmental and Regulatory Compliance Officer. "Our goal as a City is to keep garbage from getting into our water system in order to increase the health and beauty of the surrounding waters."

Sign-ups are not required to participate in the clean-up, but are encouraged.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Randi Kohlbauer at 815-396-3548.

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