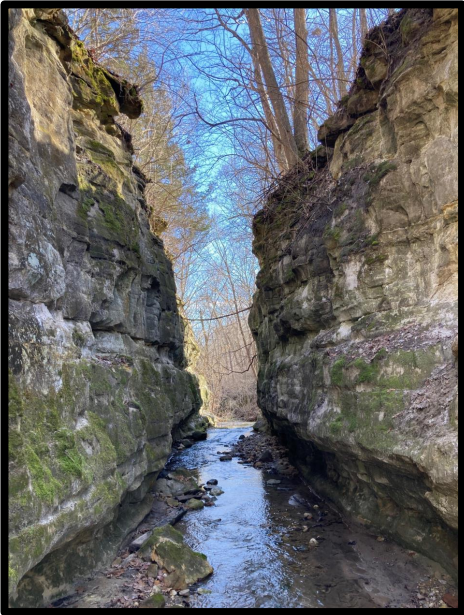




Improving the health of communities in the Fox River Valley



Land



Water



People



The Sperry Property

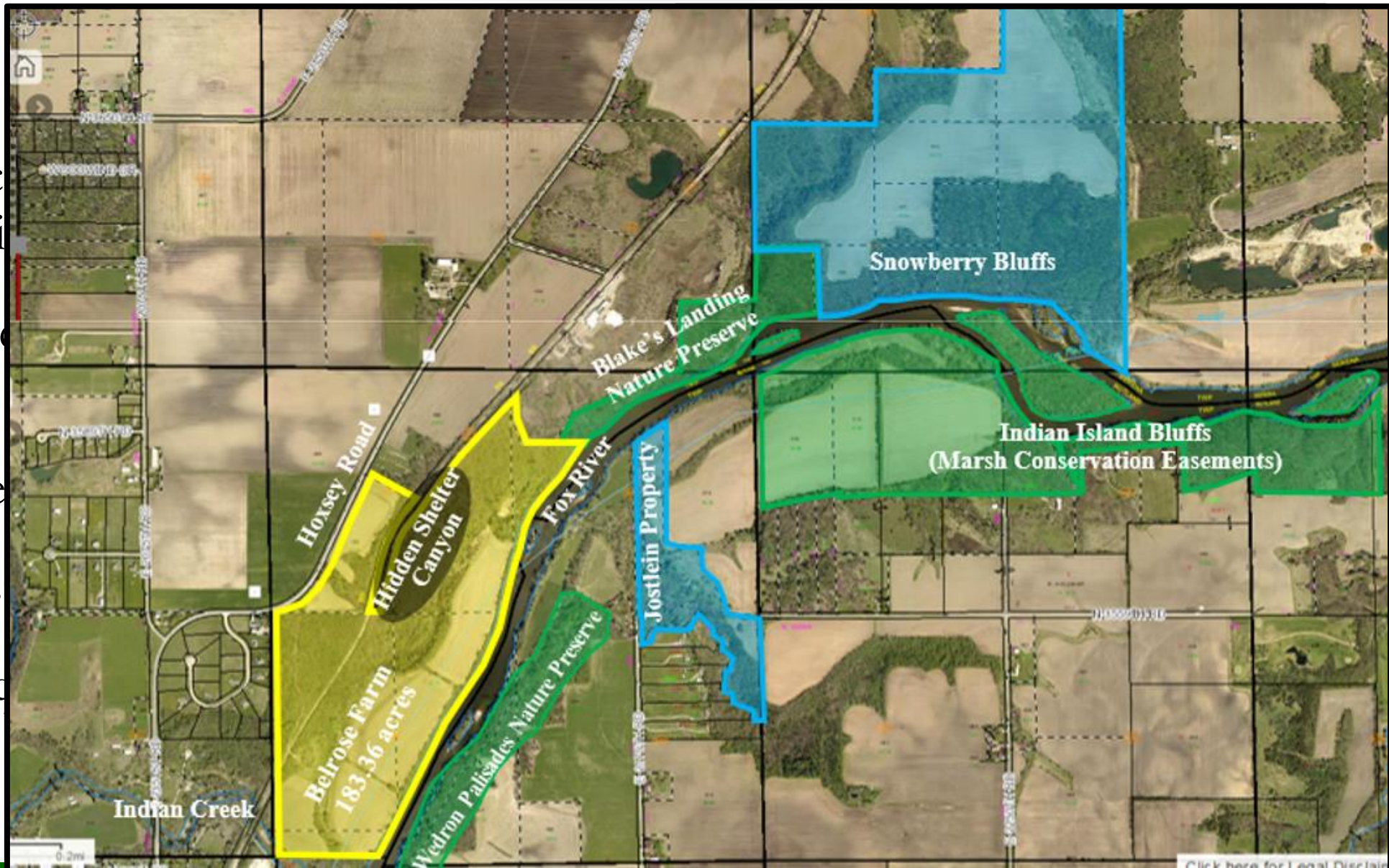
- 5-acre property along the Fox River in North Aurora
- Slated for development
- For Fox Valley Park District
- Adjacent to Fox River Trail
- Link between Park District and Village land





