

# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fox River Summit

Thursday, March 14, 2024

See Website for more details at [2024 Fox River Summit Program Speakers](#)

## \*\*\* Program Outline\*\*\*

7:30 AM	Registration-coffee/tea/assorted small danish & muffins, juices
8:00 AM	<b>**Welcome and Introductions**</b>
8:10 AM	<b>Update and Celebrate: Fabulous Fox! Water Trail National Designation</b> --Karen Miller, Kane County Development Dept.
8:30 AM	<b>Providing Accessibility for all Abilities: The Value of Investing in the Inclusion of Paddlers with Disabilities</b> --Tom Warchol, Partner with BoardSafe Docks
8:50 AM	<b>Where were you for It's Our Fox River Day 2023?</b> --Gary Swick, Friends of the Fox River
9:20 AM	<b>Exploring Lake and River Water Quality Data with New WDNR Tools</b> --Justin Poinatte, SEWRPC
9:45 AM	Break-coffee/snacks
	<i>Pollutant Load Reduction Series-status &amp; update</i>
10:00 AM	<b>Update: 20 Years of Illinois' Fox River Study Group</b> --Cindy Skrukud, Fox River Study Group
10:15 AM	<b>WI-Fox (Illinois) River Basin TMDL</b> --Eric Hettler, WDNR
10:30 AM	<b>Chain O' Lakes Watershed-Based Plan Update</b> --Pat Smarto, Fox Waterway Agency
10:45 AM	<b>Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission (SEWFRC) Projects/Grants/Implementation Plan update</b> --Tom Slawski, SEWRPC
11:00 AM	<b>Fox River Connectivity &amp; Habitat Study Update</b> --Ryan Johnson, USACE
11:15 AM	<b>Fox River Fresh Water Mussel Update</b> --Lisie Kitchel, WDNR
11:30 AM	<b>Peeking under the covers: measuring cover crop canopy and residue for improved estimates of run-off reduction</b> --Jim Stute, Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County
11:45 AM	<b>Hackmatack National Wildlife Restoration funding</b> --Representative Lauren Underwood, 14th District of Illinois (invited)
12:00 PM	Lunch Break
12:50 PM	<b>IL DNR's New Dam Public Safety Policy</b> --Wes Cattoor, IDNR
1:10 PM	<b>Ravensholme on the River: Farming with a Focus on Community and Water</b> --Paul Meuer, Tall Pines Conservancy
1:40 PM	<b>Less Salt Please! Two Programs, Two States, One Goal</b> --Hanna Miller & Allison Madison
2:40 PM	<b>Legal and Policy Strategies for Chloride Control</b> --Professor David A. Strifling
3:10 PM	Break-coffee/snacks
	<b>State Perspective on Watershed Protection Efforts</b> --WI Governor, Tony Evers (invited)
3:30 PM	<b>FLUDDLES screening &amp; Wrap up Discussion</b> --Dean Farr, McHenry-Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District; Cindy Skrukud, FRSG; Jeff Mengler, Fox River Ecosystem Partnership; Gary Swick, Friends of the Fox; and, Tom Slawski, Southeast Fox River Partnership
4:30 PM	<b>Social/informal time</b>
5:00 PM	Raffle/Adjourn