

**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 implementation at the local government level, which seek to protect water quality of 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 \$2,500.00 and the Great Lakes Committee anticipates funding 3-5 projects per year.

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. (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](mailto:GCoulthurst@co.door.wi.us) between January 1st and September 1<sup>st</sup> 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) Successful recipients shall complete their project and submit a final report, prior to December 15<sup>th</sup> in the grant year, to the Great Lakes Committee Chair at [GCoulthurst@co.door.wi.us](mailto:GCoulthurst@co.door.wi.us)
- 2) Reimbursement payments will be provide to successful grant recipient after report has been submitted and approved.

## WI LAND + WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION GREAT LAKES COMMITTEE GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Items I-III of this application must be completed and submitted to the WI Land+Water Great Lakes Committee between January 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> in the grant year in order to be considered for approval. Please review the attached guidelines for eligibility and background information. Attach additional sheets of paper if necessary to finish answering any questions.

I. Personal Information:
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Name:

First

Last

County:

Phone:

Title:

Address:

Organization:

Email Address:

II: Description of Proposed Project:
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1. Briefly describe the project for which financial assistance is being requested.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Describe in detail why funding is needed and how your county and/or how other Great Lake counties will benefit from this project if funded.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. In addition to a possible WI Land+Water Great Lakes Committee grant, what other sources of funding will be used for the proposed project? Please provide a complete budget and a timeline for the proposed project.

Please note:

A written report, summarizing the completed project must be submitted to the Great Lakes Committee prior to December 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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