

# Lake Superior Commons

News from the Lake Superior Collaborative

January 2021



Chequamegon Bay in Winter

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The Lake Superior Collaborative was formed to facilitate collaboration and coordination among the governmental and non-governmental organizations and academic institutions that work to protect and restore natural resources in Wisconsin's Lake Superior Basin.

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## Upcoming Events

### 2021 Virtual Learning Series

#### Science Communication Strategies for a Changing Lake Superior

Hosted by the [Lake Superior Collaborative](#) and the Lake Superior Reserve's [Coastal Training Program](#), this skill-building series will cover risk communication, inclusive science communication, effective data visualization, and more! [Events are free but registration is required.](#)

#### LSC Brownbag Webinar | 11 am-12noon CT on Friday, January 15

##### Monitoring Lake Superior Coastal Wetlands with High-Resolution Satellite Imagery and Hydrological Modeling

Laura Bourgeau-Chavez (Research Scientist at the Michigan Tech Research Institute) will share information about a binational effort to build automated or semi-automated monitoring approaches and algorithms to monitor coastal Great Lakes wetlands, including examples for the St. Louis River Estuary and Bad River pilot sites. Attendees will learn about methods to routinely map surface water and vegetation inundation extent from satellite radar observations and model Great Lakes hydrological connectivity. [Register in advance.](#)

#### Wetland Science Conference | February 16-19

Hosted by the Wisconsin Wetlands Association, the annual [Wetland Science Conference](#) is an opportunity to learn about wetland research, restoration, and management, hear about approaches to incorporating wetlands into watershed planning, and look ahead to the future of wetland science and practices in Wisconsin. [View the 2021 conference program here.](#)

#### Virtual Workshop | Fish Passage, Flood Resiliency, and Road Stream Crossings | 8:30 am-12noon Monday, February 25

Trout Unlimited, the Wisconsin DNR, US Forest Service, Wisconsin Land and Water, and partners are hosting this half-day workshop on Monday, February 25th. The event will include presentations on (1) designing crossings for fish passage and flood resiliency, (2) permitting and construction, and (3) inventories, partnerships, and funding. There will also be dedicated time for questions and discussing projects. The workshop is free and designed for engineers and others designing road-stream crossings, conservation professionals; Tribal, town, and county road workers and decision-makers; contractors; and engaged lake associations and citizens. For more information, contact Chris Collier at [chris.collier@tu.org](mailto:chris.collier@tu.org). [Registration closes on February 23rd.](#)

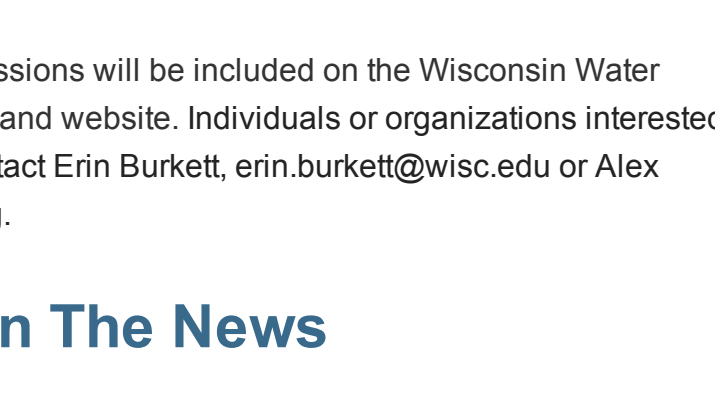
#### St. Louis River Summit | March 1-3

The annual St. Louis River Summit highlights the many ways the St. Louis River Estuary contributes to community well-being in the Twin Ports and beyond. Join the 11th Annual Summit to celebrate successes and look toward the future of the St. Louis River Estuary. Oral and poster presentations may cover a broad range of topics related to the St. Louis River but should connect to the theme of *Resilient Ecosystems, Resilient Communities*. [Abstract deadline: January 11, 11:59pm.](#)

#### Wisconsin Water Week - Lake Superior Edition

The [Wisconsin Water Week](#) planning team encourages regional and local groups to plan a water-related event or programs to be held on

Friday, March 12, 2021. Submissions will be included on the Wisconsin Water Week statewide activities map and website. Individuals or organizations interested in hosting an event should contact Erin Burkett, [erin.burkett@wisc.edu](mailto:erin.burkett@wisc.edu) or Alex Faber, [alex@superiorrivers.org](mailto:alex@superiorrivers.org).



