

Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

THE CURRENT

October 2023

As we watch the leaves turn from green to colorful reds, yellows, and oranges, we wonder what the winter will bring and how much snow will fall. Have you correctly stored all of your paddling gear? Some of you will extend your paddling by wintering in locations warm enough.

This past month, we responded to several issues mentioned during the Fall Fund Raiser. The extra trash storage units at Atten's Landing are in storage. The excavator and loader remain and might remain, for now. We have some additional earth moving to do at Atten's. We must still develop a mowing plan and finish the walking trail around the water features. We will be adding a flag pole and a porta-potty.

We are still waiting for any information on the BAAD Grant application. Since there are no public boat launches between Pecatonica and Freeport, a launch at Atten's would be a good idea. Next month will mark FPRF's 15th year.

November meeting "Main Attraction" will be the election of officers. Hopefully, many will continue. We are grateful to all who have served. The position of president will be open, and if someone would be interested in that position, come to the meeting. I plan to continue doing the newsletter. I will continue working to expand the recreational access in our community. Much has happened with the help of many people and city and County government bodies. There are now seven launch sites! Before FPRF, there was just one. We are always happy to hear suggestions on ways to improve.

Joe Ginger, president

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Everyone is invited. Bring your ideas!

Sept 14	RAFTERS 6:30 P.M.
Nov.. 9	Next meeting.
Dec. 14	FPRF meetings are the second Thursday of the month. See "ALL IN. Stephenson County" for area events.
Oct. 28	Bootfull Saturday 12 pm- 2 pm Downtown Freeport
Nov 11	Madman Concert Masonic Center 7 pm
3-5 pm	Trick or Treat Trail Krape Park 3-5 pm
	Mistletoe Walk Nov. 18 & 19
	https://www.eventbrite.com/d/il-freeport/events/

Other Events & Activities

Freeport/Stephenson County

<https://greaterfreeport.com>



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You know this as Krape Park. Originally it was Globe Park and as you can see, there was a very active boating community in Freeport. I believe the current bridge stands where this bridge was. The original dam was constructed of wood and in its same location. Later it was rebuilt as a concrete structure. That structure had a fish ladder to allow fish migration. Not having any documentation on the fish ladder performance it was omitted during the last rebuild. A rock ramp rebuild would allow fish passage and improve habitat.

If you are interested in improving river stewardship, promoting paddling, organizing river events, the history of the Pecatonica River and communities along the river, check our website and contact us.

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