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December Pick: **How sharing and learning from failure can transform conservation**

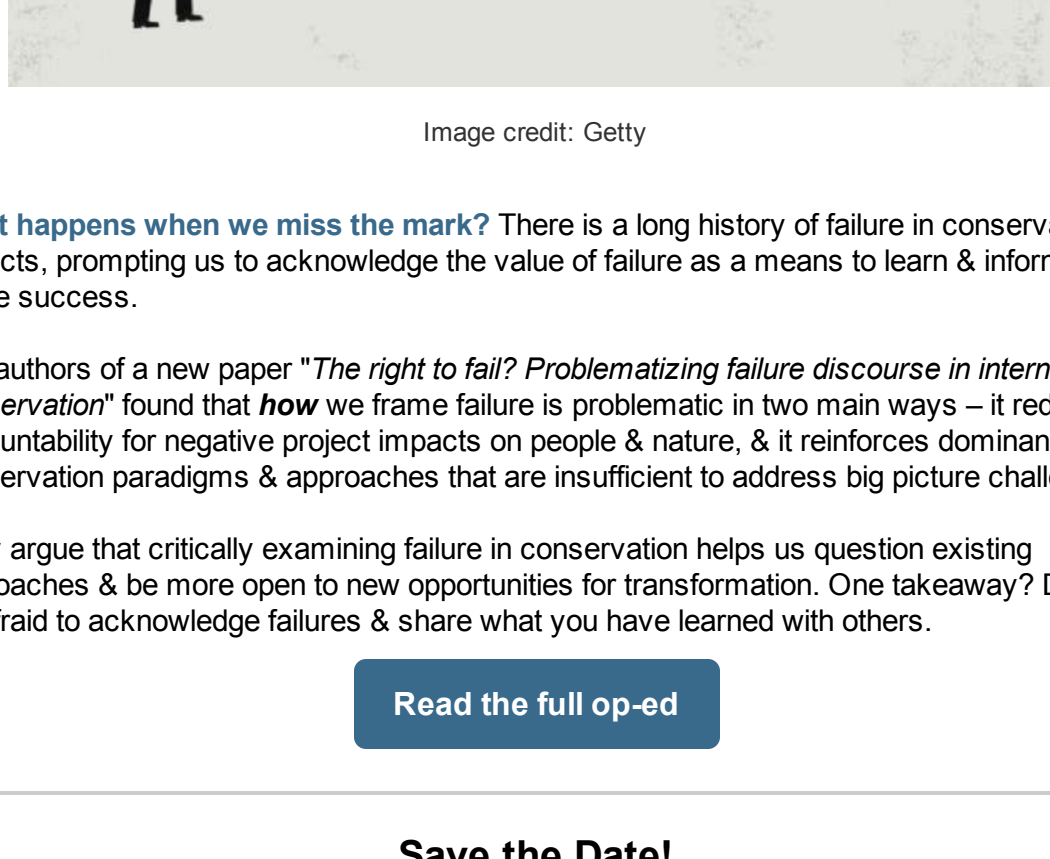


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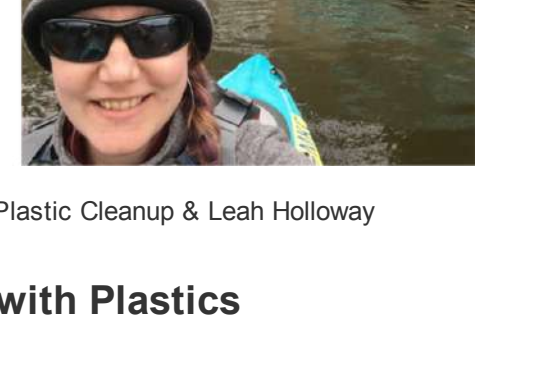
What happens when we miss the mark? There is a long history of failure in conservation projects, prompting us to acknowledge the value of failure as a means to learn & inform future success.

The authors of a new paper "*The right to fail? Problematising failure discourse in international conservation*" found that **how** we frame failure is problematic in two main ways – it reduces accountability for negative project impacts on people & nature, & it reinforces dominant conservation paradigms & approaches that are insufficient to address big picture challenges.

They argue that critically examining failure in conservation helps us question existing approaches & be more open to new opportunities for transformation. One takeaway? Don't be afraid to acknowledge failures & share what you have learned with others.

