An aerial photograph of the Great Lakes basin in North America, showing the five Great Lakes (Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario) and the surrounding land. The water is a deep blue, and the land is a mix of green and brown. The text is overlaid in the upper left quadrant.

Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association
Great Lakes Committee
2022-2023 Work Plan



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WISCONSIN LAND+WATER GREAT LAKES COMMITTEE

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES

MISSION: SUPPORT, PROMOTE AND DEVELOP WISCONSIN LAND+WATER (WI LAND+WATER) AND COUNTY LAND AND WATER PROGRAMMING TO PROTECT, CONSERVE AND ENHANCE NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE GREAT LAKES BASIN.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP/CHAIR: THE COMMITTEE WILL BE COMPRISED OF COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT STAFF AND COUNTY SUPERVISOR/COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN THE GREAT LAKES BASIN. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP WILL BE RECONFIRMED AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOLLOWING APRIL COUNTY BOARD ELECTIONS OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS. AT THAT TIME, COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHALL SELECT A COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR (ONE REPRESENTING THE LAKE SUPERIOR BASIN AND ONE REPRESENTING THE LAKE MICHIGAN BASIN), APPOINT A SECRETARY, AND COMMIT TO A TWO-YEAR CYCLE FOR THE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE MAY AMEND THEIR MEMBERSHIP DURING THE TWO-YEAR CYCLE AT THEIR DISCRETION. THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO INCLUDE STANDING NON-VOTING ADVISORS FROM PARTNER AGENCIES OR ORGANIZATIONS.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. ESTABLISH AND FOLLOW A GREAT LAKES BASIN WORK PLAN AND POLICY WITH ATTAINABLE GOALS WHILE SEEKING CONTINUED INPUT FROM ALL LEVELS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION.
2. WORK TO PROTECT, CONSERVE AND ENHANCE NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE GREAT LAKES BASIN.
3. PARTNER WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS THAT SHARE COMMON GOALS.
4. COORDINATE WITH OTHER WI LAND+WATER STANDING COMMITTEES TO MAXIMIZE EFFICIENCIES.
5. EMPOWER COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT STAFF AND COUNTY SUPERVISOR/COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO PROMOTE THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION MISSION AND GOALS.
6. SUPPORT WATERSHED AND/OR MULTI-COUNTY APPROACHES THAT AIM TO PREVENT NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION AFFECTING WATER QUALITY OF LAKE MICHIGAN AND LAKE SUPERIOR.
7. IMPROVE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS.

WISCONSIN LAND+WATER GREAT LAKES COMMITTEE

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES

MAJOR FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

1. HOST AN ANNUAL TOUR HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL CONSERVATION SUCCESS STORIES WITHIN THE GREAT LAKES BASIN TO PROMOTE NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION EFFORTS.
2. SPONSOR EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS ON LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND STATE ISSUES TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS ON ISSUES IMPACTING THE GREAT LAKES AND PROVIDING POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS AND EXISTING PARTNERSHIPS TO MAXIMIZE MITIGATION EFFORTS.
3. THE COMMITTEE WILL ADMINISTER AND MAINTAIN THE GREAT LAKES COMMITTEE GRANT PROGRAM, FOR PROJECTS WITHIN THE GREAT LAKES BASIN THAT BENEFIT THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND ADDRESS NATURAL RESOURCES ISSUES. APPLICATION WILL BE REVIEWED THROUGH A SELECTION PROCESS BY GREAT LAKES COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

ROLES OF WI LAND+WATER STAFF, COMMITTEE CHAIR, MEMBERS AND ADVISORS

WI LAND+WATER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. APPOINT WI LAND+WATER STAFF MEMBER TO HELP COORDINATE COMMITTEE WORK AND LEAD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED WI LAND +WATER PROGRAMS.
2. ENSURE THAT COMMITTEE WORK IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DIRECTIVES AND APPROVED ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE WI LAND+WATER BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

WI LAND+WATER STAFF MEMBER

1. ADVISE THE COMMITTEE CHAIR ON MEETING AGENDAS, PREPARE TO DISCUSS AGENDA TOPICS, DISTRIBUTE MATERIALS AS NEEDED, AND PARTICIPATE IN ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS, EXCEPT IN CASTING VOTES.
2. ASSIST THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY IN DOCUMENTING KEY DISCUSSIONS AND COMMITTEE DECISIONS IN MEETING MINUTES, AS NEEDED.
3. ACT AS TREASURER FOR THE COMMITTEE.

