



## Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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### Great Lakes Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** February 17, 2022 **Time:** 10:05 a.m. – 11:37 a.m. **Location:** Zoom

**Mission:** Support, promote and develop WI Land+Water and county land and water programming to protect, conserve and enhance natural resources in the Great Lakes Basin.

Committee Members			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Coulthurst, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Vande Voort, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Davina Bonness, Sec.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timothy Detzer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Frank	<input type="checkbox"/> Andy Holschbach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Palmquist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Dolata	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Jo Gringras	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Sebo	<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Arrowood
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyler Betry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zach Stewart (non-member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheri Denowski (non-member)	
Non-Voting Advisors			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donalea Dinsmore, Office of Great Waters	<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Friis, DOA WI Coastal Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Todd Breiby, DOA WI Coastal Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zach Zopp, DATCP
WI Land+Water Staff Liaison (non-voting)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Penny Pohle, Treasurer			

*WI Land+Water meetings are open meetings. Individuals may observe in person, via conference phone, or via web conference if desired. Order and time allowed for agenda items may be changed due to pace of meeting or at the discretion of the committee chair. Please inform your chair if you cannot attend.*

#### ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE

- I. **Call to order** by Greg Coulthurst at 10:05 a.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** See above
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Gringras second by Dolata - unanimously approved.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – October 26, 2021 & December 21, 2021:** Motion by Vande Voort, second by Gringras- unanimously approved.

- V. Webinar Comments – Microplastic Debris pollutions:** Several positive comments were made about the webinar. One comment about reduction focused on how recycling efforts vary across the state and at the municipal levels.
- VI. Future Webinars:** Todd Breiby suggested a Geospatial Great Lakes Lidar presentation, Donalea Dinsmore suggested a presentation from Dr. Penn on the pilot phosphorus removal in Brown and Outagamie Counties or a presentation on BMP mapping through a GIS with NRCS.
- VII. Mini Grants – Summary of previous grants, new grants and budget:** A summary of all the grants to date was provided by Coulthurst with other members adding specifics; Motion by Palmquist, second by Betry to approve the red line edits suggested by Pohle and to add language for a yearly budget of \$4,000 with a maximum of \$2,000 per grant request– unanimously approved; Motion by Dolata, second by Detzer to approve the Douglas County application for \$2,000 – Vande Voort abstained and all other Committee members approved.
- VIII. Recycling Initiative Update:** It was suggested that perhaps all members should take an inventory of what is being recycled by whom in each county.
- IX. 2022/23 GLC Work Plan Updates:** Coulthurst stated this is a working document and edits will be made as necessary. Coulthurst stated he will also update the grant program section with today's approved edits. Meeting dates and locations are still the biggest unknowns.
- X. Reports:**
- a. Advisors: Reports are copied/attached at the bottom of these minutes.
  - b. Treasurers: Eleven counties have paid \$50 for their annual dues. No expenses.
  - c. Other: No other reports were given.
- XI. Next Meeting – Summer Tour/Virtual:** Discussion followed with possibly a late July or August meeting in Ashland but the pandemic will likely dictate ultimately. Coulthurst will send a poll out in May to start assessing options.
- XII. Adjourn:** Committee adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

## Wisconsin DNR Report to Great Lakes Committee of WLWCA February 17, 2022

Submitted by: Donalea Dinsmore

The RFP for **Great Lakes Sediment & Nutrient Reduction Grants** is expected to be released very soon with a webinar scheduled in mid-March. Maximum awards will continue at \$200,000 with a 25% match requirement. Application word limits are strictly enforced. New to the application this year is a question about whether the project will benefit disadvantaged or underserved communities.

Pre-proposals for **Sustain Our Great Lakes** funding are due February 28, 2022. The Request for Proposals is available at [www.nfwf.org/greatlakes](http://www.nfwf.org/greatlakes). Note that one funding category is specific to agricultural practices. Office of Great Waters would appreciate knowing about any pre-proposal submissions.

The **Slow the Flow** workgroup is planning a discussion of their efforts at the **Lake Superior Collaborative Symposium** on April 29. We expect that this will lead to priority projects and potential funding pathways. The symposium will be from April 27-29. More info can be found here as it is released: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/lakesuperiorcollaborative/2021/10/26/lake-superior-collaborative-2022-spring-symposium/>

**Great Lakes Commission launches new Blue Accounting website tracking regional progress on Lake Erie algae, aquatic invasive species** February 1, 2022: The [Great Lakes Commission](#) (GLC) launched a new website that allows Great Lakes decision-makers to track the region's progress to reduce harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie and stop aquatic invasive species. The new site, [www.blueaccounting.org](http://www.blueaccounting.org), tracks efforts under the [Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement](#) to reduce the runoff of phosphorus from priority watersheds to Lake Erie, as well as programs and policies that stop species introduction, detect new species, and control harmful invasive species across the region. *Note: Wisconsin has [contributed content](#) to this platform that can be accessed by clicking on the map*

[The role of dreissenid mussels in nutrient cycling](#) recording of January 25<sup>th</sup> webinar on is available on YouTube.