[Read the full op-ed](#)

Save the Date! **Lake Superior Collaborative Spring Symposium** April 28-29, 2022

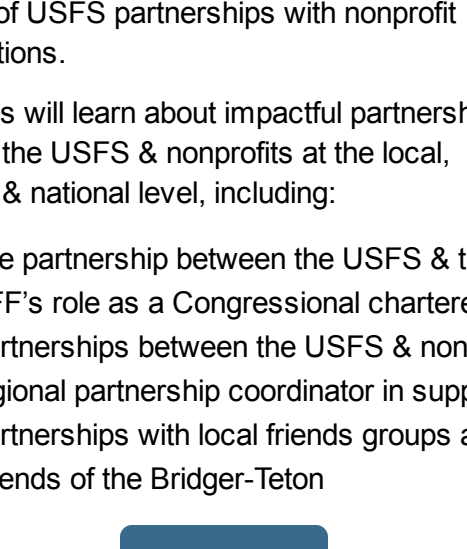


The annual LSC Spring Symposium will include virtual presentations, group planning sessions, & in-person field trips. **Call for lightning talks & field trip hosts!** Submit a field trip or presentation topic [here](#).

If you have questions or would like to join the event planning team, please contact Erin at erin.burkett@wisc.edu or 715-685-2676.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Events



the Problem with Plastics Brownbag Webinar • Tuesday, December 7 • 11:00 AM

Plastics are playing an increasingly large role in our lives, & addressing plastic pollution is part of the 2020-2025 Lake Superior Lakewide Action and Management Plan. Together with Leah Holloway, Program Manager at Milwaukee Riverkeeper, we'll explore the pros & cons of plastics, how they impact human & environmental health, why they can be so hard to avoid, & steps we can all take to reduce our individual & collective reliance on harmful plastics.

[Free event registration](#)

Forest Service Partnerships with Nonprofits: Examples from the Field

Peer Learning Session • December 2 • 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

The suggested audience for this session includes U.S. Forest Service (USFS) employees & nonprofit partners wanting to learn more about the function & benefits of USFS partnerships with nonprofit organizations.



Attendees will learn about impactful partnerships between the USFS & nonprofits at the local, regional, & national level, including:

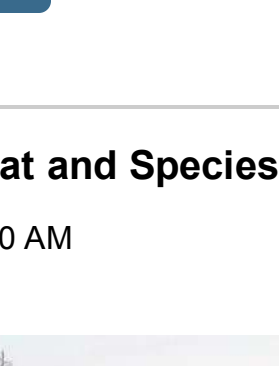
- The partnership between the USFS & the National Forest Foundation (NFF) & the NFF's role as a Congressional chartered nonprofit
- Partnerships between the USFS & nonprofits at the regional level & the role of the regional partnership coordinator in supporting these relationships
- Partnerships with local friends groups as shown through an example given by the Friends of the Bridger-Teton

[Register](#)

Get Your Science Moving: Building Blocks to Mobilize Science Engagement

Virtual Series • November 2021-March 2022

You have the project - the data - the science to back it up. Now what? This series is tailored for professionals, practitioners & leaders working on Great Lakes coastal issues who want to improve their communication skills & articulate the value of science-driven actions.



Cost to attend is \$15-\$20 per workshop. Contact Karina Heim (karina.heim@wisc.edu) if attendance costs are prohibitive to you.



[Learn More](#)

Native Landscape & Green Infrastructure Design for Stormwater

Virtual or In-person Course • December 9 • 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Gain an understanding of how to analyze, design, implement & manage effective & innovative stormwater management systems using native landscape for a variety of sites – large, small, rural, & urban.

Learn how a site analysis of soils, terrain & hydrology can influence the design approach using native & naturalized plant selections. Several case studies of built projects are presented – giving you firsthand knowledge of how to approach site design, plant selection, construction, & maintenance.

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Place, identity and the Great Lakes region: A conversation with poet Moheb Soliman

Lake Talks • December 9 • 7:00 PM



Poet Moheb Soliman (photo: Melissa Lukenbaugh)

Moheb Soliman is an interdisciplinary poet from Egypt & the Midwest who has presented his work in the U.S. and Canada with support from numerous foundations & institutions. His [first book of poems, HOMES](#), offers an intimate perspective on an immigrant experience as he drives his Corolla past exquisite vistas & abandoned mines, through tourist towns & Midwestern suburbs, seeking to inhabit an entire region as home.

Join this conversation-style event with Senior Special Librarian Anne Moser of the Wisconsin Water Library. Their discussion will be interspersed with Soliman reading from his work.

Visit www.mohebsoliman.info to learn more.