WISCONSIN LAND+WATER GREAT LAKES COMMITTEE

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES

COMMITTEE CHAIR (OR VICE CHAIR IN ABSENCE OF CHAIR)

1. SCHEDULE MEETINGS, PREPARE ALL MEETING AGENDAS AND EMAIL MEETING APPOINTMENTS AND RELATED MATERIALS TO ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE EACH MEETING.
2. CHAIR THE MEETING, ENSURING AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO PROVIDE INPUT.
3. SEEK CONSENSUS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON COMMITTEE DECISIONS. IF CONSENSUS IS NOT POSSIBLE, SEEK “SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT,” WHERE ALL MEMBERS MAY NOT AGREE ON SPECIFICS, BUT WILL AGREE TO SUPPORT THE DECISION IN GENERAL. IF SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT IS NOT POSSIBLE, FACILITATE A VOTE ON THE TOPIC FOLLOWING ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER.
4. FACILITATE COMMITTEE REVIEW AND APPROVAL/DENIAL OF APPLICATIONS TO THE GREAT LAKES COMMITTEE GRANT PROGRAM.

VICE CHAIR

1. ADVISE THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

SECRETARY

1. RECORD MEETING MINUTES, BEING SURE TO CAPTURE COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE, SIGNIFICANT POLICY DISCUSSIONS, COMMITTEE DECISIONS, AND ANY APPLICABLE MOTIONS OR VOTE TALLIES.
2. SUBMIT DRAFT MINUTES TO THE CHAIR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETING.
3. IF UNABLE TO ATTEND A COMMITTEE MEETING, DELEGATE A REPLACEMENT TO RECORD MINUTES.

WISCONSIN LAND+WATER GREAT LAKES COMMITTEE

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. SEND SUGGESTED AGENDA TOPICS TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIR AS AGENDAS ARE BEING ASSEMBLED.
2. READ ALL MEETING MATERIALS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. IF UNABLE TO ATTEND, EMAIL ANY COMMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIR AHEAD OF THE MEETING.
3. ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE:
 - A) BEING RESPECTFUL TO ALL ATTENDEES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND ENSURING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO PROVIDE INPUT.
 - B) WORKING WITH THE COMMITTEE CHAIR IN ESTABLISHING CONSENSUS OR SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ON ALL COMMITTEE TOPICS, OR FOLLOW ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER WHERE APPLICABLE.
 - C) PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING AND SELECTING GREAT LAKES COMMITTEE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS.

COMMITTEE ADVISORS

1. THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO INCLUDE ADVISORS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSULT WITH THE BEST AVAILABLE EXPERTISE BASED UPON THE ISSUE(S) UNDER CONSIDERATION.
2. SEND SUGGESTED AGENDA TOPICS TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIR AS AGENDAS ARE BEING ASSEMBLED.
3. READ ALL MEETING MATERIALS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. IF UNABLE TO ATTEND. EMAIL ANY COMMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIR AHEAD OF THE MEETING.
4. ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE:
 - A) BEING RESPECTFUL TO ALL ATTENDEES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND ENSURING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO PROVIDE INPUT.
 - B) ADVISOR SHALL HAVE NO VOTING PRIVILEGES.

