

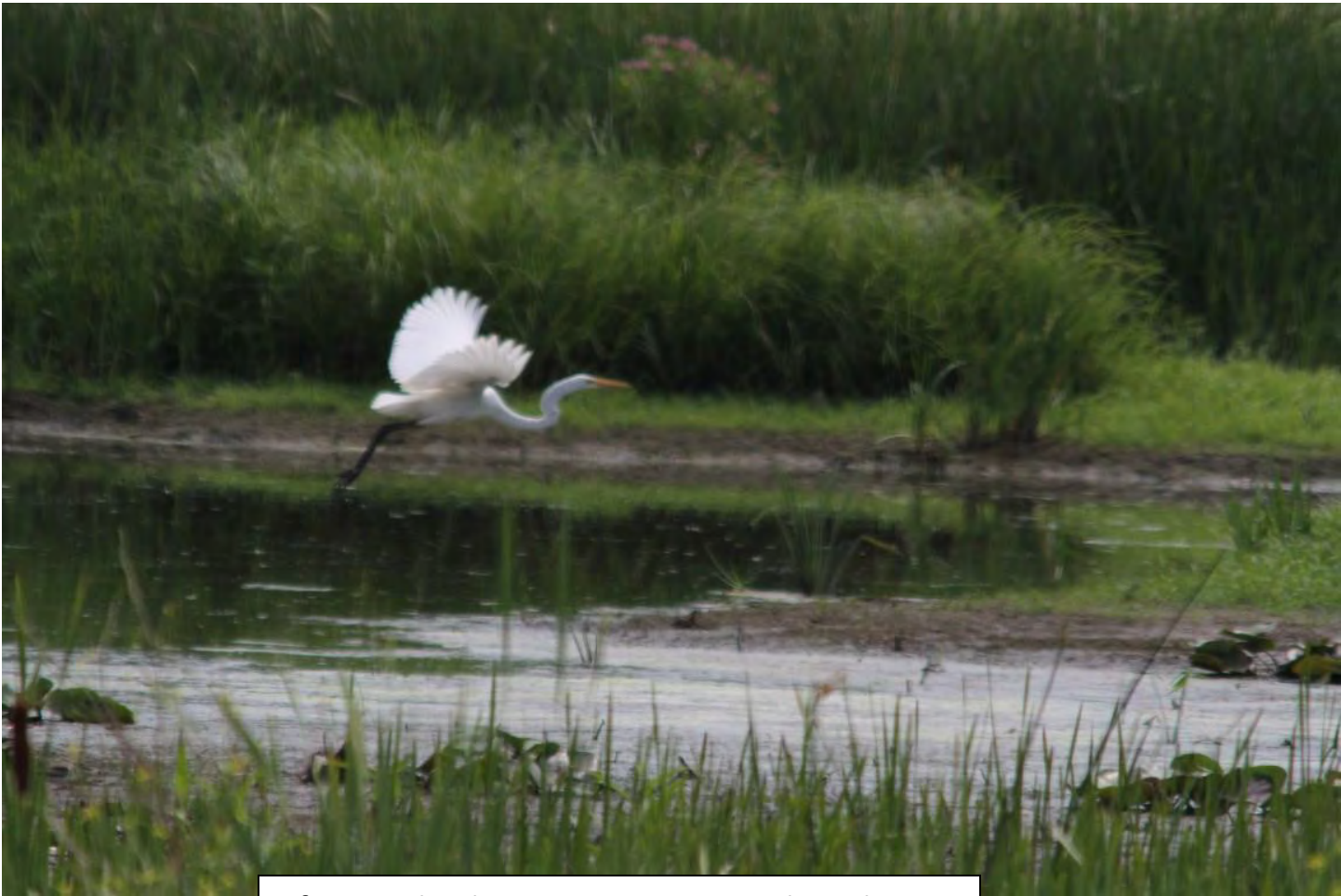
**SEPTEMBER 2013. Maintenance and safety checks of buildings and grounds, seasonal mowing, firewood cutting and splitting, storm clean-up, shelter house and toilet cleaning, litter pick-up and disposal, road grading, trail maintenance, equipment maintenance, scheduling shelter rentals and collecting shelter and camping fees and water sampling . Shelter houses and Lodge are used every weekend by scouts, families and other groups.**

**Natural Resource Center Educational Staff teaching Fall school groups at Russell Woods. 1835 Miller -Ellwood Cabin work will continue with windows, doors and floor. Other projects include maintenance shop improvements and corn crib new sliding doors being installed at the Hoppe Farmstead, new firewood shed at Sannauk and Afton road entrance improvements and toilet rehab at Afton . Summer and Fall work, new metal roofs on Russell Woods and Nehring shelters, replace old storage garage at MacQueen with new steel garage, shelters painted at Shabbona and MacQueen, Lodge at MacQueen and house painted at MacQueen, and old Pierce Town Hall painted and repaired at Merritt Prairie. Steel roof on shelter at Shabbona, Footbridge washout areas at MacQueen connecting Potawatomi Woods repaired. Annual PDRMA Risk Management and Loss Control review went well and preparing for 2014 compliance . Improved tile drainage at Potawatomi Woods for adjacent cropland completed. Eagle scout projects at MacQueen forest preserve include new campfire ring, toilet improvements and trail improvements.**



Many people kayak or canoe on South Branch of the Kishwaukee River (pictured is a group at the Russell Woods canoe landing).





