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Public engagement is vital to developing a plan for the Fox River Corridor that reflects the vision of the community.

McHenry County Planning & Development and CMAP are working to engage the public in the planning process through public workshops, interviews with community leaders and stakeholders, steering committee meetings, and on-going communication with residents, businesses, and river user and environmental groups.

**FOX RIVER STEERING COMMITTEE**

The steering committee will provide guidance on the project and review steps in the process. Members include:

- Jim Anderson, Lake County Forest Preserves
- Jodie Auliff, Illinois Paddling Council & Water Trailkeepers
- Jaki Berggren, Visit McHenry County
- Lynn Caccavale, Cary Grove Area Chamber of Commerce
- Tom Chelfalo, Lake County Building and Development
- Donna Erfort, Village of Port Barrington
- Joseph Gottmoller, McHenry County Board
- Joseph Keller, Fox Waterway Agency
- John Kremer, McHenry County Conservation District
- Kerry Leigh, Village of Oakwood Hills
- Michael Murphy, Village of Trout Valley
- Robert Nunamaker, Village of Fox River Grove
- David Raica, Cary Park District
- Nancy Schietzelt, Environmental Defenders of McHenry County
- Carolyn Schofield, McHenry County Board (former position)
- Nancy Schumm, Spring and Flint Creek Watershed Group
- Brian Simmons, Village of Cary
- Cynthia Skrakrud, Fox River Study Group and Sierra Club
- Thomas Vanderpool, Citizens for Conservation
- Eberhard Veit, McHenry County Bicycle Advocates
- Mike Warner, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
- Nancy Williamson, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

**FOX RIVER CORRIDOR PLAN | PUBLIC KICKOFF**

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS**

**ONLINE SURVEY**

**WHAT WE’VE HEARD SO FAR...**

The online survey is beginning to inform us on the priorities of residents, business owners, river users, environmental groups, and other stakeholders in the Fox River Corridor.

There is still time to take the survey!

Public Kickoff:

Tonight’s public kickoff is designed to:

- Introduce you to the planning process,
- Get input on your priorities, and
- Learn about challenges or opportunities you would like the plan to address.

### Priorities

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### BICYCLING & WALKING

- Safe Crossings
- Trail Connections
- Trail Improvement
- Other
- Marked Routes
- Bike Parking
- Accessibility
- Other

### PARKS & RECREATION

- More Parks
- Snowmobiling
- Access
- More Parks
- Motorized Boating
- Non-Motorized Boating
- Fishing Amenities
- Camping Amenities
- Horseriding
- Nature
- Environmental Quality
- Other
- Stormwater Management
- Invasive Species
- Open Space
- Aquatic Restoration
- Watershed Management
- Native Vegetation Restoration
- Other

For more information, contact Kate Evasic, CMAP Project Manager, at kevasic@cmap.illinois.gov or 312-386-8782.
## Tell Us About Your Top Three Priorities in the Fox River Corridor

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES IN THE FOX RIVER CORRIDOR**

**BUSINESSES & ACTIVITIES**

- Business retention and attraction
- Wayfinding
- Events and tournaments
- Guided tours

**BICYCLING & WALKING**

- Trail improvements
- Trail connections to parks/preserves or other regional trails
- Safe crossing
- ADA accessibility
- Bike parking
- Marked routes
- Signage and maps

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

- Streambank stabilization
- Better stormwater and flood control
- Aquatic habitat and restoration
- More open space
- Invasive species management
- Native vegetation restoration
- Watershed management and coordination

**PARKS & RECREATION**

- More parks/preserves
- Better access to existing parks/preserves
- Non-motorized boating amenities
- Motorized-boating amenities
- Horseback riding amenities
- Birdwatching amenities
- Mountain Bike amenities
- Snowmobiling amenities
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TELL US ABOUT THE STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES OF GETTING AROUND THE FOX RIVER CORRIDOR

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