AREA ASSOCIATION COUNTIES IN GREAT LAKES BASINS

NORTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

ASHLAND, BAYFIELD, DOUGLAS, IRON

LAKE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION

BROWN, DOOR, KEWAUNEE, MANITOWOC, MARINETTE, MENOMINEE,
OCONTO, SHAWANO, SHEBOYGAN

LAKE WINNEBAGO ASSOCIATION

ADAMS, CALUMET, FOND DU LAC, GREEN LAKE, MARQUETTE,
OUTAGAMIE, WAUPACA, WAUSHARA, WINNEBAGO

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION

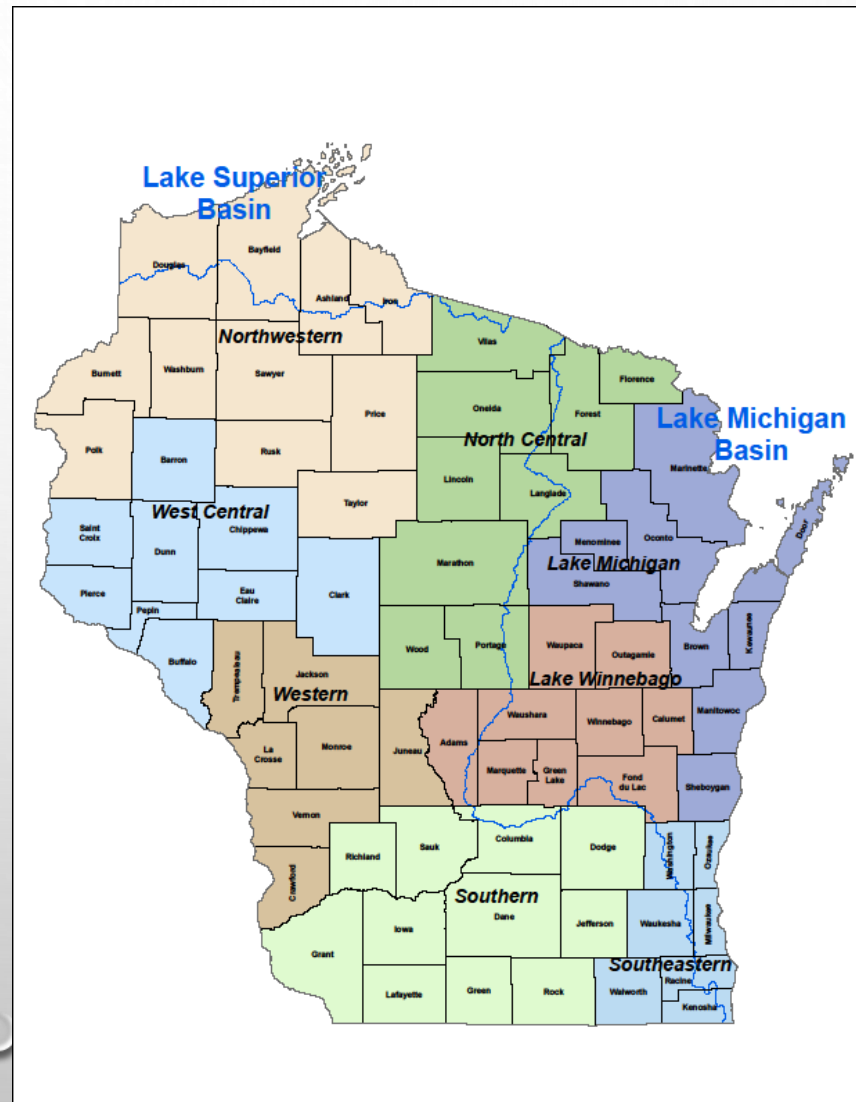
KENOSHA, MILWAUKEE, OZAUKEE, RACINE, WASHINGTON, WAUKESHA

NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

FLORENCE, FOREST, LANGLADE, MARATHON, PORTAGE, VILAS

SOUTHERN AREA ASSOCIATION

COLUMBIA, DODGE



GREAT LAKES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

GREG COULTHURST, DOOR (CHAIR)

ASHLEY VANDE VOORT, DOUGLAS

(VICE CHAIR)

SCOTT FRANK, SHAWANO (SECRETARY)

ISABELLE PAULSEN, WI LAND+WATER

(TREASURER)

DAVINA BONNESS, KEWAUNEE

TIMOTHY DETZER, MILWAUKEE

KEN DOLATA, OCONTO

MARYJO GINGRAS, ASHLAND

PAUL SEBO, WASHINGTON

CHRIS ARROWOOD, LANGLADE

HEATHER PALMQUIST, IRON

TYLER BETRY, SHEBOYGAN

DONALEA DINSMORE, OFFICE OF
GREAT WATERS (ADVISOR)

MIKE FRIIS & TODD BREIBY, DOA
(ADVISORS)

ZACH ZOPP, DATCP (ADVISOR)

Great Lakes Committee Meeting Schedule & Activities (2022-2023)

	Winter (Workplan Mtg)	Summer (Annual Mtg)	Fall (Budget Mtg)	December (Business Mtg)
2022Dates	February 17th	October 26th	October 26th	December TBD
Activities	Finalize 2022/23 WP, Guest Speaker	Annual Tour/Grant Applications/Elections	Budget, Annual meeting follow-up	Unfinished business, WP edits for 2023, new business
Location	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	TBD
2023Dates	February TBD	TBD	October TBD	December TBD
Activities	Edits for 2023/24 WP, Mini Grant Applications, Guest Speaker	Grant Applications, Annual Tour prep	Budget, Final Grant applications, Reports	Unfinished business, WP edits for 2024, New business
Location	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Summer Annual Meeting Schedule	Cancelled	Ashland County	TBD	TBD

NOTE: Additional in person or virtual meetings may be scheduled on an as needed basis.
To Be Determined (TBD)

**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.

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.

**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 1st and September 1st 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:

Name: _____
First Last

County: _____ Phone: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Organization: _____

Email Address: _____

II: Description of Proposed Project:

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 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. _____