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## Annual Summit Builds on Fox River Plan

Kane County staff member Karen Ann Miller recently attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fox River Summit in Wisconsin where she shared the latest progress on an initiative to enhance recreational opportunities on the Fox River.

Miller is the Executive Planner of the Kane County Development Department and Illinois Co-Chair of a program known as *Fabulous Fox! Water Trail* (FFWT).



“Accomplishments to date include the development of the *Fabulous Fox! Water Trail* website at <https://fabulousfoxwatertrail.org> where paddlers can find detailed information about each access site, downloadable maps of 14 segments along the Fox River and dozens of itineraries to choose from,” Miller said. “In addition, there is detailed information and links to natural, cultural and historical sites as well as eateries and shops.”

The *Fabulous Fox! Water Trail* runs from Waukesha County, Wisconsin to the confluence with the Illinois River in Ottawa, Illinois, and provides 80 access sites for the public to enjoy quiet and active recreation, scenic beauty and abundant wildlife

She also provided an update on the team’s efforts to have the trail designated as part of the National Park Service National Water Trail System.

“Communities along the Fox River embrace stewardship and public engagement to create and maintain a sense of place,” Miller said. “The Fabulous Fox Water Trail is being developed by a team of stakeholders, with the ultimate goal designation in the National Park Service National Water Trails System.”



The 10th Fox River Summit is a product of the collaboration between the Fox River Ecosystem Partnership in Illinois and the Southeast Fox River Partnership and the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission in Wisconsin. The summit focuses on watershed management issues in both the Wisconsin and Illinois portions of the Fox River Watershed.

The *Fabulous Fox! Water Trail* concept began when attendees at a previous Fox River Summit learned about the National Park Service National Water Trail System, and came together to develop the idea for the trail.

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“We hope the development of the *Fabulous Fox! Water Trail* encourages paddlers and aspiring paddlers to get out on the Fox River and enjoy the diverse land uses and its communities from a different perspective.”

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