



Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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Great Lakes Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2020	
Start Time: ~11:00 A.M.	Approximate End Time: 12:00 P.M.
Location:	Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Room 7 Lower level
Conference Phone:	(712) 451-0752
Conf ID:	238578
<p>Committee Members: Greg Coulthurst, Door Co. (Chair); Ashley Vande Voort, Douglas Co (Vice-Chair); Davina Bonness, Kewaunee Co. (Secretary); Steve Keith, Milwaukee Co.; Scott Frank, Shawano Co.; Andy Holschbach, Ozaukee Co.; Heather Palmquist, Iron Co.; Ken Dolata, Oconto Co.; Tom Davies, Winnebago Co.; MaryJo Gingras, Ashland Co.; Paul Sebo, Washington Co.; Molly McKay, Langlade Co.</p> <p>Non-Voting Advisors: Donalea Dinsmore, Office of Great Waters; Vacant, DATCP; Mike Friis & Todd Breiby, DOAWI Coastal Management</p>	<p>In Attendance: Greg Coulthurst, Ashley Vande Voort, Steve Keith, Scott Frank, Andy Holschbach, Heather Palmquist, Ken Dolata, Tom Davies, Molly McKay, Tyler Betry, Penny Pohle, Donalea Dinsmore, Todd Breiby</p>
<p>WI Land+Water Staff: Penny Pohle, Training & Outreach Coordinator (Treasurer)</p>	<p>Absent Committee Members: Davina Bonness, MaryJo Gingras, Paul Sebo</p>
<p>Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WI Land+Water Meetings are open meetings. Individuals may observe in person or via conference phone if available. • More volunteers are welcome to participate. If interested please join in-person or via the conference call option. • Order and time allowed for agenda items may be changed due to pace of meeting or at the discretion of the committee chair. 	
<p>Next Meeting Time: TBD, 2020 Ashland County, Annual Meeting and Tour</p>	

1. **Call to order** by Greg Coulthurst at 11:15 a.m.
2. **Roll Call** – see above
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Motion to approve by Andy Holschbach and seconded by Ken Dolata. All approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2019 & January 28th, 2020** – Motion to approve by Molly McKay and seconded by Scott Frank. All approved except for Tom Davies who abstained.
5. **Webinar Comments – *Prioritizing Contaminants in Natural Waters: Microplastics, PAHs, Flame Retardants, and Other Organic Compounds*** – Several comments were made that this webinar was very informative and an eye opener. Donalea was not sure where the legislation for a state-wide ban on coal tar was at. Greg suggested that we contact our legislators and forward the link to the recorded webinar.
6. **Coastal Resiliency Grants** – Steve Keith provided a summary of seven projects for community planning and preparedness for resilience to coastal hazards. This was a Wisconsin Coastal Management Program with funding through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The summary will be included with the minutes. Contact Todd Breiby for additional information.
7. **Mini Grants-** The following Counties introduced and summarized their mini grant applications.
 - **Douglas County** – Motion to approve by Scott Frank seconded by Ken Dolata for \$750 for a rain barrel construction workshop. All were in favor.
 - **Shawano** – Motion to approve by Tom Davies seconded by Heather Palmquist for \$750 for youth education workshops and eco-friendly water bottles. All were in favor.

- **Sheboygan County**- Motion to approve by Andy Holschbach and seconded by Ashley Vande Voort for \$154.78 to the Great Lake Gang Environmental Club and Grant Elementary School for an erosion educational stream table kit. All were in favor.
8. **New Committee Members** - After a short discussion a motion to accept Tyler Betry to the Great Lakes Committee was made by Andy Holschbach seconded by Tom Davies. All were in favor.
 9. **2020/21 GLC Work Plan Updates/Guiding Principles/Meeting Schedule** – Greg provided an update on the Guiding Principles and the upcoming Executive Committee meeting discussion on February 18th. The workplan will be updated after a final draft is approved. The meeting and activities schedule will be updated and the entire workplan will be presented for approval during the summer annual meeting in Ashland.
 10. **Reports:**
 - **Advisors** – Donalea announced that the Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction grant materials will be available next week, and a webinar is scheduled for March 3rd. All applicants should discuss their project with Donalea in advance. Todd reiterated that if anyone has questions on the Resiliency projects to contact him at Todd.Breiby@wisconsin.gov or review the projects at <https://sewicoastalresilience.org/>
 - **Treasurer's** – Penny reported that fourteen counties have paid GLC dues, one is in the mail, and 3 previously paid counties have not yet submitted. Greg will follow up after the annual conference if any dues are still outstanding.
 - **Other** – Andy stated Ozaukee County will be hosting a two-day soil health work shop with Ray Archuleta on April 7th & 8th. Cost will be \$400 per person.
 11. **Next Meeting – Ashland Annual Meeting and Tour TBD** – (Likely sometime in July)
 12. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn at 12:10 by Scott Frank and seconded by Molly McKay. All were in favor.

