

# Partnering For Watershed Restoration

## Monthly Update

March 2017



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### PWR UPDATES

**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!

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

**April 11-13, 2017 Platteville, WI**

[Road - Stream Crossing Workshop](#)

Using the inventory and assessment techniques offered in this workshop, you will be able to design road-stream crossings with proper capacity while also protecting the local stream ecology. Additionally, these design techniques will result in road-stream crossings that have a longer lifespan, are less burdensome to maintain, and are more resilient to flooding.

Please **enroll by March 31st**.

Questions? Contact Maureen Millman at [Maureen.millman@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Maureen.millman@wisconsin.gov) or 414-303-5065

**April 21-22, 2017 Thompsonville, MI**

[Michigan Lake and Stream Associations Annual Conference](#)

A unique and rewarding opportunity for lakes users and property owners, citizen scientists, commercial and non-profit business representatives and lake management professionals to engage and exchange ideas focused on preserving and protecting the health and value of Michigan's priceless inland lakes and streams for future generations.

**May 24, 2017**

[PWR Member Meeting](#)

Location and agenda to be announced.

**July 25-27, 2017 Duluth, MN**

[Science and Management of Ash Forests After Emerald Ash Borer](#)

The workshop will focus on the ecological effects of emerald ash borer and management activities used to address the impacts on ash dominant forests.

**Other regional events posted on the Great Lakes Information Network calendar:**

[March](#)

## REFERENCE

### Article from Transactions of the American Fisheries Society

#### [Culvert Replacement Enhances Connectivity of Stream Fish Communities in a Michigan Drainage Network](#)

Nathan T. Evans, Christopher W. Riley & Gary A. Lamberti

A recent paper about restoring connectivity in streams of the Manistee-Huron National Forest in Michigan. The paper concerns replacement of poorly functioning culverts with bridges, and then comparing fish community structure before and after replacement.

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## PWR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### [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.

### [U.S. Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative \(GLRI\) Request for Applications.](#)

The interagency Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) targets improvements to address the most significant environmental problems within the Great Lakes Basin. Through an agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Forest Service (FS) anticipates receiving funds to support competitive projects that implement strategic, priority actions within Forest Service authorities to restore, protect, and maintain the Great Lakes ecosystem. Successful projects will address invasive species, nonpoint source pollution impacts on nearshore health, and coastal habitat restoration activities to improve water quality. Anticipated funds will be distributed across three specific program areas described below. Award of grants is contingent on allocation of EPA funding. Proposals are to be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern, **April 13, 2017**

### [2017 Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program Request for Proposals.](#)

All grant projects must explicitly reduce sediment and phosphorus entering the Great Lakes. Funding will be available for both technical assistance and financial assistance. The due date for applications has been extended to 6:00 p.m. EDT on **April 14, 2017**.

### [USDA Seeks Michigan Applicants for Conservation Innovations Grants.](#)

Administered through NRCS, Conservation Innovations Grants are designed to focus on innovative conservation projects that promote science-based solutions to benefit both producers and the environment. Projects may include on-farm pilot projects and field demonstrations, and are funded to accelerate the transfer and adoption of promising technologies to landowners in order to address critical natural resource concerns. NRCS will accept proposals for single or multiyear projects, not to exceed three years, submitted by eligible entities for projects located in Michigan. Proposals for Conservation Innovation Grants are due by **May 9, 2017**.

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