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PINCKNEYVILLE HANDICAP FISHING PIER DEDICATION

The City of Pinckneyville, the Perry County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Shawnee Resource Conservation & Development Area Council held a dedication ceremony of the Pinckneyville handicap fishing pier on June 16, 2008 at the Pinckneyville Handicap Pier. This area is located north of Pinckneyville and west of Illinois Route 127 at the Pinckneyville City Lake.

This project was a long time in the making. There were some concerned citizens who were in the VFW Post 3959 and they wanted some of their funds to help the community and thought a handicap pier would be a great idea, so our handicap fisherman could have access to the lake. Their money was set aside for matching funds with the Shawnee RC & D Council. The RC & D Councils are supported through a cooperative agreement with the USDA/NRCS that provides project support and coordination for local programs. The Shawnee RC & D and the City of Pinckneyville started applying for grants to make this project a reality. They applied to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for an OSLAD (Open Space Lands Acquisition & Development) grant and were turned down on three occasions. The OSLAD grant was applied for again in 2004 and the project was finally accepted for funding and work began on the project.

This site was finished in spring 2008. It includes a handicap accessible pier and pavilion, two handicap parking spots, an additional pavilion and some picnic tables and grills. This area has been landscaped and has been well used since its installation, by young and old as well as handicapped individuals.