



Do you know who is responsible for the “dock” on Copper Creek Lake?



The entire north side of Feed Energy’s corporate office features wall-to-wall floor-to-ceiling windows allowing employees and visitors a spectacular view of Copper Creek Lake. It is a terrific location. As you look out at the lake, about half way across on the east side, you will see what appears to be a typical dock. It is anything but typical. It is actually an artistic creation called the “Wading Bridge” designed by New York artist Mary Mattingly.

The “Wading Bridge” was originally located on the Raccoon River in Water Works Park. Mattingly designed the bridge with a center section submerged under water to allow people to walk both over and in

the water. The “Wading Bridge” was funded by several art organizations in Des Moines with the goal of attracting people to the city’s water trails, creating awareness about water quality and engaging the public in critical conversation about the future of this precious resource.

Designed as a temporary public art installation, in August of 2015 the “Wading Bridge” had to be removed from the Raccoon River due to volatile floods threatening to wash it away. The Metropolitan Planning Organization was uncertain what to do with the bridge when Bob Riley Jr., Chairman of the Board Riley Resource Group, offered the “Wading Bridge” a safe home on Copper Creek Lake near the corporate office in Pleasant Hill.

“We jumped at the chance to bring public art to Copper Creek Lake Park”, said Bob Riley. “We were encouraged by Pleasant Hill’s leadership on this and future projects.” Working with the city of Pleasant Hill and the Parks and Recreation Department Riley had the bridge moved twenty some miles and installed on the east shore of Copper Creek Lake.

The new location of the “Wading Bridge” enables visitors to both walk on and in Copper Creek Lake - young and old alike kicking off their shoes to wade in ankle deep water bringing back the kid in everybody. And, hopefully, stopping to appreciate the importance of protecting one of the most precious natural resources we have on earth.

It has proven to be a very popular addition to Copper Creek Lake. All day long visitors are on the dock enjoying the view and the unique experience.

Bringing the “Wading Bridge” to Copper Creek Lake near the Riley Resource Group campus is a perfect match for the philosophy of the company’s founder. The bridge serves as a tangible reminder of Bob Riley’s passion and commitment to protecting our waterways.



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