

# Partnering For Watershed Restoration

## Monthly Update

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October 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 Workshop

**The October 12th PWR workshop at the Ford Center in Alberta MI was a great success! The attendees were treated to very interesting presentations including:**

Bob Jensen spoke about Trout Unlimited and some of the neat programs that they have going on, and he also spoke about the Chocoday Raptor Center and all of the ways that they help out injured raptors from all over the region. He also brought Eric with him, an injured Red Tail Hawk that travels to schools and groups as an education bird. It was a neat opportunity to see such a magnificent creature up close!

Pete Hrodey from the US Fish and Wildlife Service gave a great presentation about Sea Lampreys, how they affect the Lake Superior fishery. He also spoke about all of the hard work that has been going on for many years to keep the lamprey populations at bay, and he discussed the cutting edge systems that are being tested in several places; including using electrodes as a barrier, and inflatable/adjustable low head barriers that prevent lampreys from moving upstream but allow many fish species to pass through.

Chris Kovala gave a presentation on the new Lake Superior Lakewide Action and Management Plan (LAMP). The LAMP is an essential document to have in your watershed management toolkit. You can find a link to it here, as well as in the PWR Tools section below.

[Lake Superior Lakewide Action and Management Plan](#)

Mark Fedora gave a presentation on the US Forest Service Joint Chiefs funding opportunity that a group of PWR partners applied for in late summer. If awarded, this will enable many great projects in the PWR area for the next three years!

Allison George gave a great presentation on the NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) funding opportunity. This presentation generated many great questions, and helped to be the primer for the afternoon group breakout session.

The breakout group portion of the meeting was focused on thinking of project ideas that may be a good fit for a group collaboration towards a funding opportunity such as the RCPP. The groups came up with many different types of project ideas, and it was a great first step in starting a dialogue about the types of projects that partners would have an interest in.

The PWR steering committee is going to discuss the data that was collected at the meeting, and determine what the best course of action will be moving forward. Stay tuned for updates!

Each of the presentations mentioned above will be added to the PowerPoint archive on the PWR website: <http://superiorwatersheds.org/partnering-for-watershed-restoration-multimedia>

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## PWR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **Michigan DNR Dam Management Grant Program**

Michigan DNR, Dam Management Grant program is now accepting proposals. \$3.35 million is available in FY2017 to address failing dam infrastructure. The purpose of the DMGP is to provide funding and technical assistance to local and state units of government, non-profit groups and individuals to manage dam removal, repair and major maintenance projects that will enhance aquatic resources and fishing opportunities along with reducing infrastructure costs and improving public safety in Michigan. Online applications due Nov. 11, 2016.

[Michigan DNR Dam Management Grant Program](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Michigan Clean Water Corps Annual Conference and Training**, Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI. November 2-3, 2016. Registration deadline is October 26, 2016.

<https://micorps.net/register/register2016.html>

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## PWR TOOLS

### **EPA Document - Green Infrastructure and Climate Change: Collaborating to Improve**

#### **Community Resiliency:**

As different parts of the country become drier, wetter or hotter, community leaders and citizens are looking to green infrastructure to improve their community's resiliency to the effects of climate change. In 2015, EPA convened charrettes, or intensive planning sessions, in four cities to demonstrate how this type of planning could be applied to communities dealing with a range of challenges. Each city's charrette focused on different issues based on the most pressing climate change impacts they were facing and their current level of green infrastructure implementation.

[EPA Document - Green Infrastructure and Climate Change: Collaborating to Improve Community Resiliency:](#)

### **Lake Superior Lakewide Action and Management Plan:**

The governments of Canada and the United States finalized the Lake Superior Lakewide Action and Management Plan (LAMP). Developed by 50 organizations and 30 science-based government agencies known as the Lake Superior Partnership, the LAMP is a binational action plan for restoring and protecting Lake Superior. The plan aims to achieve the pre-established Lake Ecosystem Objectives under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, which are scheduled to be developed by the end of 2017.

[Lake Superior Lakewide Action and Management Plan](#)

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## PWR PARTNERS IN THE NEWS

### **Keweenaw Land Trust - Residents and tourists can now enjoy the coastal wetlands and shoreline to Lake Superior:**

Point Abbaye was selected in a competitive process in 2015 to become public land.

"This project is very important and it rose to the top or near the top of the projects nationwide

because of the benefits," said Paul Glander from the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service. "The migratory birds, the fish, the other types of wildlife both hunted and non hunted that live in coastal wetlands ecosystems like this."

[Link to TV6 News Story](#)

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## PWR PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

### KBIC Youth Crew

Since 2009, the Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP) and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) have provided over 100 tribal youth with meaningful summer employment and a wide variety of environmental and cultural experiences. This past season (2016) KBIC Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) crews completed numerous conservation, cultural, educational community projects including some special opportunities to learn more about the Ojibwa language and traditions and tours to local universities. In addition, the youth kept daily journals of their activities and each week engaged in discussions about conservation issues. The 2016 season wrapped up with 12 youth taking part in the program. Additionally, seven KBIC students from the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resource Department (NRD) Youth Initiative participated in YCC activities.



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