



The Fox River Trustees support the long term recovery, protection, and enhancement of the Lower Fox River and Green Bay ecosystem. This e-newsletter highlights several recent projects and provides partner updates. Visit foxrivernrda.org for more information.

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Un-tarnishing Silver Creek

Through a partnership with the Nature Conservancy, Brown County, WDNR, UWGB, USGS, New Water, and Fund for Lake Michigan, The [Oneida Nation](#) has restored 2.9 acres and 1.6 miles of Silver Creek. Meanders were excavated to address erosional issues, woody debris was added in the stream to help strengthen the environment, and trees and other grassed buffers were planted to support the habitat in and out of the stream. Another direct habitat enhancement was the removal of culverts to aid fish passage. All these changes benefit many important species including the redbreast dace, the Bald Eagle, Wisconsin threatened wood turtle, and other wildlife. Public outreach and interaction with the newly restored stream site will be realized through the expansion of the Oneida Central Trail system.



Expanding the Heckrodt Wetland Reserve

15.37 acres of forested and open wetland were recently acquired and added to the existing 76-acre [Heckrodt Wetland Reserve](#), with support from the WDNR Nelson Stewardship Grant. This wetland is a critical nesting and stopover location for at least 28 species of waterfowl, and provides recreational and educational opportunities to the community. Additionally, the two new parcels of land provide spawning sites for a variety of fish species, along with pivotal habitat for other aquatic-dependent wildlife. Moving forward, there is monitoring being done over the next few years to determine what restoration projects and recreational amenities will be pursued in the future. Heckrodt has been working with Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance to have their efforts coalesce with larger Lake Winnebago Watershed management plans.



Acquiring Public Land on the Bay

The Wisconsin DNR, The Friends of the Eagle's Nest, and numerous other partners have come together to support [Brown County Parks](#) in acquiring 4.54 acres on the lower bay (location of the former Eagle's Nest Supper Club). This is the last track of land available that is highly suitable for [public water access on the Bay](#). In addition to providing water access, indirect pollutants from adjacent residential development and agricultural fields will now be collected and filtered by integrating storm water management at the site. The rock breakwater is also going to be enhanced and maintained to provide benefit to species such as walleye and other game fish. Many other important species have been identified near the site such as migratory birds, American Sea-Rocket, and Bald Eagles.



More Places to Enjoy the Water

The [villages of Allouez](#) and [Suamico](#) have gained improved access to waterways for people to use for fishing and other recreational activities. Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, along with Northeast Wisconsin Paddlers, Inc. have partnered to bring two ADA accessible kayak/canoe launches and docks in Allouez. With one located on the Fox River and the other on the East River, these new launches provide ADA accessibility to Allouez, where it previously had none. Meanwhile, the Village of Suamico partnered with the Wisconsin DNR to create access to the Suamico River at Fireman's Park, approximately two miles upstream from the river mouth. This project provided not only a new launch, but also a lighted parking lot, paved path, and a boardwalk that connects the park to businesses in Historic Downtown Suamico. Improving access to these areas will bring in more people to enjoy this natural resource and, in turn, create an enriched appreciation of it.

Does your organization have a project idea?

The Trustees support projects that restore, acquire, or enhance natural resources and their supporting habitats injured by the release of PCBs in the Lower Fox River & Green Bay ecosystem through settlement funds provided by Responsible Parties. If your organization has a project concept that matches with Fox River Trustee goals, please contact us. View the [Restoration Plan](#) and [instructions to submit](#) a project at foxrivernrda.org

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