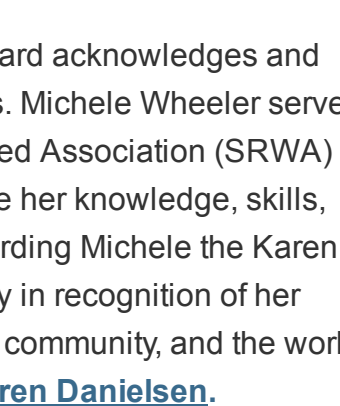
## In The News

#### New Mashkiiziibii Videos

Two new videos from the Mashkiiziibii (Bad River) Tribe's are now available:

[Stewards of All Creation \(8 min\)](#)

[Stewards of All Creation - Storyboard \(1min 43sec\)](#)



#### Michele Wheeler Recognized by Superior

##### Rivers Watershed Association

The 2020 Karen Danielsen Outstanding Stewardship Award acknowledges and celebrates an exceptional commitment to the Great Lakes. Michele Wheeler served as the first Executive Director of Superior Rivers Watershed Association (SRWA) from 2007-2012 and continued to volunteer and contribute her knowledge, skills, and passion to the organization until 2020. SRWA is awarding Michele the Karen Danielsen Outstanding Stewardship Award posthumously in recognition of her lifelong career of stewardship for the watershed, science, community, and the world around her. [Read more about Michele Wheeler and Karen Danielsen.](#)

#### International Joint Commission Releases Great Lakes Water Quality Progress Report

The International Joint Commission (IJC) recently released the 2020 Second Triennial Assessment of Progress Report on Great Lakes Water Quality. The report outlines actionable recommendations for improving the quality of the Great Lakes and summarizes public input collected during in-person meetings, listening sessions, and online surveys. [Download the report or view StoryMap.](#)

#### Wisconsin Coastal Flood Resilience Scorecard

[Wisconsin Sea Grant](#) and the [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#) recently released a new tool for coastal communities coping with high water levels. [Learn more about the Flood Resilience Scorecard.](#)

### Share Your Stories

Do you feel deep ties to the Chequamegon Bay/Apostle Islands region? Has it impacted you in a meaningful way?

The Superior Waters Story Corps is collecting stories and poems from tribal members, residents, and visitors to Lake Superior's south shore.

## Superior Waters Story Corps

Submit poems and stories about your experience at the Chequamegon Bay and Apostle Islands region!



To share and submit a poem or story from a single paragraph to 3 pages in length, go to <https://tinyurl.com/SuperiorWatersStoryCorps>.

## Grant Opportunities

#### 2021 Sustain Our Great Lakes Program

The [Sustain Our Great Lakes Program](#) awards grants for on-the-ground habitat restoration and enhancement projects. Funding priorities in 2021 include:

- Restore and Enhance Stream and Riparian Habitat
- Restore and Enhance Coastal Habitat
- Expand Green Stormwater Infrastructure in Great Lakes Communities
- Maintain and Enhance Benefits of Habitat Restoration through Invasive Species Control
- Restore and Preserve Natural Areas and Biodiversity in Wisconsin's Lake Michigan Watershed
- **New in 2021:** Accelerate Implementation of Conservation Practices and Regenerative Agriculture on Working Lands

Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and state, Tribal, and local governments. [Pre-proposals are due February 16, 2021.](#)

