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## August Newsletter

### Lake Superior Collaborative

The Lake Superior Collaborative is a network of organizations working in partnership to coordinate protection, restoration, & climate resilience efforts in the Wisconsin portion of the Lake Superior watershed.

### Mission

The Lake Superior Collaborative supports and promotes climate resilience practices in northern Wisconsin through information sharing, collaborative planning and prioritization, and securing funding that supports mutually beneficial projects.

## Updates

### **\$1.45 Million Awarded in Highly Competitive Grant to Increase Climate Resilience in Flood-Prone Lake Superior Communities**

The Northwest Regional Planning Commission, Wisconsin Wetlands Association and other Lake Superior Basin partners have been awarded \$1.45 million over four years under the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\) Climate Resilience Regional Challenge](#).

The funding will help rural, underserved counties, towns, and Ojibwe Tribal Nations address flood risks by assessing the impact of lost headwater storage and floodplain connectivity. The project aims to implement nature-based solutions to increase climate resilience and reduce flood risks as rainfall events grow more frequent.



**Project Title: *Accelerating Natural Flood Management in the Lake Superior Basin***

[Learn More Here](#)

We are excited to announce that Catie Geib has joined the UW-Madison Division of Extension as the new Lake Superior Collaborative Program Coordinator. Catie loves Wisconsin's natural spaces and has worked with conservation partners and landowners across the state in her roles at the Aldo Leopold Foundation and the Conservation Technology Information Center.

She holds a degree in Environmental Studies from Montana State University and has called Eau Claire, WI home for the past three years. Catie is based out of the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI.



[Connect with Catie](#)

## Upcoming Events & Trainings

### Annual Membership Gathering

The Superior Rivers Watershed Association invites all members, past members, future members, current and former volunteers, community members, and others to join us for our annual meeting and party.

All are welcome. RSVP is encouraged but not required. Partners, families, kiddos, plus ones, and others encouraged.



**Date:** Sunday, August 18th 4pm - 7pm

**Location:** The Saxon Harbor Marina Pavilion, 10045 Co Hwy A, Saxon, WI.

[RSVP Here](#)

### Advancing Coastal Resilience through Nature-Based Solutions: Training Programs for Practitioners

This webinar will showcase two programs aimed at expanding the



availability of qualified practitioners that can install living shorelines and other nature-based shoreline approaches. The two programs are:

(1) Ohio's Nature-Based Shoreline Training Program, presented by Emily Kuzmick from Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve

(2) Florida's Marine Contractor Living Shoreline Training Course, presented by Armando Ubada from Florida Sea Grant.

**Date:** Thursday, August 22, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time

For questions, please contact [Bridget.Lussier@noaa.gov](mailto:Bridget.Lussier@noaa.gov)

[Register Here](#)

## NACD Virtual Agroforestry Training

In partnership with the USDA Forest Service National Agroforestry Center, NACD is excited to debut virtual agroforestry training sessions for conservation districts and partners

Demand for trained agroforesters is expected to increase as agroforestry-related Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities projects and Inflation Reduction Act-funded projects are implemented



The graphic for Virtual Agroforestry Trainings features the NACD logo and the text "Virtual Agroforestry Trainings" with a "Join us!" call to action. It displays three training sessions: July 16 (1-5 p.m. Eastern for Northeast & Southeast Regions), August 27 (12-4 p.m. Central for North Central, Northern Plains, & South Central Regions), and October 22 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pacific for Southwest & Pacific Regions). Below the sessions is a "LEARNING TOPICS" section listing: Understanding of Agroforestry Principles, Effective Communication about Agroforestry, Planning and Designing Agroforestry Systems, Navigating Federal Programs, and Building a Supportive Learning Cohort. Photos are credited to the USDA Forest Service National Agroforestry Center.

