



Menard County Trails & Greenways

VISION

Enriched lives
through a network of
land and water trails
that connect people to natural and cultural resources
and
encourages exploration and conservation.

MISSION

Promote the development and use of a network of land and water trails that connect people to natural and cultural resources, encourage recreation, and advance the conservation of the county's unique natural and cultural resources for the benefit of all.

MEMBERSHIP

What your means for
Trails & Greenways

Volunteerism

Hands-on opportunity to give back to our community

Advocacy

A strong voice to promote recreation & conservation

Financial Support

Helps accomplish goals of the organization

Board of Directors

- Jason DeBoer
- Karen Erchinger
- Kent Massie
- Douglas Pope
- Dan Robertson
- Chris Rudin
- Jenn Satorius
- Libby Shawgo
- Guy Sternberg
- Terri Treacy
- Doug VanNatten



FY23 Annual Report

Membership

FY21

19 Individual

14 Family

FY22

17 Individual

32 Family

FY23

26 Individual

40 Family

Bank Balance	\$25,533
Checking Acct	8,865

Dedicated Funds:

Forest Fund	12,831
Pollinator	1,578
Hike App Fund	1,000
Tree Fund	1,000
Water Trail	259

Financial Report

FY24
Board Election

Board Nominees

2-year terms

FY24 & FY25

Jason DeBoer

Douglas Pope

Dan Robertson

Guy Sternberg

FY23 Highlights



Adopt-a-Highway

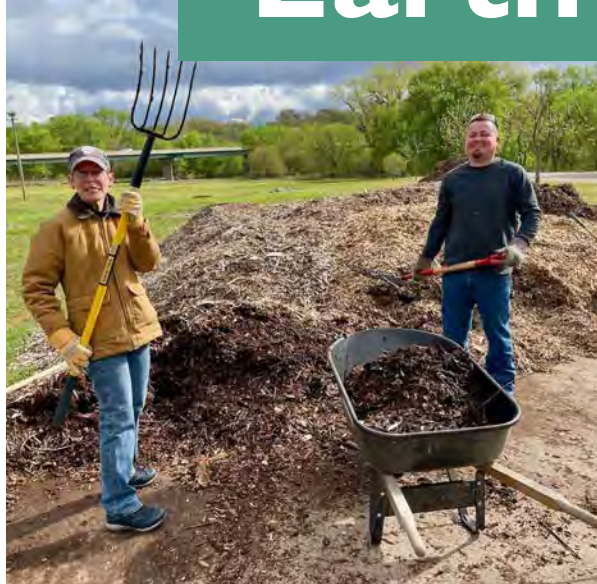


River Sweep





Earth Day



Historic



Park

Wayside





Petersburg Harvest Fest



Sangamon River Fall Float



Battling Invasive Species Presentation



New Salem Habitat Restoration Project



THE PROBLEM

Non-native bush honeysuckle, autumn olive, multiflora rose and garlic mustard are invading our forests. They form dense thickets that shade the forest floor, preventing native trees and wildflowers from reproducing.



The loss of native plants means the loss of wildlife dependent on those plants. For example, oak trees--the dominant trees in our forests--provide food for about 100 different animals.



THE SOLUTION

New Salem Habitat Restoration Unit A--Approx 65 Acres



Woody invasive plants are cut and the stumps treated with herbicide. Cut shrubs are stacked in piles throughout the work zone.

Garlic mustard is hand-pulled and disposed of appropriately to minimize reseeding.

Remove invasive plants from approximately 65 acres on Cardinal Ridge.



Treated areas will be monitored annually for regrowth and treated appropriately.

IDNR will conduct periodic burns when conditions are right. Fire will help suppress the regrowth of invasive species, while enhancing conditions for hardwood regeneration and a lush herbaceous understory.

THE PROJECT



Under the supervision of the IDNR Division of Natural Heritage, Menard County Trails & Greenways has prepared and implemented a restoration plan. Volunteers periodically gather to restore the natural habitat of Cardinal Ridge.

If you have questions about the project or are interested in becoming a Trails & Greenways volunteer, please contact us at MenardCTG@gmail.com to find out more about the project and steps to becoming a project volunteer.



Interpretive Sign



Fire Management

Forestry Mulcher—Nelson Land Management





It's all about the VOLUNTEERS!!





Mark
Alessi



Ray Geroff



Jim Nelson

Burn bosses & professional crew



Garlic Mustard—Never Ending Fun!!

