

Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

THE CURRENT

November 2024

Now is the time for Us to start planning for next year. We are always considering possible activities to improve the water trails. Any suggestions for new launch sites would be appreciated. The original plan used a map of the Pecatonica River and a pair of dividers to measure an approximate distance between possible launch sites. The first goal was to get paddlers to Tutty's Crossing. We quickly identified McConnell and Damascus as potential launch sites, and they divided the trip into manageable lengths. Over the years, I've talked to several people who started paddling at Brewsters Landing and figured they could make the trip to Freeport in just a few hours. The trip is 28.6 miles.

Speaking of miles paddled, a paddle from the Browntown launch to Macktown takeout is just over 100 miles. FPRF has been considering some form of recognition for those paddlers who paddle that distance. You may break the distance into as many trips as you like.

We need more board members. That translates into people willing to work on improving existing launch sites and creating more launches. We have eight launches in Stephenson County. We need to determine a replacement for the former VFW site and a launch between that site and Attens Landing. New people bring new ideas! New launch sites also create new fishing opportunities. Never have I heard anyone complaining that there are too many places to fish in Stephenson County. FPRF promotes recreation in Stephenson County. We advocate "Paddle, Paddle, and Hike!" We need to add fish! Would you like to help make it happen?

Joe Ginger, president

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Everyone is invited. Bring your ideas!

Nov. 14	RAFTERS 6:30 P.M.
Nov. 14	Next meeting.
Dec. 12 Jan. 9	FPRF meetings are the second Thursday of the month. See "ALL IN. Stephenson County" for area events.
	Freeport Art Museum BIPOC 2024 Oct 25-Dec 27
	https://www.eventbrite.com/d/il-freeport/events/

Other Events & Activities

Freeport/Stephenson County

<https://greaterfreeport.com>



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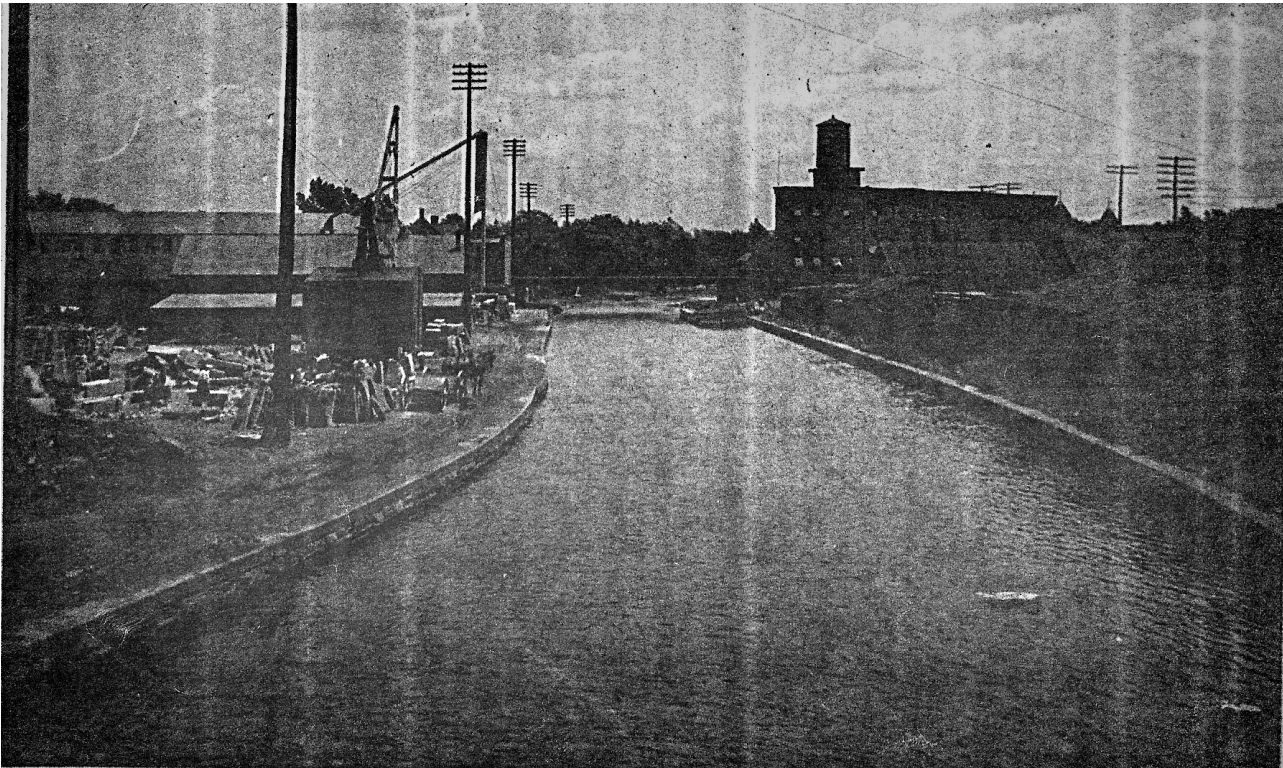
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This picture shows the mill race that created Manufacturer's Island. You are looking south. Around 1836 boating traffic, and transporting material, began on the Pecatonica River. The Goddard's dam was built in 1847 and washed out in April of 1931. At the north end would be a grist mill, later a saw mill and at the end electric power generation.

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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