Belrose Farm

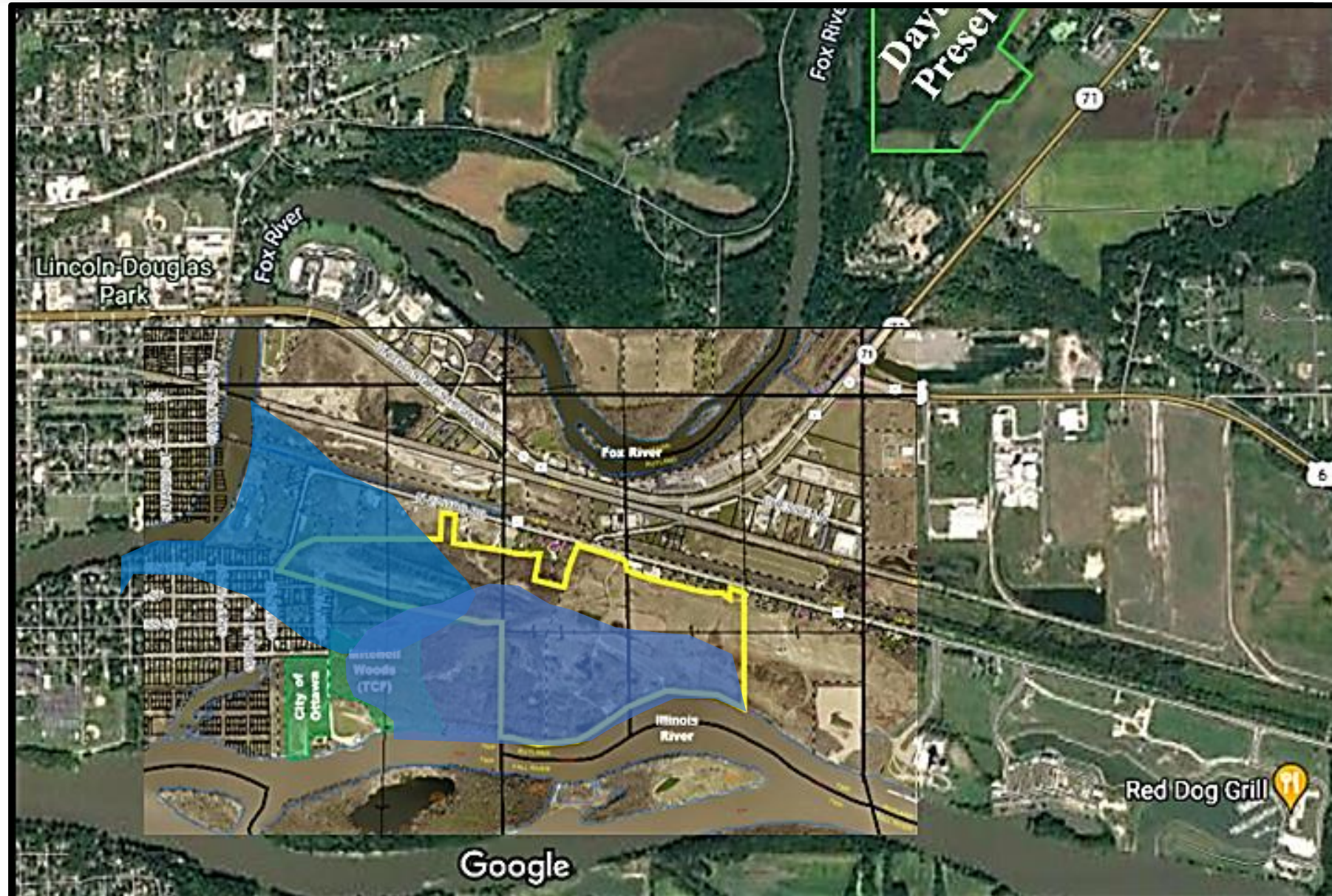
- 183-acre Fox River
- “Hidden study
- A mile
- Fantas
- High-c





Harper's Farm

- 110-acre property along the Illinois River in Ottawa
- Handles Fox and Illinois River floodwaters
- Former strip mine
- Future wetland complex with The Wetlands Initiative





