



## March 2022

Have a project update, event, or news to share? Contact Erin at [erin.burkett@wisc.edu](mailto:erin.burkett@wisc.edu) to be included in the April edition.

### Upcoming Lake Superior Collaborative meetings:

- March 2 - Communications Workgroup
- March 15 - Steering Team Meeting
- April 28 - Nearshore Monitoring Workgroup\*
- April 29 - Slow the Flow Workgroup\*

\*Held in conjunction with the Lake Superior Collaborative Spring Symposium.

## News

### Lake Superior Collaborative Spring Photo Contest



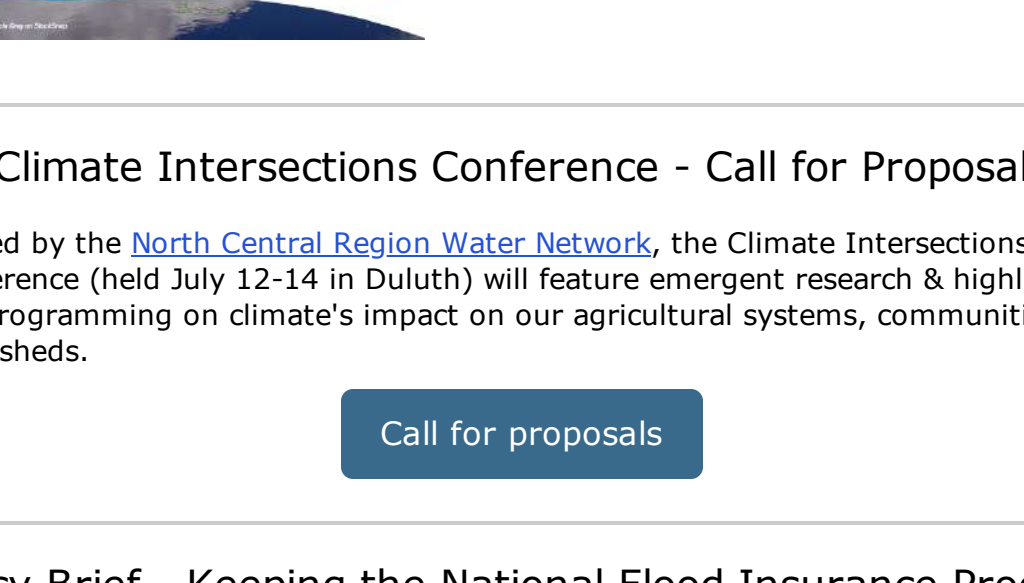
The LSC is collecting images to celebrate all the great conservation, stewardship, & environmental work happening in the Lake Superior basin of Wisconsin. Anyone can enter, & submissions can fall in the following categories:

- Resilience
- Relationships
- Restoration
- ...Not sure where your images fit? There's a "mishmash" category for that!

Winners will be announced during the LSC Spring Symposium in April.

[Enter the contest](#)

### 2021 Wisconsin Climate Assessment Report Released



The Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI) has released its 2021 climate assessment report, **Wisconsin's Changing Climate: Impacts & Solutions for a Warmer Climate**. This latest report follows-up on the 2011 report, showcasing how the climate has continued to change over the past decade & how new data & insight is leading to adaptation, mitigation, & solutions. [Read the report.](#)

### New Report - Financing Green Stormwater and Natural Infrastructure with Clean Water State Revolving Funds



A new report from the [Environmental Policy Innovation Center](#) finds that states invested only 3% of Clean Water State Revolving Fund dollars in natural & green stormwater infrastructure from 2016 to 2020, lagging far behind the amount needed to address water quality & public health issues. However, states are increasingly financing nature-based solutions: CWSRF-financed investment in green stormwater infrastructure and natural infrastructure has increased each year for the last 5 years. [Read the press release.](#)

### Climate Intersections Conference - Call for Proposals

Hosted by the [North Central Region Water Network](#), the Climate Intersections Conference (held July 12-14 in Duluth) will feature emergent research & highlight key programming on climate's impact on our agricultural systems, communities, & watersheds.

