

Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

THE CURRENT

April 2025

Plans are being made for the 2025 paddling season. The first item is to check the launch sites for possible repairs and/or maintenance. We know the gangway at McConnell needs stain and have arranged that work. A burn at Atten's was supposed to be scheduled. As of April 6th, that hasn't happened. Most notably, the excavator and loader are gone, relocated, making some people happy. The supply of rip-rap from Pecatonica remains and will hopefully be placed to prevent erosion at the overlook sites. People are using this site and that makes all the work worthwhile. The original site plan shows a walking path from the parking lot, walking just north of the tree line, toward the bridge, then north, parallel to the road, then west and back to the parking area.

Once again the IDNR did not say "yes" to awarding a BAAD Grant for the construction of a motorboat launch ramp to be constructed at Atten's Landing. There is no public launch on the Pecatonica River between Freeport and Pecatonica. There is a cost for applying for this grant and FPRF has covered the cost of submitting each of the applications. That's how strongly we feel that a launch is needed in that area. The Winnebago County Fair-Ground, in Pecatonica is the closest public launch.

With the closing of the former VFW launch site, FPRF is attempting to determine a possible replacement launch location. One may be possible along the Pecatonica Prairie Path. An alternative might be near Ridott. The Pecatonica Prairie Path goes through Ridott just north of the Post Office. Any questions?

Joe Ginger, president

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Everyone is invited. Bring your ideas!

April 10	RAFTERS 6:30 P.M.
May 8	Next meeting.
Jun. 12 Jul. 10	FPRF meetings are the second Thursday of the month. See "ALL IN. Stephenson County" for area events.
	April 4th-26th Aspiring Artists Juried Show
	https://www.eventbrite.com/d/il-freeport/events/

Other Events & Activities

Freeport/Stephenson County

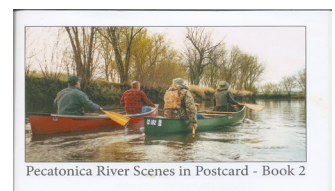
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This shows how FPRF has cleaned the mud sediment from the boat launch at Tutty's Crossing. A twenty foot long pusher blade is attached to a skid-loader to push the sediment off the ramp, into the river. Works well!

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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