

Portage Sewage Treatment Plant  
Columbia County

January 24, 1977

Fox River - Surface Acres = 297.8 Miles, Miles = 40.3, Gradient = 4.52 feet per mile.

The major stream of northern Columbia County, it first flows southwest toward Portage, then north, out of the county. After coming within 2 miles of the Wisconsin River it flows on to the Lake Michigan watershed. A dam at Pardeeville with 17-foot head forms Park Lake; the only other structure in Columbia County is at Governor's Bend where navigation locks and a dam were operated in the past. Channel catfish, bullheads and walleyes constitute the fishery. Northern pike, largemouth bass, and yellow bass are also present in some sections. Over 13,900 acres of wetland adjoin the stream, hence waterfowl values are quite high.

Recommendations

From the Portage outfall and for the remainder of the Fox River the classification should be continuous fish and aquatic life.

The above recommendations represent a concurrence of opinion of the stream classification team who are as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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