[Register for January 13th informational webinar for applicants.](#)

[Register for February 2nd virtual workshop for applicants.](#)

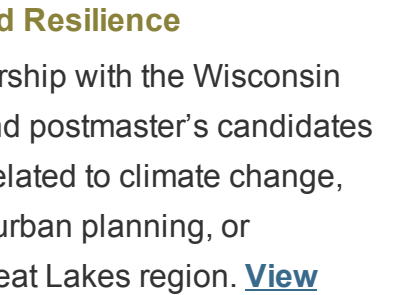
#### Wisconsin Energy Innovation Grants

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin's Energy Innovation Grant Program (EIGP) will fund comprehensive energy planning, electric vehicle planning, or projects that support renewable energy and energy storage, energy efficiency, or electric and renewable natural gas vehicles and infrastructure. Eligible applicants include local and tribal governments, businesses and nonprofit organizations, UW System campuses and facilities, WI Tech College System, and K-12 schools. Grants are available in four categories: 1) Renewable Energy and Energy Storage, 2) Energy Efficiency and Demand Response, 3) Electric & Renewable Natural Gas Vehicles and Infrastructure, and 4) Comprehensive Energy Planning. [Grant applications for the 2021-2022 project period are due January 22, 2021.](#)

## Job Opportunities

#### Stream Restoration Manager

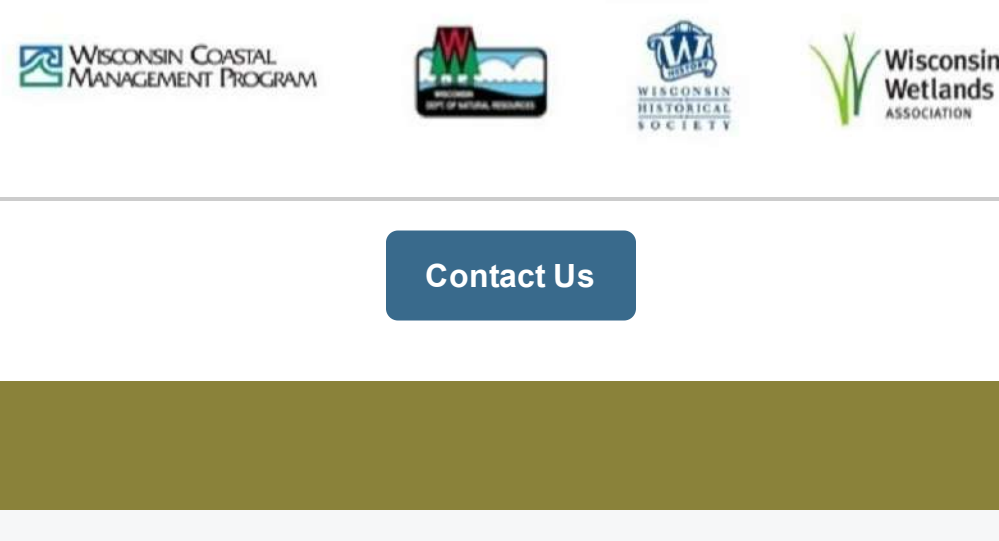
Trout Unlimited is hiring a Stream Restoration Manager to lead coldwater habitat projects throughout Michigan's Upper Peninsula. [View position description & apply.](#)



#### Wisconsin Sea Grant Fellow - J. Philip Keillor Flood Resilience

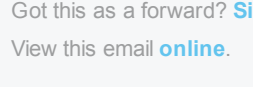
The Wisconsin Sea Grant College Program, in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, seeks postdoctoral and postmaster's candidates interested in tackling science and policy challenges related to climate change, water resources, flooding adaptation, social science, urban planning, or preparedness and mitigation in Wisconsin and the Great Lakes region. [View position description & apply.](#)

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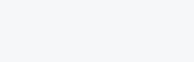
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