



KANE COUNTY

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018

Long-standing, prescheduled committee work is being rescheduled, upon Penny Wegman's request, due to conflict with Forest Preserve golf outing.

County Board Room

Agenda

11:00 AM

Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes: June 13, 2018
3. Environmental (K. Anderson)
4. Recycling/Solid Waste (J. Jarland)
5. Sustainability (J. Mino)
6. New Business
 - A. **Resolution:** Authorizing Kane County Support For The Wisconsin-Illinois Fox River Water Trail Initiative
7. Public Comment
8. Reports Placed on File
9. Executive Session (If Needed)
10. Adjournment



RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Resolution No.

Authorizing Kane County Support For The Wisconsin-Illinois Fox River Water Trail Initiative

Committee Flow: Energy and Environmental Committee, Executive Committee, County Board

Contact: Karen Miller, 630.232.3418

Budget Information:

Was this item budgeted? No	Appropriation Amount:
If not budgeted, explain funding source:	

Summary:

The Resolution provides support for the development of the Wisconsin-Illinois Fox River Water Trail Initiative and subsequent application for designation by the National Park Service.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF KANE

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING KANE COUNTY SUPPORT FOR THE WISCONSIN-ILLINOIS FOX RIVER
WATER TRAIL INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, the Fox River is recognized as a major natural resource corridor with potential for recreation, scenic and historic trails and for economic development of river communities; and

WHEREAS, the National Water Trails system is a collaborative effort administered by the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, Kane County enjoys the beautiful and scenic Fox River as part of their communities and as a clean, drinkable water source; and

WHEREAS, Kane County has an outstanding forest preserve system and is engaged in development of river access and diverse recreational opportunities along the Fox River to serve the needs of residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, Kane County encourages and supports efforts to enhance economic development along the riverfront and revitalization of river communities; and

WHEREAS, the Kane County 2040 Plan promotes the enhancement and expansion of the County's green infrastructure network providing functional connections between water resources, natural areas, forest preserves, cultural and historic sites, and communities as part of the region's Green Infrastructure Vision; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Wisconsin-Illinois Fox River Water Trail Initiative is to establish and interpret a Fox River Water Trail along the 223-mile river course from the headwaters in the Town of Lisbon, Wisconsin, to the confluence with the Illinois River in Ottawa, Illinois to provide access for all to the natural resources, recreational opportunities, scenic beauty, and historic and cultural assets of the Fox River Valley; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the Wisconsin-Illinois Fox River Water Trail Initiative includes promoting ecotourism and recreational opportunities throughout the River corridor, enhancing community recognition of the unique assets of the Fox River and supporting economic development and revitalization of river communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Kane County hereby supports the Wisconsin-Illinois Fox River Water Trail Initiative seeking designation as a National Water Trail as part of the National Water Trail System.

Passed by the Kane County Board on August 14, 2018.

John A. Cunningham
Clerk, County Board
Kane County, Illinois

Christopher J. Lauzen
Chairman, County Board
Kane County, Illinois

Vote:

18-08 Water Trail

Wisconsin-Illinois Fox River Water Trail Initiative

Karen Ann Miller, AICP

Kane County Development Department

Fox River Ecosystem Partnership



Energy & Environmental Committee

July 11, 2018

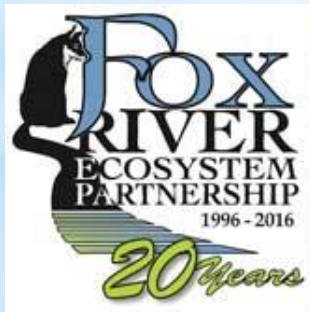
Wisconsin-Illinois Fox River Water Trail Initiative



A distinctive national network of exemplary water trails that are cooperatively supported and sustained.



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National Park Service



Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program

Supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation

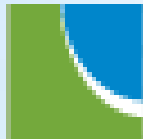


Wisconsin-Illinois Fox River Water Trail Initiative

Core Development Team



- * Vision, Mission & Goals
- * Data Collection
- * Funding
- * Mapping
- * Public Outreach & Support
- * Website
- * Brochures
- * Plan
- * Application for Designation



CMAP



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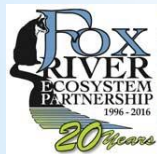
Partnership with Convention & Visitors Bureaus