[Call for proposals](#)

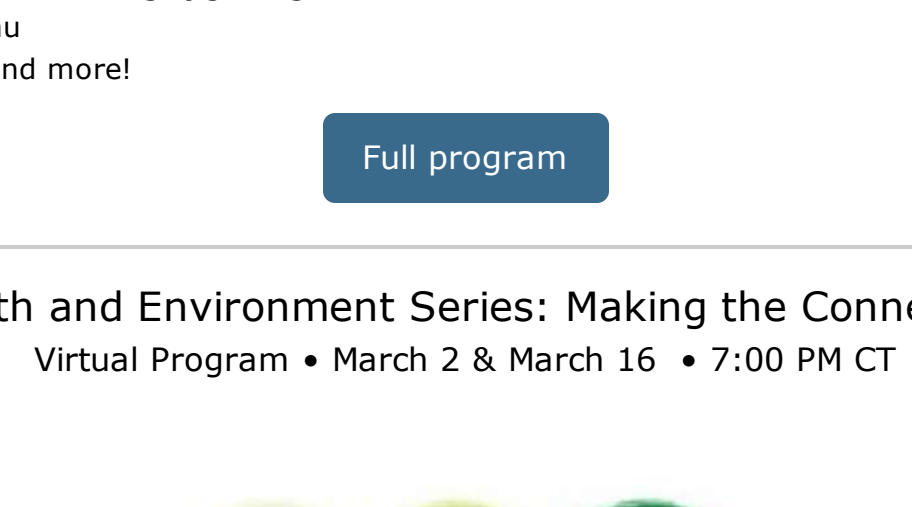
### Policy Brief - Keeping the National Flood Insurance Program Afloat: Updating Maps, Premiums, & Minimum Standards



Climate change has drastically increased the nation's flood risk, driving the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) into significant debt & creating situations where communities are under-insured or paying disproportionate amounts for flood insurance.

This policy brief explores the ways FEMA could revise the NFIP to remain financially viable while reducing potential inequities that could affect disadvantaged communities. [Learn more here.](#)

### Deadline extended - Comment on proposed Line 5 Pipeline Relocation by March 18 & March 22



Close-up of the proposed Line 5 Wisconsin segment relocation project  
Source: US Army Corps of Engineers

The proposed Enbridge Line 5 pipeline reroute would include construction of ~41 miles of new crude oil pipeline around the Bad River Reservation & ~20 miles of abandoned pipeline. The proposed route would cross approximately 185 waterways, including the Bad River, Brunsweiler River, Marengo River, Tyler Forks, & White River, & many unnamed ditches, streams, wetlands, & tributaries.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources released a draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed reroute, and the US Army Corps of Engineers received a permit application from Enbridge under the Rivers & Harbor Act of 1899 (Section 10) for work under a navigable water of the United States & Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Section 404) for discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

[Comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement by Friday, March 18.](#)

[Comment on the permit application by March 22.](#)

### Wisconsin's Great Waters Annual Photo Contest & Writing Project

Each year the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) creates a unique collection of photos & creative writings that show an appreciation of Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, & the Mississippi River. Contributions are presented in an annual "Wisconsin's Great Waters" calendar and featured in other WDNR publications. [Share your photos or written works by April 1.](#)

## Events

### Conference Round-Up

- March 7-9:** St. Louis River Summit ([Learn more](#))
- March 10-11:** American Water Resources Association-Wisconsin Section ([Learn more](#))
- April 6-8:** Wisconsin Lakes & Rivers Convention ([Learn more](#))
- April 27-29:** Lake Superior Collaborative Symposium ([Learn more](#))

