



Updating natural resource related events and issues in the Fox River Watershed



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Phosphorus Controls

The Partnership is discussing the potential environmental benefits of statewide legislation regulating phosphorus in lawn fertilizers. Wisconsin currently has no policy concerning private residential fertilizer applications. Although a number of communities in Wisconsin have enacted phosphorus restrictive ordinances, the Partnership feels a clear-cut statewide policy would be more effective, easier to enforce, and easier for the fertilizer industry to comply with. The member's discussed supporting a new law that would allow lawn fertilizers to contain up to 3% phosphorus. The 3% standard would permit continued sale of organic, or compost-based, products like Milorganite, which have a substantial market in Wisconsin. The partnership feels any statewide legislation should preserve the rights of communities to enact stricter phosphorus bans should they wish. Contact Charlie Shong if you would like information about this topic or have a view to share: lcshong@milwpc.com. Read the partnership's talking points regarding this issue at <http://basineducation.uwex.edu/southeastfox/>

New Guide Book Almost Ready: *Options for Open Space*

Options for Open Space is guide for private and public land managers. Fourteen information packed chapters cover the most common habitat types and management decision open-space property owners face when they protect and restore their land. Topics include prairies, shorelines, wetlands and woodlands, farmland, lawns, storm-water ponds, invasive plants, long-term protection options and who to contact for help. Each chapter starts with an overview section followed by a selection of relevant fact-sheets and other helpful literature. The entire guide is packaged in a three inch D-ring binder. Contact Marlin Johnson for more information: mjohnson@uwex.edu.

Walworth County Lake Survey

Since 2001, Walworth County has successfully implemented a lake protection/education program for county residents, especially lakefront property owners. Last year the county finalized a report on a comprehensive survey they conducted in 2005 to fine tune their program. Nearly 2000 Walworth County lake residents completed the survey. Read a copy of the report on the Fox River Web Site: <http://basineducation.uwex.edu/southeastfox/> Contact Audrey Greene, Walworth County Lake Specialist, to learn more: 262-741-4360, agreen@co.walworth.wi.us.

Fox River Volunteer Monitoring Training June 3rd

Jayne Jenks, Waukesha County Parks and Land Use, will conduct a volunteer water quality monitoring training session on June 3, from 8:30am-2:30pm, at the UW-Waukesha Field Station in Waterville. The Fox River Partner Team will provide waders, nets, thermometers and other test equipment for 12 individuals or teams willing to collect baseline data from rivers and streams in the Fox River Watershed. Data will go into a statewide database. Contact Jayne to register for the June 3rd training, 262-896-8305.

Funding sought for Fox River Basin Recreational Asset map.

The partnership seeks financial sponsors for Fox River Basin Recreational Asset map. The foldable map highlights outdoor recreation opportunities in the basin including canoe routes, fishing spots, biking/hiking trails, wildlife areas, boat launches and parks. Please contact Partnership President Charlie Shong if you would like to help sponsor this project: (262) 691-4485. Any donor who contributes over \$500 is eligible to have their name/business listed on the map.

Simons Woods Grand Opening May 7

Volunteers from the Pewaukee River Partnership will host a grand opening of the Simons Wood Park in the City of Pewaukee and dedicate the recently completed boardwalk trail. Contact Mary Schwister for more information: 262-691-2341.

Upcoming Fox River Partnership meetings:

- May. 3, 2006, 8am-10am – UW-Waukesha Field Station, Waterville
- June 7, 2006, 8am-10am – Ken Rowley Farm, Elkhorn