Fox River Corridor

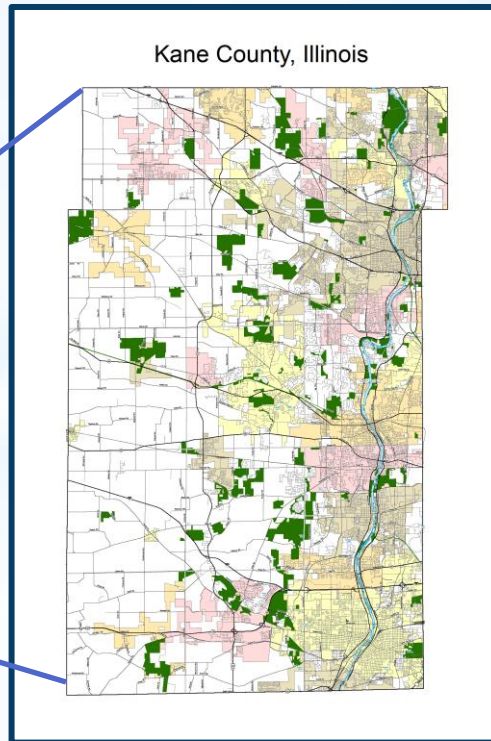


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Kane County Tourism

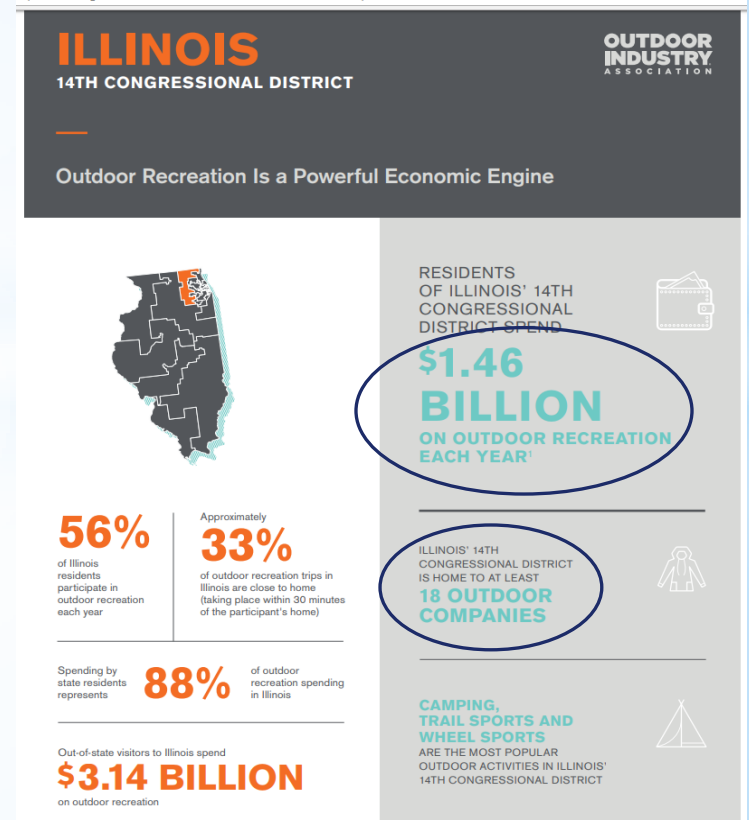
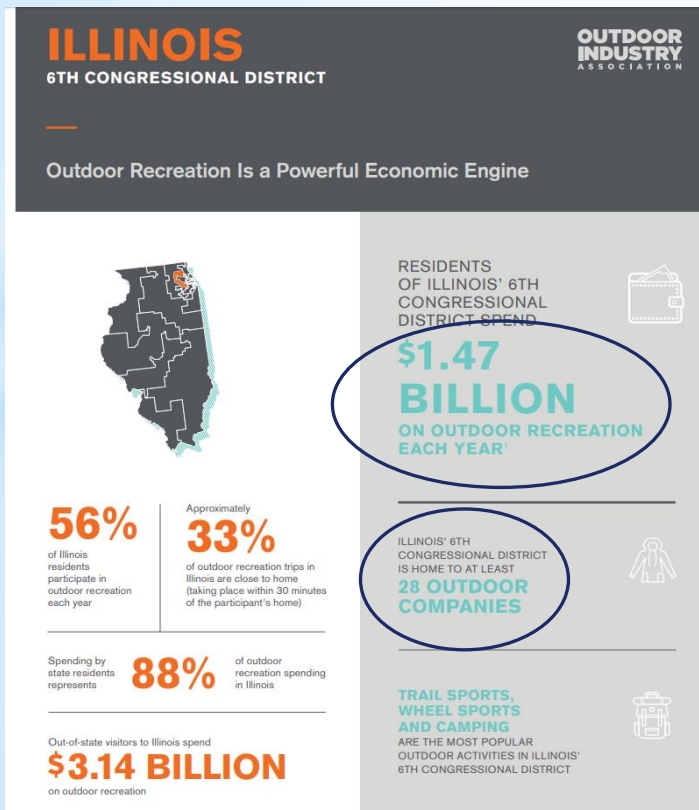


- *Fox River approx. 40 miles*
- *8.8 million within 50 miles*
- *1335 miles of bike trails:*
Great Western
Prairie Path
- *3 Convention & Visitors Bureaus*
- *Chicago Tourists*
3 passenger train lines
2 interstate tollways