**Date:** August 27, 2024 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. CT

[Register Here](#)

## Wisconsin Stormwater Week

Stormwater Week is a collaborative effort among organizations across the state to raise awareness about the sources of water pollution. This week-long initiative highlights different topics each day, including:

- Rain Collection
- Lawn Care
- Stormwater Treatment
- Stormwater BMPs



**Date:** September 21st - 29th, 2024

[Learn More Here](#)

## Red Cliff Environmental Insights: A Tour of Projects and Practices

Join Coastal Hazards of Superior (CHAOS) for a field trip to Legendary Waters Resort & Casino on Lake Superior's South Shore. Learn how the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa addresses coastal erosion and water quality through habitat restoration and stormwater management.

Tour a native planting installation, explore wetland delineation and vegetation selection, and discover methods for culvert assessments. Connect with Red Cliff staff and other attendees to discuss these coastal projects and enhance your restoration and assessment skills!



The last day to sign up for this field trip is **Friday September 6.**

**Space is limited to 25 attendees.**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 11,  
9:30am - 12:00pm

**Location:** Legendary Waters Resort & Casino (37600 Onigamiing Dr, Bayfield, WI 54814).

[Register Here](#)

## Best Management Practices and Product Demonstrations for Erosion Control and Stormwater Management

This event allows attendees to learn from experienced professionals and view product testing under a variety of control measures.

**Confirmed demonstrations include:**

- Low-Flow Channel: Erosion Control
- Products and Proper Installation Demo
- Proper Seeding Techniques
- Choosing the Right Product for the Job
- Know your BMPs
- Dewatering devices and additives



**Date:** September 26, 2024 8:00  
am – 4:00 pm

**Location:** Rice Lake, WI

[Register Here](#)

## The 2024 Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference

The Upper Midwest Invasive Species

Conference (UMISC) is a biennial conference that addresses all taxa of invasive species. In 2024, UMISC will celebrate 18 years of connecting the invasive species management, research, and policy community.

The goal of UMISC is to strengthen management of invasive species, especially prevention, control, and containment. There have been great strides in invasive species research, prevention, and management, but much work still must be done. The conference provides numerous opportunities to network with professionals, land managers, researchers, nonprofits, and others.



**Date:** Tuesday, November 12 -  
Thursday, November 14, 2024

[Learn More Here](#)

## Funding Opportunities

### U.S. Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Grant Programs



The USDA Forest Service is now requesting applications for the Fiscal Year 2024 [Great Lakes Restoration Initiative \(GLRI\) Grant Program](#).

This program will support reforestation, ecosystem restoration and forest health improvement in the Great Lakes Basin through an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The USDA Forest Service is announcing and awarding funding through two grant opportunities at the same time:

Eligible applicants can apply by **6 p.m. Eastern, September 18, 2024** in [Grants.gov](#)

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Restoration Initiative  
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(1) Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMA)

(2) Forest Restoration (FR).

This program anticipate up to **\$1 million in new funds will be available for the CWMA grant, and \$5.2 million for the FR grant.**

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## Wisconsin Headwaters to Coast Initiative Now Accepting Proposals



**The Headwaters to Coast Initiative (H2C)** is a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) project funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Launched in 2022, H2C aims to develop a partner-driven conservation blueprint for Wisconsin's Lake Superior basin, focusing on the counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, and Iron. This initiative seeks to address critical conservation needs while fostering collaboration among diverse partners to ensure a sustainable future for the region. The initiative focuses on overcoming barriers to collaboration across agencies and organizations, enabling a more strategic approach to tackling challenges like climate change, habitat fragmentation, and biodiversity loss.

H2C is a community-based program offering technical and financial support to conservation partners through cooperative agreements. Its mission is to unite partners to prioritize and coordinate conservation efforts that address the ecological, social, and cultural needs of Wisconsin's Lake Superior Basin, both now and in the future. Eligible projects must be within the Wisconsin Lake Superior basin and address one or more of the following priorities: Habitat Connectivity and Functionality, Healthy Habitats and Biodiversity, Water Quality and Hydrologic Integrity, Climate Resiliency, Inclusive Community Engagement, and the Preparation for and Addressing of Current and Emerging Threats.

Wisconsin Headwaters to Coast Initiative Grant Notice

**Deadline to apply:** Monday,

September 30, 2024

**Contact:** Mitchell Baalman

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Reply to this message if you have a project update,  
Collaborative member spotlight, upcoming event, or other  
news to share in next month's edition!

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