Afton wetlands...American Egret and Sandpiper





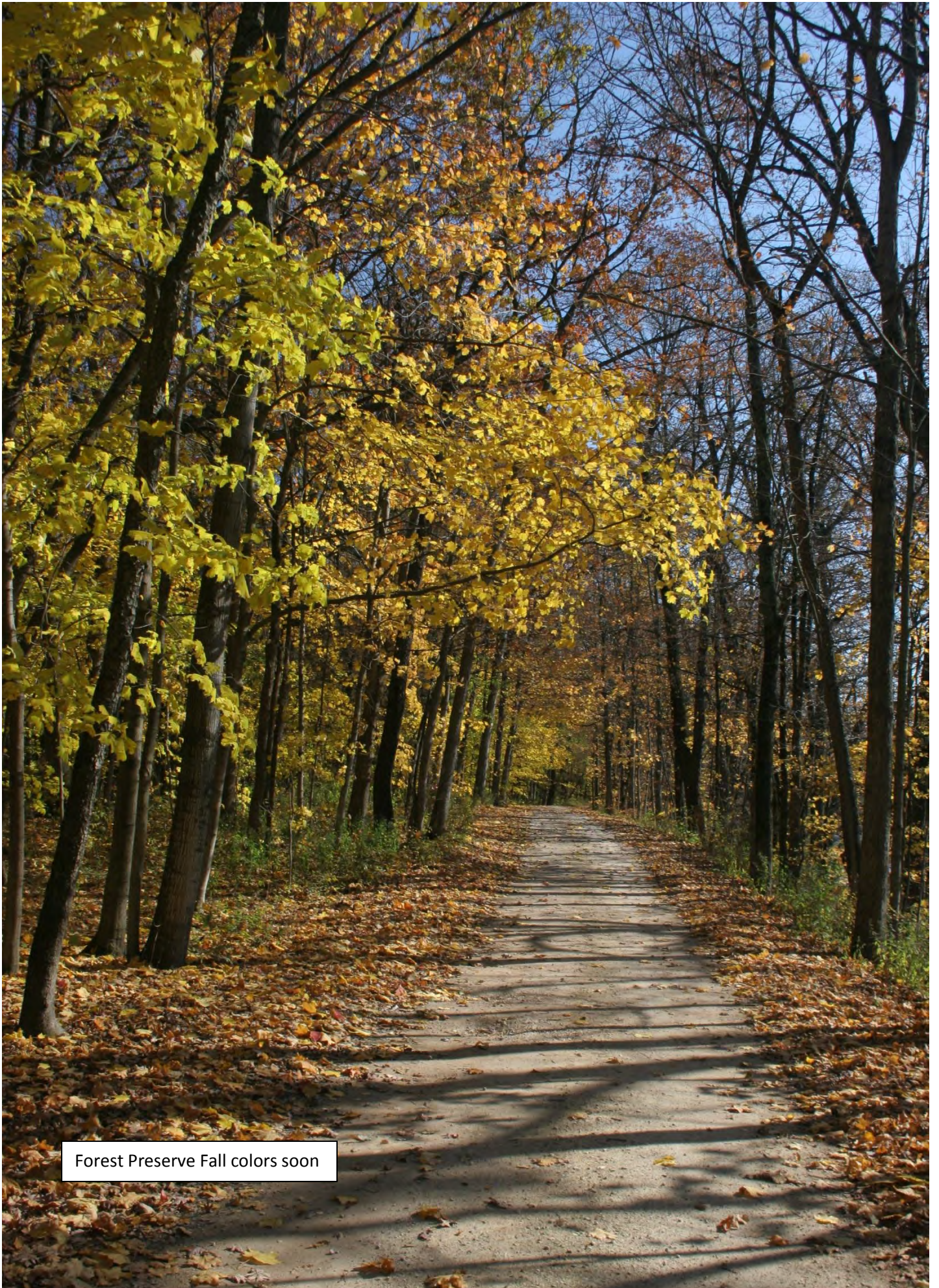


Autumn environmental education classes at Russell Woods and Afton









Forest Preserve Fall colors soon