

**WI Land + Water Conservation Association
Great Lakes Committee
Grant Program**

Background

On October 2, 1992, a core group of counties met in Calumet County to identify issues with addressing nonpoint pollution at local, county and state levels. In January 1993 this group adopted by-laws, elected officers, and officially became known as the Great Lakes Nonpoint Abatement Coalition or GLNAC. GLNAC's mission statement was to: **Develop, promote, and support nonpoint source pollution control programs for the Great Lakes.** For nearly 21 years GLNAC and the 34 Wisconsin counties within the Great Lakes Basin achieved many accomplishments that preserved nonpoint funding, prevented environmentally harmful legislation, created a legislative committee to quickly respond to legislative and administrative rule changes, and promoted numerous and innovative county approaches to conservation issues.

As GLNAC dissolved and merged with the Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Association, the Great Lakes Committee formed with a new but similar mission: **The Great Lakes Committee will work to support, promote and develop county land and water programming to protect, conserve and enhance natural resources in the Great Lakes Basin.**

Funding

Funding for this grant program is provided in the Wisconsin Land + Water annual budget and will be sustained through voluntary dues from Great Lakes Basin counties. The annual budget is currently \$4,000.00 with a grant award maximum of \$2,000.00.

Administration

The Great Lakes Committee will administer and maintain this grant program for projects within the Great Lakes Basin that benefit the general public and address Great Lakes natural resource issues. This is a discretionary grant program. (Individual professional development applications will not be funded through this grant program.) Applications will be reviewed through a selection process by Great Lakes Committee members. Applications should be submitted to the Great Lakes Committee Chair Greg Coulthurst at GCoulthurst@co.door.wi.us between January 1st and September 1st annually.

Eligibility

- 1) Applications must be from a county within the Great Lakes Basin.
- 2) Applications must be "screened" and submitted by the corresponding County Conservation Department. If multiple applications are submitted, the County Conservation Department shall prioritize the applications.
- 3) Applications can be from the County or a public entity within the Great Lakes Basin.

- 4) Applications shall include a project time line, a contact person and an overall budget.
- 5) Applications shall clearly describe the public benefit or potential benefits, and the natural resource issue(s) impacting the Great Lakes.

Considerations

- 1) County status with Great Lakes Committee annual dues.
- 2) Matching funds acquired or needed for the project.
- 3) Probability for success and replication of the project within the Great Lakes Basin or within the State.

Successful Applications

- 1) Starting in 2022, approved applications will be assigned numbers with the following format: GLC-2022-1.
- 2) Successful recipients shall complete their project and submit a final report, prior to December 15th in the grant year, to the Great Lakes Committee Chair at GCoulthurst@co.door.wi.us
- 3) Reimbursement payments will be provided to successful grant recipient after report has been submitted and approved.

Please note:

A written report, summarizing the completed project must be submitted to the Great Lakes Committee prior to December 15th in the grant year.

III. Requested Funding Amount:

Total estimated cost of the project: \$ _____

Requested Grant amount: \$ _____

I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct and any and all grant funds received will be used for the expressed purposes of the WI Land+Water Great Lakes Committee grant program. If approved, I will submit original receipts and a grant expense summary sheet to the WI Land+Water Great Lakes Committee by December 15th in the grant year.

Submitted by: _____
Applicant's Signature Date

County Conservation/
Department Head Signature Date

IV. Reviewed for Eligibility – **For official use only**

Reviewed by: _____
WI Land+Water GLC Representative Date

_____ Eligible _____ Ineligible

V. Approval or Denial – **For official use only**

The WI Land+Water Great Lakes Committee has approved/denied this application.

Signed by: _____
WI Land+Water GLC Chair/designee or Vice
Chair Date

Grant No. _____