Cleaning up rivers and streams



- It's Our Fox River Day
 - St. Charles
 - Yorkville
- Other cleanups
 - Oswego Cleanup (August)
 - Monthly cleanups in Yorkville



Fox River Series

A River Flows Through It
Life in the Fox River Valley

A Fox River Program Series
Presented by
The River Corridor Foundation of St. Charles
In Partnership with
The Conservation Foundation
St. Charles Park District

Series Schedule

~ All Programs ... FREE ~
7:00 - 8:00 pm, Collins Auditorium
Baker Community Center
101 S. 2nd Street, St. Charles

January 18
Dam Night Out
Ecology of the Fox River Dams
Gary Swick, Friends of the Fox

February 15 (At Hickory Knolls Nature Center)
Back On Track
Wildlife Conservation Successes
Pam Otto, St. Charles Park District

March 15
Indigenous Peoples History of Chicagoland:
Life on the Fox River
Josee Starr, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian

April 19
Birds of the Fox River Valley
John Sprocteri, President Kane County Audubon Society

May 17
Fishing the Fox River
Ryan Solomon, St. Charles Park District

- Five FREE monthly presentations!
- Partnership with:
 - River Corridor Foundation
 - St. Charles Park District
- Starts with “The Ecology of Dams” by Gary Swick next Wednesday
- 7:00 pm at Baker Community Center

Other Water-Related Activities



- Goal: Reduce chlorides (bad for the river, cars & infrastructure) while maintaining public safety
- Trainings and certifications
- Interactive educational exhibit in conjunction with Northwest Water Planning Alliance
 - Elgin and Aurora libraries among the first
 - Available to others





Other Water-Related Activities

275 sold in Kane and Kendall!














Stormwater Outreach Materials

- Available online for FREE for municipalities, HOAs, etc.
- Blog articles, social media posts, posters
- Wide variety of stormwater-related subjects

Education & Outreach Materials

OUTREACH MATERIALS

 <p>Native Plants</p> <p>Native plants with deep roots stabilize soil and infiltrate rainwater into the ground, which helps to reduce runoff.</p>	 <p>Rain Barrels</p> <p>Use rain as a resource by collecting rainwater to be used later.</p>	 <p>Rain Gardens</p> <p>Rain gardens collect stormwater and help it soak into the ground instead of running off.</p>
 <p>Watershed Ecology</p> <p>Healthy rivers and streams support a diversity of aquatic life, including fish, dragonflies, and mussels.</p>	 <p>River Responsible</p> <p>We all want to have a great time out on the water. Be River Responsible to keep the river enjoyable for everyone.</p>	 <p>Pet Waste</p> <p>Pick up dog poop every time, everywhere to protect the water quality of rivers and streams.</p>
		



Nature Rx

- Goal: Promote the healthful effects of Mother Nature
- Kane County Nature Rx Coalition formed
 - Support from Kane Riverboat Grant
 - Folks from medical profession, park districts, forest preserve district, etc.
- Three-part training sessions for leaders of outdoor experiences in February
 - Free for Kane & DuPage Coalition members
 - Just \$150 for others





Did you know...



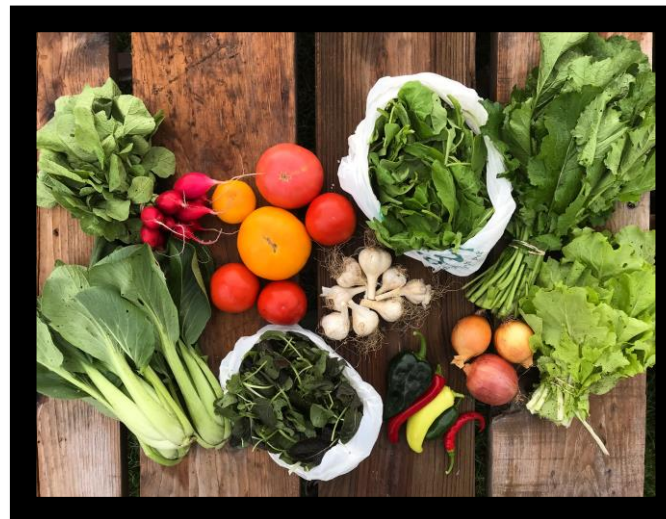
The Conservation Foundation's McDonald Farm is home to our **GREEN EARTH HARVEST** organic vegetable farm program?

Vegetable Subscriptions from May to November

(six pickup locations and home delivery)

Naperville farm stands from July to October

For all the details, visit our website: [TheConservationFoundation.org/Green-Earth](https://www.TheConservationFoundation.org/Green-Earth)





Questions?
Want more Information?

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