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September Newsletter



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LAKE SUPERIOR COLLABORATIVE SYMPOSIUM

Widening the Horizons of Restoration

October 29 & 30
Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center

Lake Superior Collaborative Symposium Registration Open

Join us for the **Lake Superior Collaborative Symposium 2024**, a two-day event focused on sharing, discussing, and collaborating on conservation, restoration, and climate-adaptive projects in the Lake Superior Basin of Wisconsin. The symposium will provide an opportunity for professionals to network, exchange project updates, and participate in action planning for the future of restoration efforts in the region.

[Register Here](#)

[Draft Agenda](#)

Share Your Work at the Symposium!

Do you have an exciting project or initiative to showcase? We invite you to submit a lightning talk, or partner update for the Lake Superior Collaborative Symposium. This is a great opportunity to highlight your work, share key updates, and

Sponsor Our Shoreline Social Event!

Support the Lake Superior Collaborative Symposium by sponsoring our Shoreline Social event. This gathering provides a relaxed setting for attendees to network, exchange ideas, and build partnerships. As a sponsor, your organization will receive

connect with fellow conservation professionals. Presentations should be concise, impactful, and focused on innovative solutions in the Lake Superior Basin.

Submit your proposal by October 11th to secure one of the 16 available slots!

recognition at the event and in promotional materials. It's a great opportunity to showcase your commitment to conservation and the Lake Superior region.

Interested in sponsoring? Click the button below to contact us and secure your sponsorship!

Share Your Work!

Let's Connect!

Upcoming Events & Trainings

Lakebed 2030 Conference

Lakebed 2030 is an annual conference that brings industry professionals together from science, research, policy, government, and industry to focus on high-resolution mapping data in the Great Lakes, develop strategies to catalog lakebed information for shared use and showcase the latest technology advancements.



Date: September 17–19, 2024

Location: Traverse City Michigan

Learn More

2024 Great Lakes Conference

For over 15 years, the Healing Our Waters–Great Lakes Coalition has worked to protect and restore the Great Lakes, which provide drinking water to over 30 million people. The Coalition, made up of more than 180 organizations, focuses on securing sustainable restoration plans and federal funding for the Great Lakes. This year's conference will gather stakeholders to discuss clean water priorities and strategies for tackling ongoing environmental challenges, with a special focus on communities disproportionately affected by pollution.



Date: September 26–27, 2024

Location: Chicago, IL.

Register Here

Webinar Series: Mercury and Sulfur Pollution in the Upper Great Lakes

Join the Northern Research Station's *Mercury Sulfur Initiative* for a two-part webinar series on the impacts of mercury and sulfur pollution in the Upper Great Lakes. Industrial activities have increased mercury and sulfate levels in the region, posing threats to ecosystems and human health. Topics will include the effects of sulfate on methylmercury production and its impact on wild rice, as well as new research and management solutions.



Each webinar will feature five brief presentations followed by a Q&A session. Sessions are approximately 2 hours long.

Session 1: September 26, 2024
11:00–1:00 EDT

Session 2: October 1, 2024
11:00–1:00 EDT

[Register Here](#)

Ashland Waterfront Tour

Join the as Ashland Parks and Recreation Department Director Sara Hudson leads a tour of Ashland's waterfront. We'll start and end in the same location and navigate the waterfront using the BART bus. All transportation fees for BART are covered.

This event is Free and Open to the Public.



Date: September 21, 2024
10:00am – 12:00 pm

Location: Ashland, WI

[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

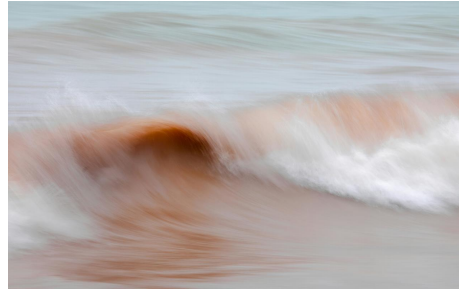


Date: September 21 - 29, 2024

[Learn More Here](#)

Let's Talk! Fall Webinar Series on the Great Lakes

These webinars are organized by the respective Lake Partnerships and co-chaired by Environment and Climate Change Canada and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Topics include algae, bacteria, habitat protection, invasive species, and climate change projections. Each webinar is free, open to the public, and requires separate registration.



First Webinar: September 21-29, 2024. 11 am CT

[Register Here](#)

Perennial Farm Gathering

The Perennial Farm Gathering, Savanna Institute's signature event of the year, brings together a wide community of land stewards, farmers, and perennial enthusiasts. Over three days, folks gather to build community and share lessons learned –all to advance perennial agriculture.

**Don't Miss Free Farm Tours
Saturday, October 5th in Spring
Green, WI.**



Date: October 6-8, 2024

Location: Madison, WI

[Register Here](#)

2024 Great Lakes Coastal Symposium

The Coastal Symposium will feature plenary, invited, and submitted presentations, networking opportunities, workshops, and field trips for conservation practitioners, scientists, students, coastal wetland stakeholders, and community members. The theme this year is **Great Lakes, Greater Resilience: Conserving Coasts and Sustaining Communities**.



2024 Great Lakes Coastal Symposium

Braddock Bay • Rochester, NY • October 7-9

Date: October 7-9, 2024

Location: Rochester, NY

[Register Here](#)

2024 Great Lakes Commission Annual Meeting

These meetings provide an opportunity for Great Lakes stakeholders to convene with colleagues and share perspectives on important Great Lakes issues. The focus will be on addressing common concerns, developing shared solutions, and collectively advancing an agenda to protect and enhance the region's economic prosperity and environmental health.