Southeastern Wisconsin Coastal Resilience Grants



Summary of Awarded Projects

The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program and partners sought proposals to plan and prepare for enhanced community resilience to coastal hazards in Southeastern Wisconsin. Applicants identified coastal resilience needs in a community Coastal Resilience Self-Assessment and were encouraged to develop projects that would address these needs. The following projects have been selected to receive funding, subject to approval from the funding source, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Kenosha County Division of Parks

Title of Project: Kemper Center Shoreline Protection Phase III

Scope of Work: This project will develop strategies to protect one of the only parcels of Lake Michigan shoreline owned by Kenosha County. The Kemper Center is a cultural and recreational facility along approximately 1,450 feet of exposed shoreline on Lake Michigan. A degraded stone revetment, bike path, and park grounds are continuously damaged during seasonal storm events due to fluctuating lake water levels and lack of shoreline protection. The county has previously analyzed possible shoreline stabilization concepts for the park. This project will advance stormwater management and site grading plans assess the current salvageable material at the Kemper Center shoreline site and further the regulatory coordination for the project.

City of Racine – Public Health Department (Project #1)

Title of Project: Understanding Coastal Hazard Impacts through Parcel Mapping, Shoreline Classification, Public Outreach and Local Ordinance Review

Scope of Work: This project seeks to coordinate with representatives from Racine County's coastal municipalities to better understand coastal hazards threats, resources, and policies in the county. In completing the Coastal Resilience Self-Assessment, it became apparent that a greater understanding of coastal hazard impacts needs to occur within the City of Racine, Racine County, and the surrounding municipalities. This project will 1) review existing parcel maps to determine what coastal assets are under the jurisdiction of the city, county or held privately and compare those parcels with updated shoreline recession rates; 2) compile regionally relevant coastal hazard education and outreach materials for shoreline property owners and conduct outreach meetings; and 3) conduct a review of ordinances for coastal Racine County jurisdictions to evaluate their currency and identify opportunities to better address coastal hazards.

City of Racine – Public Health Department (Project #2)

Title of Project: Revise and/or Develop Beach Management Plans for WDNR Designated Public Beaches –Racine County

Scope of Work: In this project, recent Beach Sanitary Survey data from beaches in Racine County will be used to assess, revise and/or develop beach best management practice plans (BMPPs), inclusive of elements which address the potential to which extreme weather events could impact the beachscape. Beach best management practice plans (BMPP) and beach redesign concept plans were developed for some of these locations but the concept of coastal resiliency was not a key element, thus impacting the success of mitigation efforts undertaken to date. This project will provide the most up to date information regarding site management practices to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as well as the jurisdictions with local authority over these public bathing beaches.

Milwaukee County (Project #1)

Title of Project: Creating A Coastline Management Policy for Milwaukee County

Scope of Work: This project will develop a formal policy and coastal land management practices for Milwaukee County to assist with preventing or reducing shoreline recession, bluff failure, or erosion on County lands. Elements of the policy and management practices will include guidance on setbacks from bluffs and ravines, vegetation management, viewshed management, stabilization techniques, and stormwater management. Milwaukee County municipalities and SEWRPC will be asked to participate in the development of the coastal resource management policy and practices. The completed policy and set of guidelines will enable the County to address coastline stabilization in a proactive manner and provide County staff with support in discussions with local groups about how coastal bluffs should be managed.

Milwaukee County (Project #2)

Title of Project: Milwaukee County Coastal Resources Inventory

Scope of Work: This project will conduct a comprehensive study to identify and assess the vulnerability of Milwaukee County's extensive property holdings and recreational assets along the Lake Michigan shoreline to extreme weather. Extreme weather has damaged Milwaukee County's coastal resources, facilities, assets, and infrastructure and it is anticipated that damaging events will continue to occur in the future. The study will inventory Milwaukee County's coastal resources, summarize their status, assign values to those resources, and prioritize them according to vulnerability and value. The comprehensive study of its coastal resources is an important step to improve Milwaukee County's preparedness for extreme weather.

Port of Milwaukee

Title of Project: Port of Milwaukee Coastal Facilities Inspection and Assessment for Coastal Resilience Hazards, Planning & Sustainability

Scope of Work: This project would allow the Port of Milwaukee to inspect its coastal structures, assess their resilience and plan mitigation measures preventing future coastal hazard damage. The Port maintains approximately 39,000 feet of steel sheeting, rubble mound structures and pile-supported concrete dock, much of which is susceptible to coastal hazards and require perpetual repair. In this project, the Port would upgrade the capacity of its existing harbor survey boat, adding an underwater camera and drone, sector sonar, and hydrographic software. Using this equipment, the Port's staff engineers would conduct a thorough infrastructure inspection above and below the water line to assess vulnerabilities to coastal hazards and identify strategic mitigation measures. The increased capacity resulting from this project will allow the Port to regularly inspect its infrastructure following best practices and recommended timelines.

Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department

Title of Project: Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve Master Plan

Scope of Work: This project will develop a Master Plan for the Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve that considers coastal resiliency challenges to aid in the long-term management of the property. The Master Plan process will be developed in conjunction with partners including the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust, and City of Port Washington, and include stakeholder feedback through civic engagement. Elements of the Master Plan will include (1) ecological restoration (2) vegetation management for erosion control and invasive species management (3) passive-use, low impact recreation plans; (4) shoreline and bluff erosion resiliency options (5) stormwater management; (5) education and outreach (6) planned future improvements; and, (7) a funding plan to detail phasing and funding opportunities to implement the plan.