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Let's Talk Lake Superior: Protecting Habitat and Species

Webinar • December 14 • 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Learn about habitat and species protection on Lake Superior, why it's important, & how two exciting projects are taking action to protect & restore this important ecosystem. Topics include:



- The importance of habitat & species in Lake Superior - Ann McCammon-Soltis, Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission
- The Superior Stewards Shoreline Protection Program - Jessie McFadden, Lakehead Region Conservation Authority
- Restoration to improve fish passage in Two-Mile Creek, Michigan - Geri Grant, Superior Watershed Partnership & Chris Kovalva, Ottawa National Forest

Participants will also learn how they can get involved & make a difference & have an opportunity to ask questions.

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An Introduction to the Shoreline Stabilization Outreach Project

Conservation Training • December 15 • 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The Wisconsin Shoreline Stabilization Outreach Project (SSOP) developed [Shoreline Stabilization: A Guide for Homeowners and Conservationists on Inland Lakes and Flowages](#) for property owners & conservationists. This webinar will discuss the process & participants involved with creating the publication & the background leading up to its development. Further discussion will go through the lakeshore protection technical design methods and reference some WDNR permitting examples specific to projects and techniques used in various counties. Project examples will be shared by Stacy Dehne (DATCP) as well as Travis Tulowitzky (Bayfield County) and Heather Palmquist (Iron County).



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Harmful Algal Bloom Research Symposium

Virtual Conference • January 6-7, 2022 • 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