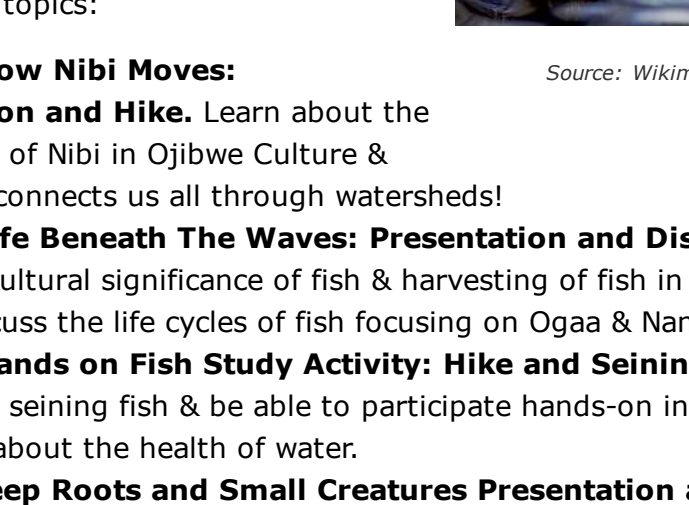
### Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership Lake Conservation Series Webinars • March 1-April 26 • 1:00 PM CT

Topics covered will include:

- March 1: Starry stonewort ecology, impacts, and management
- April 12: The Wisconsin Shoreline Stabilization Outreach Project
- April 19: Dibaginjigaade Anishinaabe Ezhitwaad: A Tribal Climate Adaptation Menu
- ... and more!

[Full program](#)

### Health and Environment Series: Making the Connection Virtual Program • March 2 & March 16 • 7:00 PM CT



March 2: **Threats of Climate Change to Children's Health and Equity: Benefits of Intervention** - featuring Frederica Perera, PhD, DrPH., who will share her recent research on the threats to children's health from air pollution, hydrocarbons, & fossil fuels.

March 16: **Nitrate in drinking water and health** - featuring Mary H. Ward, PhD., who will focus on environmental and occupational causes of cancer & other health impacts, with emphasis on nitrate in drinking water.

[Register](#)

### Women Woodland Owners Virtual Conference • March 3-5

The [Women Owning Woodlands Network](#) is hosting a free virtual conference for women woodland owners, stewards, & enthusiasts. Join women forest stewards from across the country for a conference focused on forging connections between women & forest stewardship.

[Learn more](#)

### Communicate Risk Effectively & Compassionately Virtual Workshop • Led by COMPASS • March 16 12:00-3:00PM CT

**Do you need to communicate risk effectively and strategically to others based on a scientific perspective?** Whether it's letting people know about a beach closure or translating technical information for community planning, effective risk communication can improve comprehension & decision-making while building relationships in the process.

Workshop participants will:

- Gain a deeper understanding of the science behind risk communication;
- Develop a plan for communicating risk around a topic that's important for you;
- Draft meaningful, compassionate, & actionable risk communication messages aimed at your particular audience; &
- Practice & receive feedback on your messages & delivery from peers & trainers..

[Registration Form](#)

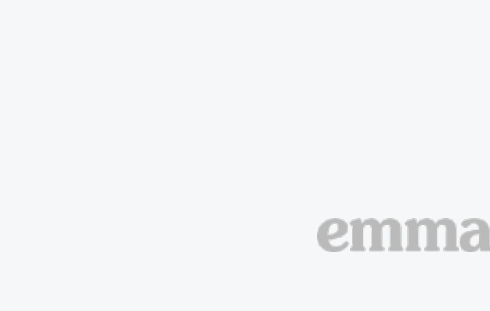
### Life Hacks over Lunch: A Meet-up Series for Watershed Professionals

Life Hacks over Lunch is a free, virtual peer-learning series for watershed professionals to share ideas and advice for solving real-life challenges of watershed projects. **March 18th Hack Topic:** What engagement strategies could be effective for working with farmers who are resistant to adopting conservation practices, but whose management practices are contributing disproportionately to water quality problems in a watershed?

[Register to attend](#)

### Candlelit Snowshoe Hike and Nordic Ski Mt. Ashwabay Ski & Recreation Area • March 19 • 7:00-9:00 PM CT

Join Landmark Conservancy for an evening snowshoe or cross-country ski at Mt. Ashwabay. Candlelit luminaries will guide you along an approximate 1-mile loop trail. Participants are encouraged to join Landmark Conservancy at the bonfire to hear about recent land protection efforts. Food available for purchase & door prizes at the chalet!



