“How Clean is the Fox River?”

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**Introductory Paragraph**

What are the pollutants listed in the 2nd paragraph that can threaten aquatic life and impair the river’s other uses?

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What group does Cindy Skrukrud work for as a chairwoman?

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What does that group do?

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**Fox River in Perspective**

What kind of list does the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency publish?

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What can some of the potential uses include that may be listed for the lakes, rivers, and streams on the list?

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How is aquatic life in the Fox River from Elgin to Aurora threatened?

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What do the officials say about the water with regard to pregnant or nursing women and children under 15?

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Do any of the cities near Batavia use the river as a drinkable water source after being treated accordingly? Which ones?

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**Reducing Pollution**

Where does mercury come from?

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How can fertilizers threaten oxygen levels for fish and other wildlife?

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If we reduce the amount of phosphorus going into the Fox River, what can be eliminated?

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How can too much sediment be a problem?

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What is one source for this excess sediment?

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**Tips to keep Kane County’s waters clean**

*List five tips listed for keeping waters clean…*

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