



Letter from Jimmy,



Can you be part of Wisconsin's Land and Water future? On August 23, 2016, stakeholders will convene at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point to begin developing Wisconsin's vision for sustainable food production and land and water resource protection.

The Food, Land and Water Project invites Wisconsin stakeholders of all kinds to look forward *together* to take a strategic look at Wisconsin's food, land, and water resources, and the human demands that will affect them in the decades ahead. Our lives depend, in thousands of ways, on our land and water resources, but we affect those resources in powerful, and potentially destructive, ways.

As a conservation professional, can you help make this WI Land+Water initiative a success? If you believe in collaboration, if you understand the power of relationships, you can be part of the ground team that will allow people from all over the state to see the big conservation picture, to learn and discuss ways forward, and build new working relationships. Your help is needed at the first meeting of stakeholders on August 23rd. We need knowledgeable conservationists who can work with our facilitators to capture workgroup decisions.

It is not the most glamorous job, but vital to project success. Please email [Chris Schlutt](mailto:Chris.Schlutt) if you can help out. I hope you will decide to be part of making Wisconsin conservation history.

Sincerely,
Jim Vandenberg

County Con Meeting

Thank you for attending the County Con Meeting last week! Below are links to the presentations from our Keynote Speakers.

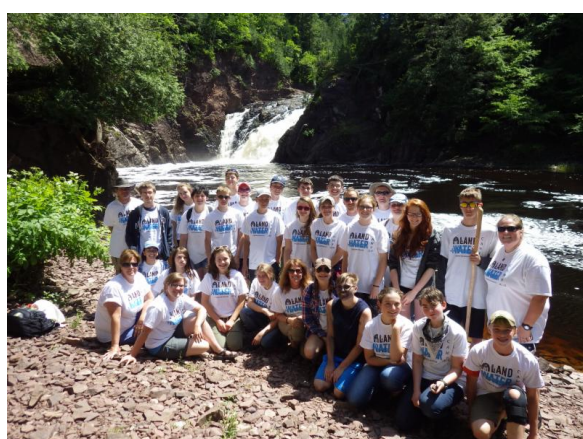


Keynote Presentations:

[Jennifer Terry: Protecting Surface Waters in Agricultural Watersheds: "Lessons from Iowa"](#)

[Craig Cox: Fooling Ourselves: Voluntary Programs Are Not Cutting It](#)

Wisconsin Youth Conservation Camps



Membership Spotlight



Jim McCaulley

Iowa County Conservationist

With almost 30 years of experience in Iowa County, Jim has the insights for what makes Iowa County so unique.

[FULL INTERVIEW >>>](#)



Dave Solin

Langlade County LCC

"We need supervisors to pass on the benefits of what good Conservation practices help in protecting the Natural Resources."

[FULL INTERVIEW >>>](#)

Area Tours Photos

Missed the area tours this summer? Take a photo tour below!

[Lake Michigan Tour](#)



[Southern Area Tour](#)

The WI Land+Water Youth Conservation Camp was held in Manitowish Waters on June 20-24. Campers learned about wolf howling, fisheries, river ecology, bat ecology, dairy farms, black bears, and more.



The 11th annual Sand Lake Conservation Camp, organized by Marinette County Land & Water Conservation Division, was held at Camp Bird near Crivitz, WI. Activities for the campers included wilderness survival skills, canoeing, outdoor recreation safety, trapping, archery, and more.

Big thanks to our county land and water conservation departments and partners for their support as well as individual donors who believe in our youth and conservation.

Conservation Observance Day



This event honors the 2016 Conservation Farmer of the Year David and Leslie Meuer, sponsored by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, WI Land+Water, and Calumet County. The Meuers raise beef, hogs, broilers and egg layers, and also grow grain crops, strawberries, and pumpkins.

This is a free event and includes tours of the farm, lunch, speaker presentations, a corn maze, and partner exhibits.

Leopold Conservation Award: 2016 Call for Applications



The Leopold Conservation Award recognizes landowners who exemplify the land ethic of Aldo Leopold, translating their love for the land into responsible stewardship and management. The Wisconsin recipient for the 2016 Leopold Conservation Award receives an Aldo Leopold crystal and \$10,000.

If you, or someone you know, is a landowner in Wisconsin and engaged in and committed to conservation on working lands, we invite your application for the Leopold Conservation Award!

Application Deadline is August 5, 2016

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