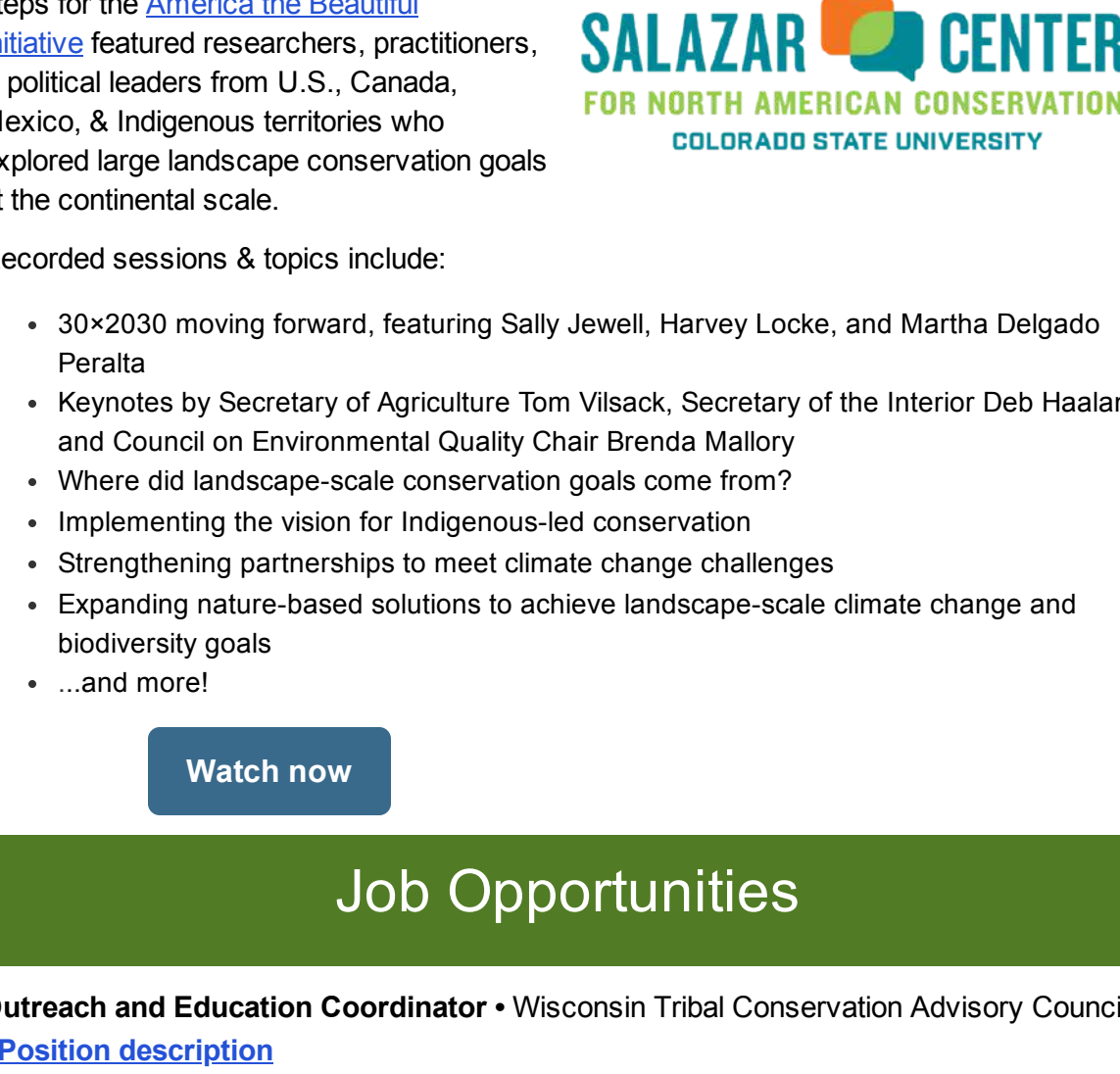


Registration for the 2nd Annual Virtual Harmful Algal Bloom Research Symposium is now open! Last year's event brought together over 890 educators & researchers from across the US to hear the latest HAB research & discuss ongoing outreach efforts.

This year's research presentations will focus on four different topics:

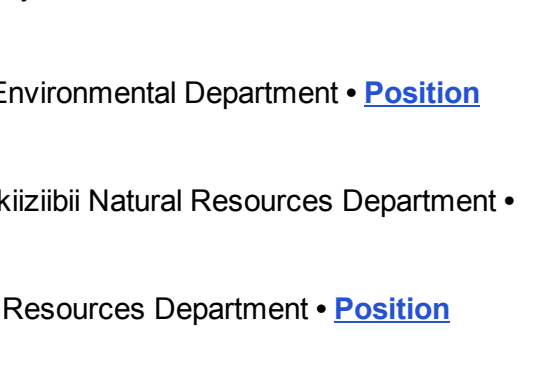
- HAB Monitoring & Ecology
- Cyanotoxin Treatment & Detection
- Forecasting & Modeling HABs
- Emerging Technology for Detecting & Monitoring HABs

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Recordings available - 2021 Symposium on Conservation Impact

This first major public convening on the next steps for the [America the Beautiful Initiative](#) featured researchers, practitioners, & political leaders from U.S., Canada, Mexico, & Indigenous territories who explored large landscape conservation goals at the continental scale.



Recorded sessions & topics include:

- 30x2030 moving forward, featuring Sally Jewell, Harvey Locke, and Martha Delgado Peralta
- Keynotes by Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, and Council on Environmental Quality Chair Brenda Mallory
- Where did landscape-scale conservation goals come from?
- Implementing the vision for Indigenous-led conservation
- Strengthening partnerships to meet climate change challenges
- Expanding nature-based solutions to achieve landscape-scale climate change and biodiversity goals
- ...and more!

[Watch now](#)

Job Opportunities

- Outreach and Education Coordinator** • Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council • [Position description](#)
- Recreation Specialist** • Bayfield County • [Position description](#)
- Executive Director** • Bayfield Heritage Association • [Position description](#)
- Conservation Assistant – Bayfield Office** • Landmark Conservancy • [Position description](#)
- Air Quality Program Manager** • Red Cliff Treaty Natural Resources Division • [Position description](#)
- Environmental Health Specialist** • Red Cliff Environmental Department • [Position description](#)
- Water Resources Program Manager** • Mashkiziibii Natural Resources Department • [Open until filled](#)
- Ornithology Specialist** • Mashkiziibii Natural Resources Department • [Position description](#)
- Assistant Professor of Sustainable Rural Economic Development** • Northland College • [Position description](#)
- Assistant Professor of Biology & Nature Resources Fisheries Biologist** • Northland College • [Position description](#)
- Social Media Manager** • Trout Unlimited • [Position description](#)

Funding

- *NEW* **Community Forest & Open Space Conservation Program** • Great Lakes Restoration Initiative • [Deadline January 10](#)
- *NEW* **NOAA Great Lakes Fish Habitat Restoration Regional Partnership Grants** • Great Lakes Restoration Initiative • [Deadline January 12](#)
- *NEW* **Lake Conservation Grant** • Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership • [Deadline February 18](#)
- *NEW* **Municipal Flood Control Grant Program** • Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources • [Deadline March 15](#)
- Go Outside Fund** • Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin • [Deadline December 31](#)
- Wisconsin Rare Plant Preservation Fund** • Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin • [Deadline February 1](#)
- David and Joyce Weizenicker Fund for State Parks** • Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin • [Deadline March 1](#)
- Norma & Stanley DeBoer Quilt Trails Fund** • Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin • [Deadline March 1](#)
- Travel, Tourism, & Outdoor Recreation Program** • Economic Development Administration • [Deadlines vary](#)

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.

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