

General Post

Wednesday March 25, 2020 Yorkville, IL

Fox River Dams: Should We Live With Them? Can We Live Without Them?



Yorkville Dam (Photo: www.exp.com)

Speakers : Steve Pescitelli, Streams Specialist with ILDNR Division of Fisheries and Karen Clementi, Regulatory and Public Outreach Manager, Fox Metro Water Reclamation District and member of the Fox River Study Group

Most of the dams built on the Fox River were constructed in the latter half of the 19th century for power generation or industry. In fact, by 1880 Fox River towns from Carpentersville to Montgomery all had dams. But what function do they provide today, 140 years later?

The March program in The Conservation Foundation's Fox River series, *A River Runs Through It: Life in the Fox River Valley*, is an introductory presentation about how the presence of dams on the Fox River influence the water quality, habitat, and fish assemblages of this defining feature of our communities, an important resource for recreation, aesthetics, flood conveyance, and drinking water. Our speakers are assembling some great information to help us understand the role dams continue to play in the Fox River. Please join us!

Wednesday March 25th, Kendall County Historic Courthouse

110 W. Madison St., Yorkville, IL.

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Preregistration is not required. There is no cost to attend.

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(Photo: Friends of the Fox River, <https://friendsofthefoxriver.org/2018/02/01/dams-of-the-fox-river-a-laypersons-view/>)

Damming a river impacts water quality as well as the fish and other life that calls it home. As we begin to move into spring, what better time to learn more about these topics before we are just too busy out enjoying our Fox River! Steve Pescitelli has more than 20 years of experience studying the river. We're looking forward to learning from his expertise!

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(Geneva Dam - Photo: <http://www.city-data.com/picfilesc/picc49457.php>)

The mention of dams on the Fox River brings out a variety of opinions, but in this presentation you'll just hear the facts around how dams impact water quality and life in the river from scientists Steve Pescitelli (IL DNR) and Karen Clementi, member of the Fox River Study Group. Wondering what a dam has to do with our Fox River water quality? Come join us!

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