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Feds should ease up, study concludes

Author prefers slower approach to river cleanup

By Susan Campbell Press-Gazette

The Fox River cannot be cleaned up using the command-and-control approach prescribed by regulatory agencies for years — recent history is the proof, according to a study of the cleanup released today.

No Strategy for Environmental Problems in Wisconsin: Breaking out of the Fox River cleanup stalemate.

The study by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay professor Daniel Albrecht and Susan Campbell Press-Gazette author says there is no way to fix the river.

Institute, takes aim at the federal government, which is getting for a legal battle to force area paper mills to clean and restore the river.

The US Fish & Wildlife Service last month notified Green Bay Paper Mills it intends to file a cleanup order with the federal court.

Albrecht points a weak point of the study: The region should be agency more aligned with its own corporate bankruptcy. Those needs of local and municipal budget crises as sewage plants are held liable for cleanup costs related to their treatment of mill waste.

Instead, he argues for the federal government to continue assessing damage to the river, but they filing claims against the mills.

The companies could be asked to study more cost-effective environmental protection methods of removing, treating or dumping of the contaminated water.

The voluntary approach has been somewhat similar to the Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District, which provides services to collect, clean and return water to the river.

Working out the links: The study group will have other questions to answer. For example, some communities use more water than others and may require more water.

Short-term problems: Meanwhile, communities that have to do what they can to live with the problem.

From A-1: An Onondago couple — Paul and Nancy Buehler — are performing the in the West of DeLand, Fla. and the Packer Ball in the state.

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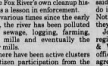
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