

# Lake Superior Collaborative News

September 2020



The Lake Superior Collaborative (LSC) 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. [Visit the LSC website HERE](#).

## Featured Virtual Event

**FEMA BRIC program: Opportunities for Lake Superior coastal communities**

**\*\*Wednesday, September 16, 1:00-3:00 PM\*\***



Overview: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) is a new, pre-disaster FEMA program designed to fund innovative hazard mitigation projects that emphasize partnerships and multiple community benefits. BRIC emphasizes supporting Tribal, state, and local hazard mitigation projects "through capability- and capacity-building; encouraging and enabling innovation; promoting partnerships; enabling large projects; maintaining flexibility; and providing consistency" (FEMA 2020).

This virtual event will feature three regional experts who will discuss how the BRIC program can support coastal resiliency and hazard mitigation in the Lake Superior basin. If you're interested in learning more about the BRIC program, this is an opportunity to have your questions answered by a panel of experts.

Speakers:

- Morgan Holloway, Hazard Mitigation Senior Program Specialist, FEMA
- Jen Nelson, Minnesota State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Homeland Security & Emergency Management
- Robyn Fennig, Wisconsin State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Wisconsin Emergency Management

This webinar is hosted by the [Coastal Hazards of Superior \(CHAOS\) Community of Practice](#).

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## LSC Partner Spotlight



### Lake Superior Reserve

The Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve (<https://lakesuperiorreserve.org/>) is part of a network of 29 National Estuarine Research Reserves across the United States, and one of only two Reserves in the Great Lakes.

The Reserve System was created to support coastal resources and the human communities they support. Located in the St. Louis River estuary between Superior, Wisconsin, and Duluth, Minnesota, the Lake Superior Reserve serves as a hub for research, education, monitoring, and training for coastal researchers, decision-makers, and community members.

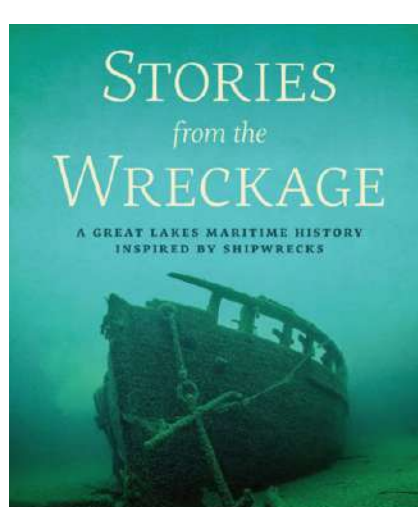
Learn more about the Reserve's Research & Monitoring, Education, and Coastal Training Programs here: <https://lakesuperiorreserve.org/focus-areas/>.

## LSC Partner News

### WHS launches Northern Wisconsin Book Club with *Stories from the Wreckage*

The Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) invites Northern Wisconsin book lovers and amateur historians to join a new book club. Designed to connect Northern Wisconsin residents to each other through lively and engaging dialogue, this fall club members will read and discuss books featuring Northern Wisconsin people and places.

The first selection is *Stories from the Wreckage: A Great Lakes Maritime History Inspired by Shipwrecks* by John Odin Jensen. Using wreckage evidence and historical sources, Jensen explores how these doomed vessels, from ship design to ultimate disaster, contribute to our understanding of Midwestern and Atlantic maritime histories. These dramatic tales of calamity become even more compelling when connected to the key people, resources, demands, and current events of the day. The book is filled with captivating underwater photos of wreckages, ship design plans, route maps, and other historical visuals.



Book cover image: Wisconsin Historical Society

The first Northern Wisconsin Book Club meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, October 1, 2020 from 6:00-7:30 PM.

This program is free, but registration is required. **For more information and to register, email WHS's Northern Wisconsin Education Outreach Specialist Liz Arbuckle Wabindato at [liz.wabindato@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:liz.wabindato@wisconsinhistory.org).** Readers are encouraged to order the book from the [Wisconsin Historical Society's online store](#). A 20% discount code will be e-mailed to participants once they have registered.

## Help us name the LSC newsletter!

The Lake Superior Collaborative needs your help in naming this newsletter. Submit your ideas using [this form](#). Submissions will be reviewed between now and October, and voted on by LSC partners in the next soon-to-be-named newsletter.

## Funding Opportunities

### \*NEW\* COVID-19 Cultural Organization Grant Program

The Department of Administration is sponsoring grants of up to \$250,000 for Wisconsin nonprofit organizations whose primary mission is the production, presentation or exhibition of cultural disciplines such as music, dance, theater, literature and the visual arts, or items of environmental or scientific interest. **Applications are due September 30.** Details available at <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/LocalGovtsGrants/COVID-Grants.aspx>.

### \*NEW\* Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) created a new, pre-disaster grant program that will support hazard mitigation projects. Details available at <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>.

### \*NEW\* Joint Solicitation for Groundwater Research and Monitoring

The State of Wisconsin invites proposals for scientific research that advances our understanding and management of Wisconsin groundwater. Recorded informational webinar and details available at <https://www.wri.wisc.edu/opportunities/state-of-wisconsin-joint-solicitation/>.

### Fish Habitat Conservation Grant

The Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership funds conservation projects that benefit glacial lake fish habitats, including "addressing the chemical, physical, and biological components of the habitats that fishes found in glacial lakes use throughout their lives." **Applications are due October 16.** Details available at <http://midwestglaciallakes.org/grant/>.

### Surface Water Grants

The Wisconsin, DNR's restructured Surface Water Grants program supports a wide range of education, planning, and management projects. **Applications are due November 1.** Details including a detailed applicant guide available at <https://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/SurfaceWater.html>.

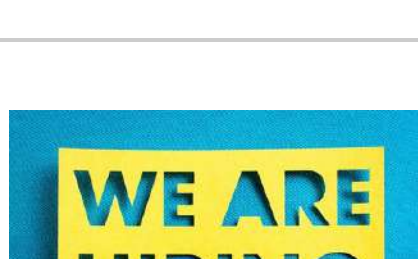
### 2021-2022 Coastal Management Grants

The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program grants support projects ranging from coastal wetland protection, habitat restoration, and coastal community planning to public access and historic preservation projects and Great Lakes education. **Application deadline is November 2.** Details available at <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/LocalGovtsGrants/CoastalGrants.aspx>.

## Job Announcements

**Executive Director**, Friends of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

**Director**, Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve

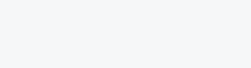


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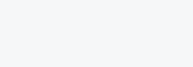
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