**Natural Resources Board To Consider Proposed Rules For PFAS Standards In Water** The Natural Resources Board (NRB) will consider the adoption of proposed standards for PFAS in [drinking water](#), [surface water](#) and [groundwater](#) at their meeting on [Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022](#)

The **Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI)** released its 2021 climate assessment report, [Wisconsin's Changing Climate: Impacts and Solutions for a Warmer Climate](#). The report is the most comprehensive assessment to date on the impact of climate change in Wisconsin and includes details on the continued warming and increased precipitation throughout the state. Explore the key findings and solutions in five major impact areas: [Air](#), [Land](#), [Water](#), [Built Environment](#), and [People](#).

DATE: October 26, 2022

**TO: Greg Coulthurst  
Door County SWCD**

**FROM: Zach Zopp  
Bureau of Land and Water Resources, DATCP**

**SUBJECT: DATCP Report for the February 2022 Great Lakes Committee Meeting**

**ATCP 50 Rule Revision**

- DATCP hosting meetings throughout the year with stakeholders about potential changes to our ATCP 50 rule. Visit our [website](#) for information about upcoming stakeholder meetings and topics and sign up to receive GovDelivery notifications. A recording of the stakeholder kickoff meeting presentation is available at this [link](#). Questions and comments can be sent to [DATCPlandwater@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DATCPlandwater@wisconsin.gov).

**Land and Water Conservation Board and LWRM Plan Updates**

- The next LWCB meeting will be held April 5th, 2022 virtually using Microsoft Teams. For updates on LWCB meetings and meeting links please subscribe to LWCB [govdelivery notices](#).

**Farmland Preservation Program and Agricultural Enterprise Areas**

- The 2022 AEA petition cycle is open and accepting new and AEA modification petitions until July 29, 2022. For information about the petition process, please visit [Petitioning for an AEA Designation](#). Interested petitioners who would like additional information about the program or to schedule an informational meeting with FP staff can contact [DATCPworkinglands@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DATCPworkinglands@wisconsin.gov).

**Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)**

- FSA authorized CREP FFY2022 enrollment under CRP sign up #57 and is accepting offers. CREP enrollment will remain open until 9/30/2022 unless otherwise notified by FSA. Offers for re-enroll can be made 6 months prior to the CRP-1 expiration (April, 2022). State and Federal incentive and cost share rates for CREP continue as in previous years.
- Virtual CREP 101 Trainings are offered by DATCP to all CREP counties. The trainings are per LCD request and review program requirements, landowner engagement, agency partnership coordination and county administrative processes. All local agency partners are invited to attend and the training is valuable to both new and seasoned local CREP staff. Please contact Brian Loeffelholz at [Brian.Loeffelholz@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Brian.Loeffelholz@wisconsin.gov) to set up a time for training in your county.

### **Conservation Engineering**

- NRCS will be hosting two trainings in February to discuss changes to the Conservation Practice Standards (CPS) for streambank protection and restoration (links below). Trainings will be recorded by WI Land+Water.
  - **Streambank and Shoreline Protection Design (CPS 580)**, Wed., February 23rd (9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.). *Register by February 21st at <https://conta.cc/32iJZj1>*
  - **Natural Stream Channel Design**, Thur., February 24<sup>th</sup> (9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.). *Register by Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at <https://conta.cc/3KukHzC>*

### **Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE) Grant Program**

- The 2023 Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE) Grant application and RFA were posted January 31, 2022 and will remain open until April 15, 2022. If you have any questions please contact [Andrea.Topper@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Andrea.Topper@wisconsin.gov)

### **Producer-Led Grants**

- The Producer-Led Grants Annual workshop will be held on February 23rd at the Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center in Rothschild, WI taking place the day before the WI Cover Crop Conference. At least one farmer and collaborator from each group are encouraged to attend. The workshop will be recorded for later viewing for individuals unable to attend the in-person event. More information can be found [here](#).
- Questions about the 2022 grant awards or annual workshop can be directed to Rachel Rushmann, [rachel.rushmann@wi.gov](mailto:rachel.rushmann@wi.gov), (608) 590-7357 or Dana Christel, [dana.christel@wi.gov](mailto:dana.christel@wi.gov), (608) 640- 7270.

