

Southwestern Energy and The Nature Conservancy in Arkansas

INVITE YOU

to the dedication of the

ARCHEY FORK RESTORATION ON THE LITTLE RED RIVER

Thursday, June 11, 2015 • 10:00 a.m.

Archey Fork Park, Clinton, AR

Phase two of the restoration is complete, and you'll be amazed at the river's new look. Join us in celebrating this major milestone made possible by many friends and partners. We will gather at Archey Fork Park, rain or shine, for brief remarks, refreshments and a tour of the project along the city's new River Walk Trail.

RSVP

BY JUNE 8 TO GINNY PORTER
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Directions: The park is behind the Subway restaurant (344 Hwy 65 S) near downtown Clinton. From Hwy 65, turn east onto Archey Fork Road and continue past Subway to the river.



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A TALE OF TWO FORKS

Every river has a story. The record-setting flood of 1982 became a large part of the story of the Archey Fork and the people of Clinton, Arkansas. Nine feet of water flooded the entire downtown of Clinton, near where the Archey Fork and South Fork of the Little Red River meet, and the city was declared a disaster area.

To address future flooding concerns, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers channelized and dredged this 3.5-mile stretch of the river. Although it accomplished the goal of reducing flood heights, the river has since become unstable. Eroding streambanks created an 800-foot-wide channel in some places, making the stream shallow and hot, which means poor river habitat for animal life. The poor quality of the river also put a damper on swimming, boating and fishing for residents and visitors.

Several years ago, The Nature Conservancy partnered with the City of Clinton, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and others on a plan to restore the ailing river. And in 2012, thanks to a generous gift of \$900,000 from Southwestern Energy, the work began.

The restoration is happening in three phases. Phase one was wrapped up in December 2013. Thanks to a second generous gift from Southwestern Energy and support from our many partners, phase two was finished this spring. With two of the three phases complete, the river is already seeing signs of less streambank erosion, more channel stability, healthier wildlife habitat, and better water quality for people.

This project is supported by a broad range of partners including Southwestern Energy, the City of Clinton, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Arkansas Canoe Club and local landowners.