



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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Oneida Lake Sustainable Fishery

Oneida Tribal members can once again harvest and enjoy clean fish on the reservation through the completion of the two-phase Oneida Lake project. The project supports cultural practices, the traditional diet, and strengthens family and community ties. One of the first projects funded by the Trustees in 2002 provided support to scope for potential sites for the lake, test the feasibility of the selected site, and create the design for Phase I of the project. Phase II focused on continued design, and construction. What was once a quarry is now a 30-acre fishing lake complete with handicap accessible fishing piers, kayak launches, boat landing, trails, and fish camps. Near-shore and upland restoration associated with the lake will provide habitat for other culturally-significant and important wildlife such as bald eagle, osprey, and common tern.



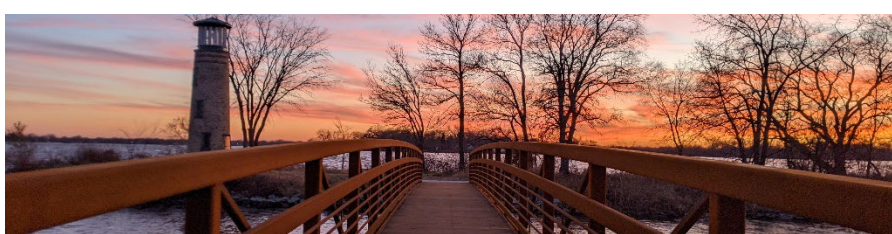
Restoration in the Lower Green Bay

Through a diverse partnership significant progress has been made restoring coastal wetland habitat within the lower Green Bay. 26 acres of wetlands were enhanced at [Ken Evers Nature Area](#), as well as the installation of engineered log jams that will protect the shoreline, promote vegetation establishment, and increase woody habitat in the Duck Creek Delta. 10 acres of pike spawning habitat were created at [Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve](#), and 20 acres of wild rice were seeded within the project area. A comprehensive restoration plan was developed for this area and monitoring is ongoing. Partners include Ducks Unlimited, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, and University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension.



Protecting Habitat in Door County

With support from the Fox River Trustees, the [Door County Land Trust](#) (DCLT) has been busy protecting high quality nearshore habitat for fish, migratory birds, waterfowl, and other rare plant and animal species through the acquisition and management of high priority parcels. Two recent examples include [40 acres](#) within the [Big and Little Marsh State Natural Area](#), and 40 acres in the [Gibraltar-Ephraim Swamp Natural Area](#). Both sites protect habitat critical to the federally endangered Hine's emerald dragonfly, serve as an important migratory stopover for numerous species of birds, safeguard water quality, and provide connectivity to other protected lands.



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Whether you enjoy fishing from a boat, a pier, the shoreline, or a hole in the ice, the NRDA Trustees are helping provide access. Three recently completed projects highlight our commitment to expanding fishing access in local communities. Through the Algoma Sanitary District, a fishing pier and parking area were funded and installed along the shore of Lake Butte des Morts to expand shoreline and ice-fishing access. Woody habitat was also enhanced within the project area. Two ADA-accessible non-motorized boat launches were provided, through the Village of Allouez, along the Fox River and East River in priority locations. Support was also provided to install an ADA-accessible clear span bridge to the [Asylum Point Park lighthouse](#) on Lake Winnebago. The bridge itself functions as a popular fishing location and also opens up access to the entire perimeter of the island for shoreline fishing.

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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