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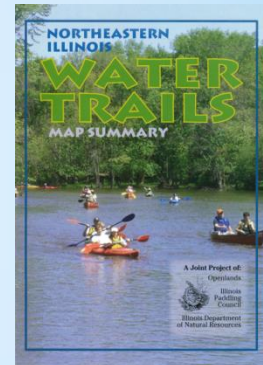
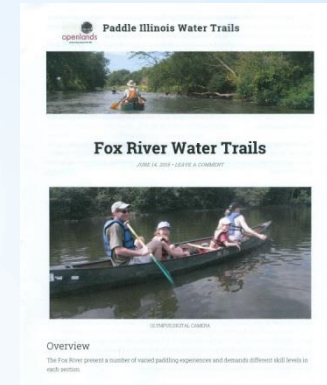
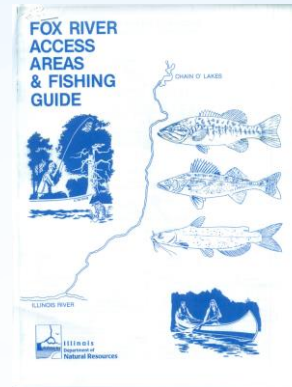
Spending by Congressional District Residents



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Collecting data

- * Access sites
- * Dams
- * Segments



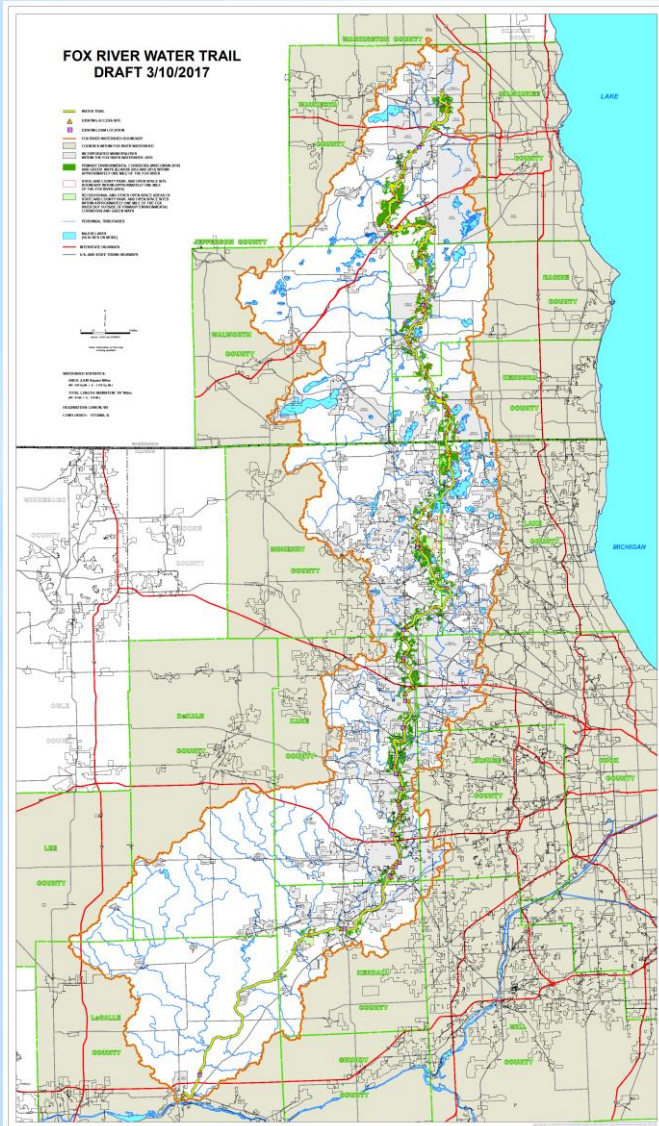
- * Existing Resources
- * Volunteers



Wisconsin-Illinois Fox River Water Trail Initiative

Core Development Team *Building Maps*

- * *Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC)*
- * *Chicago Metropolitan Planning Agency (CMAP)*



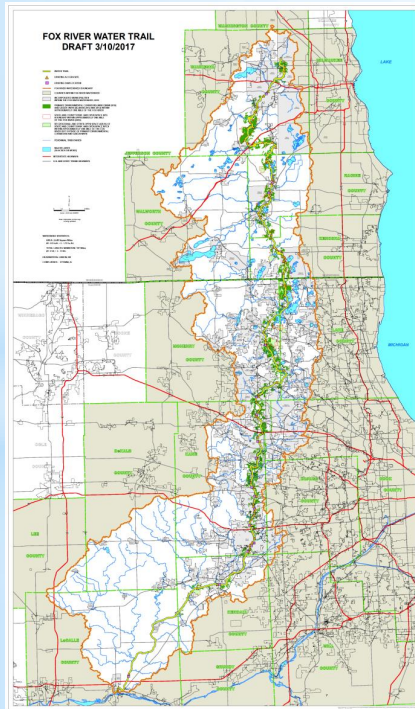
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Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Surface Water Grant

&

Anonymous Donation



- * *Logo*
- * *Brochure*
- * *Downloadable Map Series*
- * *Online Map Portal*
- * *Powerpoint Presentation Template*
- * *Workshop, Training & Outreach*



Wisconsin-Illinois Fox River Water Trail Initiative

Letters of Support and/or Resolutions

- * Counties
- * State Legislators
- * Congressional Representatives & Senators
- * Municipalities
- * Organizations
- * Government Agencies



Wisconsin-Illinois Fox River Water Trail Initiative



*Appreciating the value of
this resource and
providing access for all
to enjoy, instilling pride
and encouraging
conservation of this
beautiful river*

Resolution Supporting the Water Trail!

