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Newsletter
of the
Forest Preserve
District
of the Kankakee
River Valley

"All ethics so far evolved rest upon a single premise: that the individual is a member of a community of interdependent parts. The land ethic simply enlarges the boundaries of the community to include soils, waters, plants and animals, or collectively, the land ... a land ethic changes the role of Homo Sapiens from conqueror of the land – community to plain member and citizen of it... it implies respect for his fellow members, and so also respect for the community as such."

— Aldo Leopold, "Sand County Almanac"

Your Kankakee Forest Preserve *has grown*



The Forest Preserve District has new additions, and plans to expand the native prairie and add a bird sanctuary at the Shannon Bayou site. The board and staff at the Preserve are very happy to announce the addition of a 49.5 wooded area to the Heiland Land and Water Preserve. The land purchase and the expansion of the prairie and butterfly garden at Shannon Bayou are major steps in furthering the District's mission to preserve open space, protect natural areas, develop areas for outdoor recreation and provide environmental education for people of all ages. With the expansion of the native prairie site and addition of a bird sanctuary, visitors can get a glimpse of the great diversity and variation of the vast prairies that once covered the Midwestern landscape.

There are now 7 Kankakee River Valley forest Preserve sites. One brand new one,
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"All things are connected. Whatever befalls the Earth befalls the sons of the Earth. Man did not weave the web of life. He is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself."

— Chief Seattle, 1854

