

# PECATONICA RIVER ILLINOIS

**Project Name:** Pecatonica River Water Trail

**Project Type:**

- Acquisition/Easement/Protection
- Restoration (Wetland and Riparian)
- Recreation (Boat Access)



**Project Description:** The Pecatonica River has had a significant increase in recreational use, over the last three years. The Pecatonica River Water Trail project consists of volunteers who have dedicated themselves to revitalizing their region by providing recreational access along 58 miles of the river in Stephenson County, Illinois.

Their hard work includes clearing obstructions in the River, sponsoring river clean-ups, holding paddling events, and promoting “universal access” design. The goal is to ensure the waterway is open to all people, skills, and talents, to have launch sites four to six miles apart, and to provide amenities such as restroom facilities and drinking water and parking at each site. There are currently eight defined access sites along the river, which the group is working to create or improve.

**Lead Federal Agencies:**

- National Park Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Non-Federal Partners:**

- Fehr-Graham Associates, Inc.
- Lena Community Park District
- Stephenson County Board
- Ducks Unlimited
- Pheasants Forever
- Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation



**Outcomes for 2012:**

- Complete a river access site at Atten’s Landing, which includes two fishing docks and a floating dock
- Restore one acre of wetland and riparian habitat