

Partnering For Watershed Restoration

Monthly Update

August 2016

PWR Members:

Welcome to the monthly PWR e-mail update. We hope you find it useful. If you have updates under any of these categories (**Assistance, Funding, Events, Tools, News**) please pass them along and I will include them in future PWR e-mails. Meanwhile, please 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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PWR ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:

PWR Coordinator

The PWR Coordinator is always available to PWR partners to provide assistance with identifying partners for projects, funding, project planning, etc. Please contact Jeff if you are in need of assistance.

PWR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[DEQ Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation:](#) The Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) provides grant funds to eligible organizations to assist in the purchase of land to be managed in perpetuity for conservation purposes. The Michigan Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program in the Office of the Great Lakes is the lead state agency for the CELCP. The CZM Program is soliciting this Request for Proposals (RFP) from eligible applicants for land acquisition projects (fee simple or conservation easements) that will be held and managed in perpetuity for conservation purposes.

[DEQ Non Point Source Planning Grants:](#) Approximately \$172,000 is available through this RFP to support watershed planning efforts. Minimum request is \$25,000; minimum of 15% match required (non-federal cash and in-kind). Eligible applicants include regional planning agencies, councils of governments, conservation districts, counties, cities and towns, and other non-federal or non-state public planning agencies. Proposals to develop or update watershed management plans that will help meet program goals are requested.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Great Lakes Beach Conference in Marquette October 5-7th: Widely considered to be a premier event by all Michigan business and government stakeholders, this three-day program provides an outstanding opportunity to hear from top experts in their fields about the current status and science behind Great Lakes beaches, successful beach restoration projects, Best Management Practices for beaches, and remarkable transformations of the Marquette waterfront.

[Great Lakes Beach Conference](#)

Fresh Coast Film Festival in Marquette October 13-16th: The Fresh Coast Film Festival is the first of its kind: a documentary film festival celebrating the outdoor lifestyle, water-rich environment and resilient spirit of the Great Lakes and Upper Midwest. The festival will gather the best in adventure cinema from around the world while creating a venue for, and building a culture of, Great Lakes storytelling. Learn more:

[Fresh Coast Film Festival](#)

PWR TOOLS

FREE USGS Quad Maps: National Geographic has built an easy to use web interface that allows anyone to quickly find any quad in the country for downloading and printing. Each quad has been pre-processed to print on a standard home, letter size printer. These are the same quads that were printed by USGS for decades on giant bus-sized presses but are now available in multi-page PDFs that can be printed just about anywhere.

[USGS Topo Maps from National Geographic](#)

NEW LINK - SWP Great Lakes Shoreviewer: www.GreatLakesShoreviewer.org

The Great Lakes Shoreviewer is a risk assessment and climate adaptation planning tool. It provides stunning, oblique-angle color photography plus multiple layers of additional analysis for prioritized sections of Great Lakes coastline in Michigan (Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, Lake Huron). It also provides potential risk rankings (high, medium, low) for coastal property, buildings, roads and infrastructure.

[SWP Great Lakes Shoreviewer: A Coastal Risk and Climate Adaptation Tool](#)

TOOL REMINDER - PWR Project Locator Map: The PWR Project Locator Map is a tool that was designed to inventory restoration projects that are being proposed within the PWR area, as well as projects that have been completed. This information will be visible by everyone, and will be valuable in prioritizing and obtaining funding opportunities.

I really encourage all of you to try to use this tool!

The data that it collects will be extremely helpful in targeting grant opportunities for members!

[PWR Project Locator Map](#) Password: pwd4906

PWR PARTNERS IN THE NEWS

The Nature Conservancy

[The Nature Conservancy and Ottawa National Forest Form New Partnership](#)

PWR PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

A Great Lakes Conservation Crew (GLCC) from Superior Watershed Partnership recently helped four PWR members get some much-needed help with controlling non-native invasive plants. This opportunity was available only to PWR members on a first-come-first-serve basis, and was made possible by a generous donation by the Ottawa National Forest to cover the crew's time and expenses.

The crew spent one day at each of the following locations battling invasives:

Friends of Sylvania

Watersmeet, MI

Sylvania Wilderness

Iron County Conservation District

Iron River, MI

Apple Blossom Trail

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
L'anse, MI

**Partners in Forestry Cooperative /
Keweenaw Land Trust**

Houghton, MI
Pilgrim River Forest

There were more requests than we were able to fill at this time, but due to the success of this offering, we hope to be able to provide something similar in the future. Stay tuned!



**REMINDER: Please send me your updates for the next PWR
monthly e-mail!**