[Register](#)

### People, Places and PFAS: How a long-lasting chemical impacts Wisconsin communities Webinar • March 23 • 10:00-11:00 AM CT

PFAS are a family of human-made chemicals widely used for their ability to repel both water & oil that take a long time to break down in the environment. A panel of Wisconsin agency professionals will share what scientists know about the effects of PFAS on human health, ecological health, & where the future of PFAS research is going. Hosted by the [Lake Superior Reserve Coastal Training Program](#).



[Register](#)

### Izhi-Nibi: Water Ways In-person and Virtual • Learning Series • April-May

Join this in-depth dive into the ways of water! We will discuss culturally relevant teachings regarding water & the crucial inhabitants in our ecosystem. Water Ways includes in-person hikes & activities where participants will have the opportunity to observe water and its inhabitants in many different ways.



Source: Wikimedia Commons

- April 14: **How Nibi Works: Presentation and Hike.** Learn about the significance of Nibi in Ojibwe culture & how water connects us all through Watersheds!
- April 21: **Life Beneath The Waves: Presentation and Discussion.** Learn about the cultural significance of fish & harvesting of fish in Ojibwe culture. We will discuss the life cycles of fish focusing on Ogaa & Name.
- April 28: **Hands on Fish Study Activity: Hike and Seining.** Participants will learn about seining fish & be able to participate hands-on in seeing what fish can tell us about the health of water.
- May 11: **Deep Roots and Small Creatures Presentation and Hands-On Ponding Activity.** Participants will learn about how aquatic plants support other life within our waters. We will do a hands-on ponding activity to study the lesser-known inhabitants of our waters.

All presentations will be held at LCO College & virtually on Zoom. Hosted by the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College & UW-Madison Division of Extension (Washburn County).

[Registration Form](#)

## Job Board

- \*NEW\* **J. Philip Keillor Wisconsin Coastal Management-Sea Grant Fellow** • Wisconsin Sea Grant • [Apply by April 10](#)
- \*NEW\* **Northeast Minnesota Organizer** • Minnesota Environmental Partnership • [Position Description](#)
- \*NEW\* **Indigenous Arts and Sciences Coordinator** • Mashkiziibii Natural Resources Department • [Position description](#)
- \*NEW\* **Environmental Biologist** • Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission • [Position description](#)
- \*NEW\* **Clean Boats Clean Waters Inspector** • Douglas County (based in Loon's Foot & Arrowhead Landing in Superior, WI) • [Position description](#)
- \*NEW\* **Clean Boats Clean Waters Inspector** • Douglas County (based in Gordon Dam & North Landing on the St. Croix Flowage in Gordon, WI) • [Position description](#)
- \*NEW\* **Conservation Specialist** • South St. Louis County Soil & Water Conservation District • [Position description](#)
- Multiple Positions** • Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest • [View openings](#)
- Water Resources Program Manager** • Mashkiziibii Natural Resources Department • [Apply here](#)
- Post-Doc, Freshwater Ecosystem Research and Monitoring Lab** • University of Minnesota-Duluth Natural Resources Research Institute • [Apply here](#)
- Northern Wisconsin Aquatic Resources Seasonal Technician** • Trout Unlimited • [Apply here](#)
- Northern Wisconsin Lead Seasonal Technician** • Trout Unlimited • [Apply here](#)
- Outreach & Education Coordinator** • Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council • [Position description](#)
- Multiple Positions** • Red Cliff Treaty Natural Resources Division • [View openings](#)

## Funding

- \*NEW\* **Partnerships for Climate Smart Commodities & Market Expansion** • US Department of Agriculture • [Deadlines April 8 & May 27](#)
- \*NEW\* **Challenge Cost Share Award Program** • National Park Service • [Deadline April 4](#)
- \*NEW\* **Request for AmeriCorps Proposals** • Serve Wisconsin • [Intent to Apply Due March 7](#)
- Municipal Flood Control Grant Program** • Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources • [Deadline March 15](#)

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.

[Learn More](#)

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