

**THIS PROJECT MADE POSSIBLE
THROUGH A COMBINED EFFORT OF
THE FOLLOWING:**

- McLean County Soil & Water Conservation District
- City of Bloomington, IL Water Department
- Midwest Streams, Inc.
- Natural Resources Conservation Service/U.S. Dept. of Ag
- Illinois Dept. of Ag.
- Illinois Prairie Community Foundation
- McLean County Dept. of Parks & Rec.
- Friends of EverBloom
- McLean County Master Naturalists

WHAT IS A WETLAND?

Generally, wetlands are lands where saturation with water is the dominant factor determining the nature of soil development and the types of plant and animal communities living in the soil and on its surface. Wetlands vary widely because of regional and local differences in soils, topography, climate, hydrology, water chemistry, vegetation, and other factors, including human disturbance.

WHAT IS STREAMBANK STABILIZATION

A vegetative, structural or combination treatment of streams designed to stabilize the stream and reduce erosion. It is important to note that a systemic analysis of the entire reach of stream must be conducted in order to avoid unintended negative impacts on a stream as a result of a corrective action at an isolated location. A wide array of products and methodologies can be used to stabilize streams: live stakes, cellular confinement matrices, articulated block pavers, riprap, gabion baskets, turf reinforcement mats, revetments, large woody debris, grade controlling structures, stilling basins, etc.

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What is an Interpretive Trail?

A trail or walking path designed to provide exercise, access to nature and educational opportunities for participants. Many trails are focused on environmental education and host school group tours as well as the general public.

The list below offers the different stations of the Interpretive Trail and a helpful item to learn about.

1. Energy Flow
2. Hydrologic Cycle
3. Osage Orange Tree
4. Streambank Stabilization
5. Animal Tracks
6. Wetlands
7. Great Blue Heron
8. Cattails
9. Wood Duck
10. Red-Ear Slider
11. Red-Winged Blackbird
12. Northern Spring Peeper
13. Northern Cricket Frog
14. Eastern Cottonwood Tree
15. Canada Wild Rye
16. Switch Grass
17. Red-Tailed Hawk
18. Ring-Necked Pheasant
19. Eastern Meadowlark
20. Grasshopper Sparrow
21. Smooth Green Snake
22. American Toad
23. White-Tailed Deer
24. Garden Snake (Garter Snake)
25. North American Raccoon
26. Prairie

Pheasant Run Interpretive Trail



At the Streambank Stabilization & Wetland Demonstration Area

At the T-Intersection of 2300 North Rd.
& 1300 East Rd.-COMLARA Park
Hudson, Illinois 61748