**Department of Administration**  
**Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP)**  
**Great Lakes Committee**

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**Great Lakes Coastal and Nearshore Habitat Project**

The Coastal States Organization, NOAA and Great Lakes state coastal management programs continue to implement Phase II of the Great Lakes Coastal and Nearshore Habitat Project. The objective of Phase I of the project was to identify shared coastal management principles, goals, priorities, and data needs across the Great Lakes states, and identify place-based habitat assessment and restoration actions and needs for future implementation. Phase II activities included:

- With funding from NOAA, benthic habitat maps were developed using the CMECS classification standard on the west of shore of Green Bay, from Long Tail Point to north of Menominee, MI. Work was completed in 2021.
- A proposal was developed to apply for funding from NOAA to develop design and engineering plans to improve streambank stabilization and enhance habitat at two sites on the Peshtigo River in Marinette County. The proposed project is a collaboration between WCMP, Marinette County LWCD, and Wisconsin DNR.

**Collaborative Action for Lake Michigan (CALM) Coastal Resilience**

WCMP, WI Sea Grant, and the WI State Cartographer's Office launched CALM in 2021 with funding from NOAA's Projects of Special Merit. CALM works with communities along Wisconsin's entire Lake Michigan shoreline to sustain, strengthen and connect existing regional coastal resilience networks to expand collaboration. This effort will support development of local policies and plans, and coordinate the regional prioritization of hazard needs.

**Coastal Actions for Resilience and Economic Security (CARES) of Southeastern Wisconsin**

CARES works with coastal communities in SE Wisconsin to identify vulnerabilities, prioritize resilience opportunities and fund prioritized local projects. CARES increases capacity to build coastal resilience through the development of the SE WI Coastal Resilience Community of Practice, implementation of Coastal Resilience Self-Assessments, and distribution of educational resources. Funded by a NOAA Coastal Resilience grant, this project is a partnership between WCMP, WI Sea Grant, SE WI Regional Planning Commission, and UW-Madison. For more information, please visit <https://sewicoastalresilience.org/>. This project concludes in 2022.

**Coastal Hazards of Superior (CHAOS)**

CHAOS is a coastal hazard Community of Practice sharing knowledge and resources to protect Minnesota and Wisconsin coasts of western Lake Superior. CHAOS is a platform for engaging local community leaders, government agencies, managers, researchers, and communicators with a shared concern about coastal hazards and their impacts. The Steering Committee members WCMP, WI Sea Grant and Lake Superior NERR recently filled the CHAOS Coordinator position. CHAOS will continue delivering coastal hazard technical assistance to local and tribal governments and stakeholders in 2022.

**Wisconsin Coastal Management Data Infrastructure (WICDI) Project**

Through a NOAA Projects of Special Merit Grant, the WCMP, WI State Cartographer's Office, and the WI Geographic Information Officer are providing data, tools, and training to Wisconsin's Lake Superior coastal communities to help tackle a key issue in the region: culvert damage during extreme rain events. This project assists culvert managers in responding to damages or identify vulnerable culverts. Partners will be expanding this project to Lake Michigan through CALM in 2022. For more information, please visit <https://wicdi.org/>.

**Proposed Green Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve**

WCMP staff continue to provide support and technical assistance to UW-Green Bay through the Site Coordination and Site Evaluation Committees on the development of the Green Bay NERR. Site evaluation criteria are being finalized that will be used to identify and develop NERR site options. For more information on the proposed Green Bay NERR please visit <https://www.uwgb.edu/national-estuarine-research-reserves/>.

### **Wisconsin Clean Marina program**

WI Sea Grant, WCMP, Wisconsin Marina Association, and other partners continue to implement the WI Clean Marina Program. The program looks to improve water quality by working directly with marinas and the marine industry to implement best management practices to reduce pollution, enhance habitat, address invasive species, etc. Several marinas in Wisconsin's coastal zone have recently been certified and re-certified as clean marinas. For more information, please visit <https://wisconsincleanmarina.org/>. Additional activities include:

- Through funding from the Great Lakes Protection Fund, green infrastructure and stormwater management practices were designed, engineered, and installed at Barkers Island Marina in Superior.
- Through funding from the Fund for Lake Michigan, design and engineering plans are being developed to install stormwater practices and a boat wash station at Kewaunee Marina's public boat launch. Additional coastal marinas are under consideration for design and engineering work.

### **Wisconsin Coastal Management Program – Grants**

During WCMPs 2022-23 RFP, the program received grant applications seeking over \$1.28 million. WCMP estimates that \$1.2 million in NOAA funds is available for the 2022-23 competitive grant program. The 2023-24 RFP will be announced in August 2022.