13th Annual

FOX RIVER SUMMIT

March 13th. 2025

Veterans Terrace at Echo Lake – Burlington, Wi



Register at southeastfoxriver.org

Early registration: \$45 - After March 10th: \$75

Registration includes morning breakfast bar and lunch. Reduced student rates available, contact **Tom Slawski** with inquiries.

A remote viewing livestream option is also available for those who cannot attend in person. The registration price for in-person or virtual attendance is the same.

Who should attend? Interested citizens; Fox River recreational users; property and business owners; developers; lake, river and other environmental organizations; federal, state, county and local units of government; environmental and water resources professionals, scientists (including students), engineers, managers, biologists, planners, consultants, educators and attorneys; tourism representatives; economists. Anyone with interest in watershed issues is invited to attend the summit.

Every March residents of Illinois and Wisconsin gather at the Fox River Summit to update one another on what is happening along and throughout the Fox River watershed. The objectives of this gathering include:



- Develop a framework to support ongoing watershed protection actions
- ✓ Continue dialogue on shared challenges concerning recreation, economics, sustainable flows, surface water/groundwater interactions, sediment and ecosystem services
- ✓ Develop relationships/build trust among Illinois and Wisconsin stakeholders
- ✓ Identify commonalities, project successes and future challenges facing communities within the watershed

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Come to the Fox River Summit for

Stakeholder Engagement

- **Gary Swick**, **Friends of the Fox River**, *The State of the Fox River*, noting significant happenings across the entire watershed of both states in the past year. Will you sign up to host an event for It's Our Fox River Day 2025?
- **Cheryl Nenn** will share how **Milwaukee Riverkeeper** engages stakeholders and protects water quality in their watershed.
- Kristin Schultheis will discuss how the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) engages farmers to help address climate resiliency through project implementation.
- Tony Peirick, President, Dodge County Farmers for Healthy Soil & Healthy Water, will present a Wisconsin perspective on "Soil Health" and "Regenerative Agriculture" activities amongst producer lead groups.

Challenges

- Tom Koepp, Pewaukee Lake Sanitary District, Wake Boat, Lake Users and Lake Management Challenges.
- Tim Campbell, Aquatic Sciences Center, AIS Program Manager, Negative Emotions Drive Preference for Herbicide Treatments for Aquatic Invasive Species in Wisconsin Lakes.

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- Individuals \$45
- Summit Sponsors \$100 (includes one ticket and a display table)
- Platinum Sponsors \$200 (includes two tickets and a display table)

Steve Vavra, **Wisconsin State Climatology Office**, State Climatologist, Present Day and Future Extreme Rainfall Statistics for the Fox River Watershed.

Wildlife & Recreation

River Otter in the Fox River, Chris Anchor from the Urban River Otter Research Project.

Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat update and interactive webtool in Southeastern Wisconsin, **Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission**.

Fabulous Fox! National Water Trail collaborative bi-state effort continues! Karen Ann Miller, Kane Co.

<u>Keynote Presentation</u> – Carpentersville Dam Removal

Keynote panel speakers [Kane County Dept. of Environmental & Water Resources, Forest Preserve District of Kane County, V3 Companies (contractor), and RES (consultant)] will complete the Summit by presenting on the Carpentersville Dam Removal: how planned, sequence of removal, lessons learned, and how has the river responded. Followed by a visual presentation from Art Malm, Friends of the Fox River, "The Dam is Gone, What Happened?"