

Partnering For Watershed Restoration

Monthly Update



February 2017

PWR UPDATES

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The Spring PWR member meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 24. Please lock it into your calendars!

Stay tuned for further updates including meeting location and agenda. I hope to see you all there!

PWR SOGL application:

Thank you very much to all of the PWR members who submitted projects for the Sustain Our Great Lakes (SOGL) grant application! Even though there was a very short turn-around time for partners to submit project ideas, I still received 26 project ideas from 12 different organizations, which I think is a great success! The proposed projects were then discussed by the PWR steering committee to determine which ones would be a good fit for the SOGL application. Selecting projects for the application was a difficult process, as there were many good ideas to choose from. I will keep you all posted on the progress of this grant application.

Wish us luck!

Do not hesitate to contact me if you are in need of assistance with a project, have any questions, suggestions or updates related to the Partnering for Watershed Restoration (PWR). Thanks.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 18-19, 2017

[Michigan DNR Free Fishing Weekend](#)

Michigan Free Fishing Weekend is February 18-19, 2017. During this time Michigan DNR will waive the Recreation Passport fee for access to state parks and recreation areas and you may fish without a license, though all other regulations apply. For a list of parks with events check out www.michigan.gov/freefishing.

February 28 - March 2, 2017 Stevens Point, WI

[Wetland Science Conference](#)

Join other scientists and professionals of the wetland and water community of Wisconsin and the upper Midwest to share your wetland research, restoration, management, or outreach program; learn new identification and assessment approaches and techniques; hear about approaches to incorporating wetlands into watershed & community planning; discuss the latest in wetland science, planning, and protection issues; and look ahead to the future of wetland science and practices in Wisconsin and the Midwest.

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March 15-16, 2017 Minocqua, WI

[Adapting Forested Watersheds to Climate Change in the Midwest](#)

The Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science (NIACS) and the USDA Northern Forests Climate Hub are launching a new initiative focusing on climate-informed management of water resources in forested landscapes. In support of this initiative, we are hosting a free, two-day workshop bringing together professional land managers and researchers from the Midwest, to consider how land management activities can help forested watersheds adapt to climate change.

Other regional events posted on the Great Lakes Information Network calendar.

Click the links for:

[February](#)

[March](#)

[April](#)

PWR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[Great Lakes Fishery Trust](#) (GLFT) is now accepting proposals under its Habitat Protection and Restoration grant program. This request for proposals (RFP) will be used for the disbursement of up to \$500,000 in grants in 2017. Applications are due by Tuesday, **March 1, 2017**, at 5:00 PM EST.

[Michigan DNR Deer Habitat](#) is accepting applications to improve deer habitat in the Upper Peninsula. Eligible parties are organizations with a formal mission to promote wildlife conservation and/or hunting, industrial landowners with more than 10,000 acres, or private land affiliations. Grant ceiling is \$15,000 with applications due **March 1, 2017**.

[NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Grants.](#)

The principal objective is to support fish habitat restoration projects that use an ecosystem-based approach to foster species recovery and increase fish populations. Proposals submitted under this solicitation will be primarily evaluated based on their ability to demonstrate how the proposed habitat restoration actions will help recover threatened and endangered species listed under the Endangered Species Act. Successful proposals will 1) identify a habitat-based issue/concern limiting the recovery or sustainability of one or more species targeted by the proposed restoration action; 2) describe in detail the actions and on-the-ground habitat restoration project(s) to be undertaken to resolve the issue/concern and; 3) describe the project(s)' expected outcomes and measurable impact on the project's target species and their ecosystem. Applications are due **March 23, 2017** with an award ceiling of \$4 million.

REMINDER: Please send me your updates for the next PWR newsletter!

