

# Partnering For Watershed Restoration

## Monthly Update

May-June 2017

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### PWR UPDATES

The May 24th PWR meeting was a great success! We had an outstanding turnout from many different member groups, and we were all treated to a variety of interesting topics from some outstanding presenters! We also learned a lot about the KBIC fish hatchery and greenhouse, thanks to the excellent tour guides who walked us through their facility.

Please check out the following link to see the presentations, photos and notes from the day.

[PWR May 24th 2017 presentations, photos and notes](#)

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

**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.

**July 27, 2017 Curtis, MI (Eastern UP)**

or

**July 28, 2017 Watersmeet, MI (Western UP)**

[Protecting Lake Shorelines: A Program for Lakefront Property Owners and Local Government Officials](#)

This workshop is designed to educate local government officials and lakefront property owners about the benefits of maintaining shorelines in a natural state and to teach about tools and resources for property owners to plan and protect natural shorelines and for local governments to plan for and regulate natural shorelines.

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

[June](#)

[July](#)

[August](#)

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### TOOLS

The Landscape Conservation Cooperative Geodatabase files have been uploaded to the web and are available for you to for download. Thank you Luis Verissimo and Erin Johnston for all of your hard work on this project!

13 geodatabase files were created for the PWR area:

• CULVERT HARMONIZED DATASETS

- COLVERT HARMONIZED DATASETS
- CULVERT NON STANDARD DATASETS
- GRIDDED SOIL SURVEY GEOGRAPHIC
- IRONWOOD LIDAR 2011 FOREST METRICS
- IRONWOOD LIDAR 2011 TOPOMETRICS
- LANDCOVER MODELS NOAA CCAP
- LANDCOVER MODELS TNC
- LANDCOVER MODELS USGS
- LCC KBIC GEODATABASE PROJECT 2016 ELEVATION MODELS
- LCC KBIC GEODATABASE PROJECT 2016 REFERENCE
- LCC KBIC GEODATABASE PROJECT 2016 TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS
- SYMBOLIZATION LAYER FILES
- ORTHOIMAGERY NAIP

Please check out the website that hosts the files and read the introduction prior to going to the download page. Note that the website is password protected (password shown below).  
 If you have questions about how to access or download the files, please contact me (Jeff).  
 If you have questions about the GIS data, please contact Erin Johnston, KBIC Wildlife Biologist.  
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[PWR LCC GIS Files](#)  
**Password: pwd4906**

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## PARTNER NEWS

### Lake Superior Volunteer Corps

Join The Superior Watershed Partnership most Fridays this Summer for the Lake Superior Volunteer Corps (LSVC)! Volunteers work alongside members of the Great Lakes Conservation Corps or the Climate Conservation Corps assisting with a wide variety of conservation projects including but not limited to; dune restoration, trail building, tree planting, erosion control, coastal wetland restoration, climate adaptation, assisting with small green infrastructure projects and more. Tools and training provided. Volunteers must drive their own vehicle to the work site. If you are interested in signing up for a volunteer work day, please click on the event title in the GLVC calendar.

[Lake Superior Volunteer Corps page.](#) [Poster1](#) [Poster2](#)

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## PWR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### [Green Infrastructure Grants Available for Small Communities.](#)

The Great Lakes Commission (GLC) is pleased to announce the request for proposals (RFP) for the Great Lakes Emerging Champions Mini-Grant Program. The Mini-Grant Program will provide funding to help small and medium sized communities improve water quality, manage stormwater, and enhance community well-being. Grants of up to \$20,000 USD will support green infrastructure (GI) implementation in U.S. or Canadian municipalities with fewer than 500,000 people. Eligible projects include GI pilot installations, removing institutional or policy barriers, educational programming, developing partnerships with other agencies, or community GI planning efforts. Applicants are restricted to municipal government agencies, regional authorities, or registered nonprofit organizations serving eligible communities.

The deadline to submit proposals is **July 31, 2017.**

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