May 2023

Invasive Plants: they have to go!

<https://outdoor.wildlifeillinois.org/articles/invasive-plant-species-they-have-to-go/>

**INVASIVE
SPECIES
SERIES**





National Trails Day Hike at New Salem

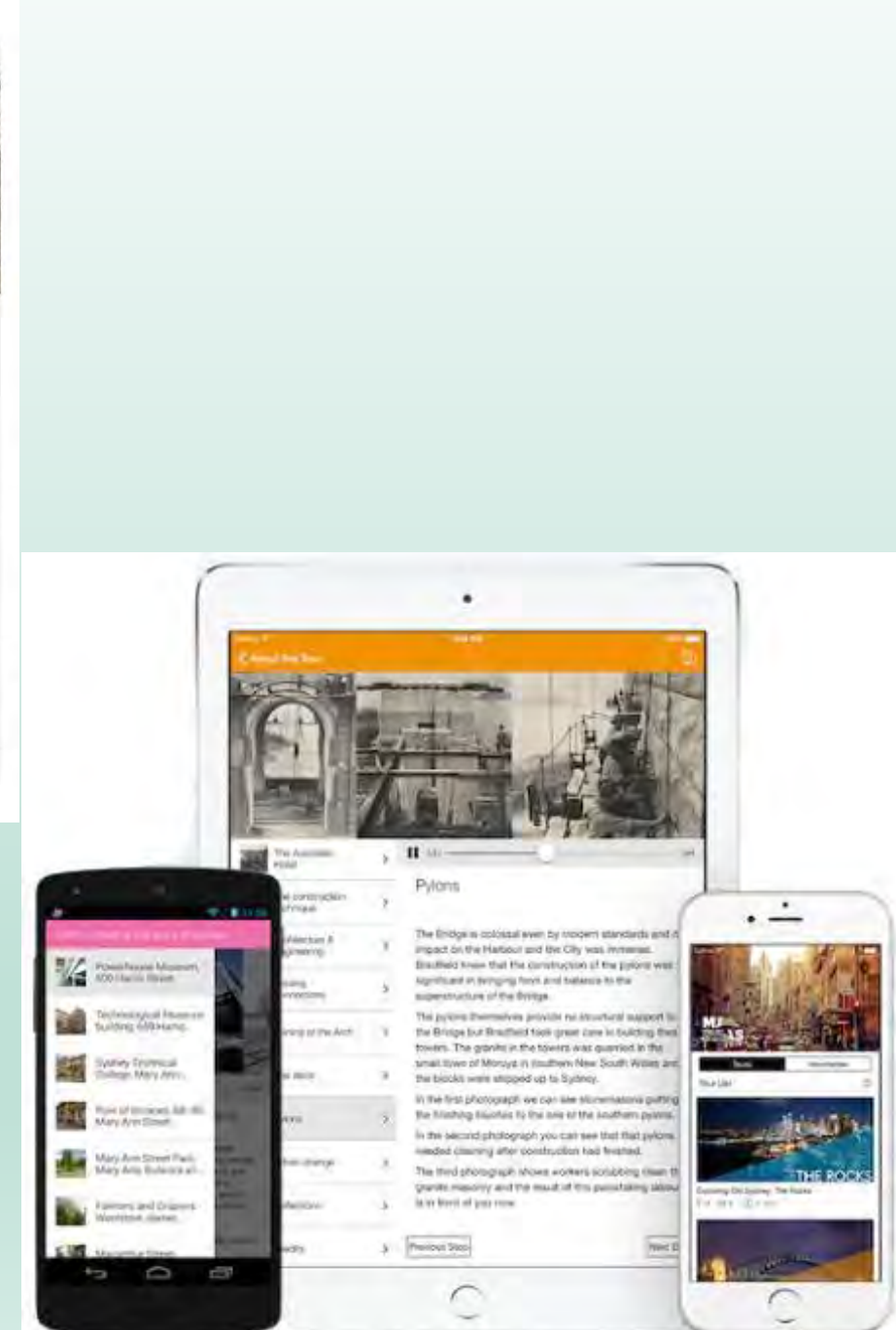
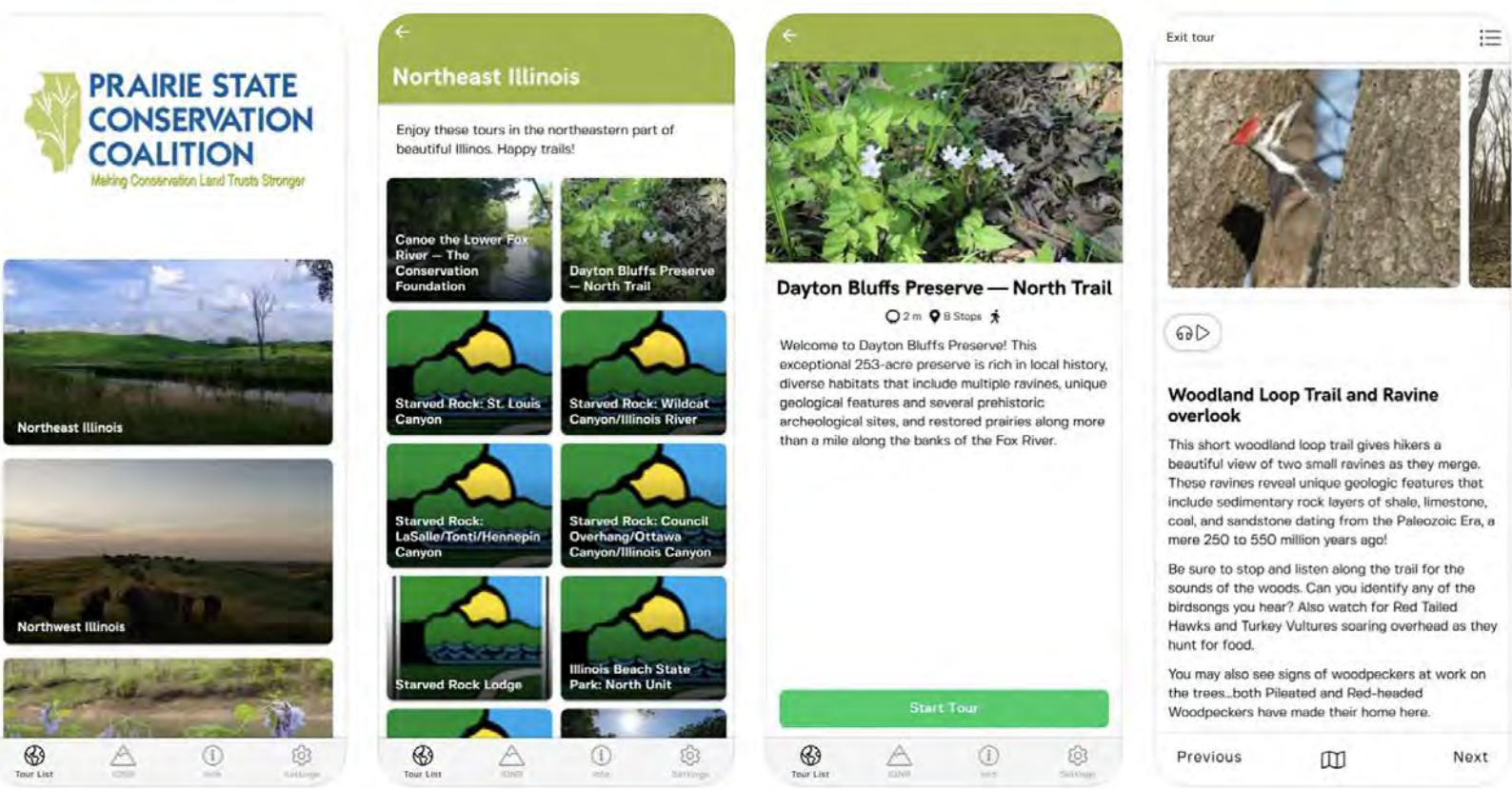
Petersburg Riverfront Development Project

THE SANGAMON RIVER IN PETERSBURG, IL

RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT REPORT

FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS





Prairie State Hike App



Menard County Bike Route Signage

Advocacy Updates

Petersburg to New Salem Path

Pedestrian / bike path between Petersburg and New Salem

Yield-to-Pedestrian Crosswalks in town

Petersburg Dam Removal

IDNR has agreed to the removal; they have been working on securing easements on adjacent land in order to gain necessary access.

Sangamon Valley Trail Extension

Menard County was awarded \$1,620,000 for the northward extension of the SVT from Irwin Bridge Road the where the new trailhead will be located on Ethel Road.

Upcoming Events

Adopt-a-Highway way

- August 19
- November 11



Petersburg Harvest Fest

Sept 16th





Sangamon River Fall Float

Oct 7th