

# Friends of the Fox River

## 2005 Annual Report

### Year's Highlights--

- ✦ The Fox Environmental Hero Award was presented to Dave Rigby of Johnsburg.
- ✦ The Reese's Clean-Up Cup Award was awarded to Thom McNamee of East Dundee.
- ✦ Kane County Department of Environmental Management granted \$5,000 for our Fox River Watershed Monitoring Network.
- ✦ Second Annual "Your Fox River Watershed" Photo Contest was held.
- ✦ Fox River Watershed Monitoring Network increased the number of trained adult monitors from 350 to nearly 400, added 24 stream monitoring sites, and increased the number of students, teachers, and adults monitoring at stream sites from 2,500 to 3,500!
- ✦ Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn granted \$15,000 for our Fox River Watershed Monitoring Network to administer the state-wide 2005 Illinois RiverWatch Program.
- ✦ Over 400 volunteers removed 11 tons of trash from 25 river miles at 23 individual Fox Rescue cleanup events.
- ✦ Nearly 100 volunteers planted over 1,000 water willow plants at each of three Fox River locations in West Dundee, Oswego and Montgomery to enhance river habitat.
- ✦ Fox River Watershed Monitoring Network was awarded one of thirteen 2005 Environmental Hero Awards from Illinois Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn for their commitment to maintaining a healthful environment for future generations.

### Member Events-

- ✦ Shedd Aquarium Tour, Chicago, January 29
- ✦ Monitor Appreciation Banquet, East Dundee, January 18
- ✦ Bald Eagle Days, Ottawa, January 22-23
- ✦ Water Rules! Workshop, Batavia, February 26
- ✦ Monitoring Network Trainings- April 16 (Crystal Lake), May 11 (North Aurora), June 9 (Yorkville), August 27 (St. Charles)
- ✦ Monitor with Your Mother, Carpentersville, May 8
- ✦ Fox River Watershed Conference for Teachers and Students, St. Charles, May 12
- ✦ Water Willow Planting Events (River Habitat Enhancement) – May 21 (Montgomery), July 9 (West Dundee) & July 16 (Oswego)
- ✦ Algonquin Community Day, Algonquin, June 17
- ✦ Fox Rescue river cleanup, May 21
  - ◆ Boone Creek in the City of McHenry
  - ◆ Fox River at Fox River Shores Forest Preserve in Carpentersville
  - ◆ Fox River at Voyageur's Landing Forest Preserve in Elgin
  - ◆ Fox River at Jon J. Duerr (Blackhawk Forest Preserve) in South Elgin
  - ◆ Fox River at Fox River Bluff Forest Preserve in St. Charles

- ◆ Fox River at Tekakwitha Woods Forest Preserve in St. Charles
- ◆ Fox River at Fabyan Forest Preserve in Geneva
- ◆ Fox River at Gunnar Anderson Forest Preserve in Geneva
- ◆ Fox River at Clark Island in Batavia
- ◆ Fox River at Glenwood Forest Preserve in Batavia
- ◆ Fox River at Les Arends Forest Preserve between Batavia and Mooseheart
- ◆ Fox River at Red Oak Nature Center in North Aurora
- ◆ Fox River at Aurora Township Parking Lot in Aurora
- ◆ Fox River at Yorkville City Park in Yorkville

🐟 It's Our River Day cleanups, September 17

- ◆ Fox River at Fox River Shores Forest Preserve in Carpentersville
- ◆ Fox River at Voyageurs Landing Forest Preserve in Elgin
- ◆ Fox River at Norris Woods Nature Preserve in St. Charles
- ◆ Fox River at Fox River Bluff West Forest Preserve in St. Charles
- ◆ Mahoney Creek in Batavia
- ◆ Fox River at Lippold Outdoor Recreation Center in Batavia/North Aurora
- ◆ Lake Patterson at Oakhurst Forest Preserve in Aurora
- ◆ Fox River at Violet Patch Park in Oswego
- ◆ Fox River at Riverside Park in Yorkville

🐟 Heritage Fest, East Dundee, September 18

🐟 Waubensee Community College Senior Day, Oswego, September 21

🐟 Prairiefest, Elgin, October 2

🐟 Annual Meeting and Photo Contest Winner Reception, Yorkville, November 7

## **Board of Directors/Staff -**

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### **Staff**

**Sue Bennett, Fox River Monitoring Network Coordinator**  
**Karin Ley, Administrative Assistant & Newsletter Editor**

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### **Volunteer Staff**

**Cindy Skrukud, Earth Share Representative**  
**Jessi DeMartini, Fox Rescue Coordinator**

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**At our November 7 Annual Meeting, Ed Dahmer and Sue Bennett were elected to the Board of Directors. Rita Hickman and David Horn ended their service on the board.**