Date: October 8-10, 2024

Location: Rochester, New York

[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: November 12 - 14, 2024

Location: Duluth, Minnesota

[Learn More Here](#)

University of Minnesota Fish Recruitment Workshop

This workshop will take place at the University of Minnesota on **November 18-19, 2024**, focused on predicting fish recruitment using

environmental data. The Poor-Recruitment Paradigm (Gross, Sadler, Hoenig, 2022) will be introduced and applied to various species in the region, with hands-on activities. Participants are encouraged to bring their own datasets, though data can be provided if needed.



Date: November 18-19, 2024

[Learn More Here](#)

Funding Opportunities

Wisconsin Coastal Management Program

The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) is offering up to \$1.6 million in grants aimed at enhancing, preserving, protecting, and restoring natural resources along Wisconsin's Great Lakes coasts, which include nearly 1,000 miles of shoreline across counties adjacent to Lakes Superior and Michigan. These grants support a wide range of projects, from coastal wetland protection and habitat restoration to nonpoint source pollution control and community planning.

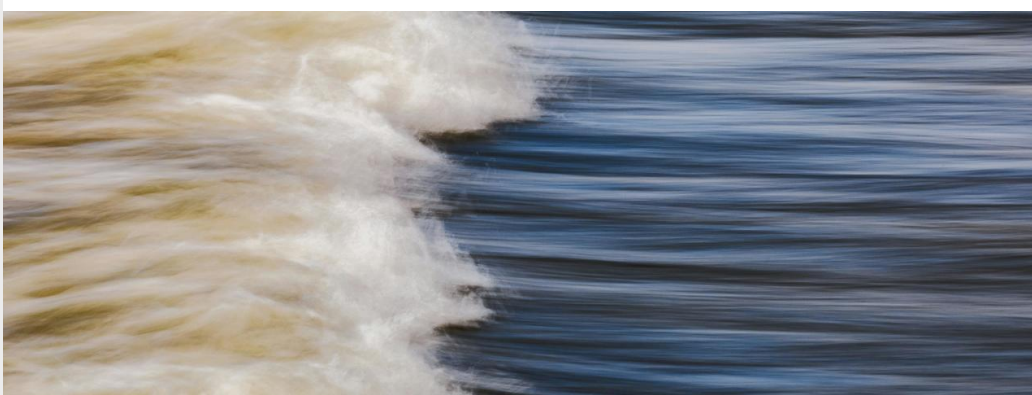


A **virtual grant workshop** will be held on **September 25, 2024, from 12:00-1:30 pm**. No registration is required. [Click here to join the meeting.](#)

Applications are due **November 1, 2024**. For more details, visit coastal.wisconsin.gov or contact WCMP staff at coastal@wisconsin.gov.

The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program

National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF)



The NCRF restores and strengthens natural infrastructure to protect coastal communities and enhance habitats. It supports projects like marshes, wetlands, dunes, reefs, and more to reduce storm impacts and other natural events. Funded by NOAA and managed by NFWF, this grant program invests in nature-based solutions to increase resilience against climate change and flooding.

A webinar is available on **September 19, 2024, at 2pm EST** to dive into the specifics of NCRF, share tips for building strong proposals, and hear from past recipients and NFWF representatives.

Register here: [Webinar Registration](#)

The National Coastal Resilience Fund

MW CASC Small Research Projects: Supporting New Collaborations



The Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center (MW CASC) is offering a new funding opportunity! Small Research Projects aim to support activities that inspire or promote collaborative, decision-relevant research. Eligible activities include project scoping and data generation, relationship building, demonstration projects, as well as workshops, field visits, and related travel.

Priority will be given to projects led by or involving Tribal partners, or those addressing adaptation issues relevant to Tribal governments and communities. Funding is capped at \$15,000, with project timelines up to 12 months. Proposals are reviewed on a rolling basis.

Learn more about MW CASC SRPs and submission process in an informational webinar on September 18 from 11-12 CT. [Register here to attend.](#)

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



The USDA Forest Service is accepting applications for the 2024 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Grant Program to support reforestation, ecosystem restoration, and forest health in the Great Lakes Basin. Two grant opportunities are available: Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMA) and Forest Restoration (FR). Up to \$1 million is available for CWMA, and \$5.2 million for FR.

Apply by 6 p.m. ET, September 18, 2024, via [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

For more info, contact Erin Barton at erin.barton@usda.gov or 612-476-5849.

U.S. Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

Job Opportunities

Great Lakes Project Coordinator - Trout Unlimited

The Great Lakes Project Coordinator will support coldwater conservation efforts in Northwest Wisconsin's Lake Superior Watershed. Key duties include conducting aquatic organism passage inventories, gathering data for habitat restoration, engaging with partners, and overseeing monitoring at project sites. The role also involves assisting with restoration projects, managing seasonal interns, writing grants, and coordinating with agencies and stakeholders. The position is based in Northwest Wisconsin, with location flexibility.

Apply Here

Program Specialist - Great Lakes Commission

The Great Lakes Commission is seeking a motivated Program Specialist to assist with aquatic invasive species (AIS) projects and support regional collaboratives. This role focuses on AIS prevention and control, a key goal of the GLC's strategic plan. Strong regional coordination and collaboration are essential to achieving project outcomes.

[Apply Here](#)

Great Lakes Senior Program Officer - Erb Family Foundation

The Erb Family Foundation seeks a Senior Program Officer to lead and develop a grantmaking strategy focused on improving the health of the Great Lakes ecosystem. Reporting to the Vice President of Programs, this role will guide a growing team and integrate environmental justice, climate change, and nonprofit support into the strategy. The ideal candidate will be a strategic thinker, mentor, and collaborator.

[Apply Here](#)

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Collaborative member spotlight, upcoming event, or
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