



Annual Report 2010-2011

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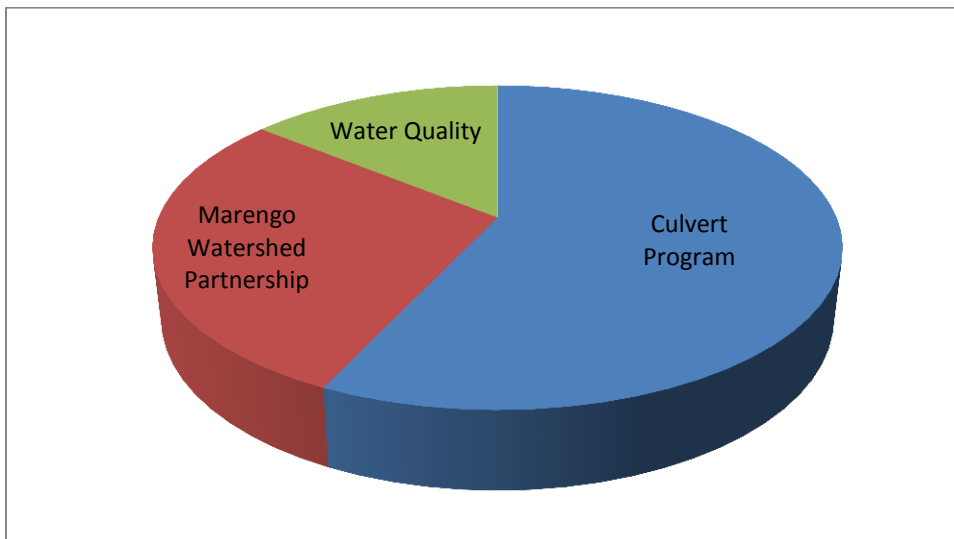
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A watershed describes a landscape where all water flows to a central point and joins together, regardless of its beginnings, on its journey towards a common place. A watershed is also a powerful symbol for the energetic connection that brings together people from a wide range of backgrounds and ideals towards a common purpose. This connection to the water and by the water brings about a powerful sense of ownership and responsibility to care for the watershed which provides so many services to us and unites us as a community.

Realizing this, a group of visionary individuals formed the Bad River Watershed Association (BRWA) in 2002 as a way to help connect people to the watershed that connects all of them. Today, the BRWA is a growing group of people who recognize the unique beauty of the Bad River watershed, the strength that it brings to the lives of those who live here and the need to make sure decisions on how to use land within the watershed are made with the best available knowledge concerning how those decisions alter watershed resources. This knowledge is a critical component to achieving a balance between the livelihood of individuals and families and the quality of the resources that sustain the livelihood, both now and into the future.

Program Accomplishments



Watershed Action Program

- Continued the Marengo River Watershed Partnership (MRWP), a forum for community members and natural resource professionals to learn about their home watershed and take action to maintain and improve its health for future generations.
- Engaged nearly 200 people in four MRWP project partner gatherings, including a farm tour of conservation practices and a forum with local Town officials discussing implementation of their comprehensive plans.
- Led a workshop with 25 natural resource professionals to prioritize technical actions to maintain and improve the health of the Marengo River Watershed.
- Celebrated the release of the final draft of the Marengo River Watershed Action Plan (Marengo WAP) with nearly 100 supporters at Four Corners Saloon in December 2010. The plan includes nearly 80 specific actions and over 140 project ideas submitted by watershed residents that will maintain and improve the health of the Marengo River Watershed.
- Worked with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bad River Natural Resources Department, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to have the Marengo WAP approved for meeting EPA's nine elements for watershed plans; an important step in achieving plan implementation and the first collaboration of its kind in Wisconsin.

Water Quality Program

- Eight volunteers sampled for *E. coli* May 2010-October 2010 at 13 sites. Four new volunteers were recruited and trained to collect and incubate water samples for bacteria growth.
- Nine volunteers collected macroinvertebrates in the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 at 8 sites. Two new volunteers were recruited and trained to collect macroinvertebrates. Six volunteers participated in identification sessions held at Northland College.
- 18 volunteers conducted water chemistry monitoring at 25 sites. Three new volunteers were recruited and trained to use water chemistry kits. 14 volunteers participated in the annual water chemistry quality control session.
- Partnered with the Northland College May term classes led by Sharon Anthony, Andy Goyke and Randy Lehr to collect additional water chemistry, macroinvertebrate and stream habitat data in the Tyler Forks and Upper Bad River sub-basins in May 2011

- Initiated continuous temperature monitoring. BRWA staff placed temperature loggers at 9 sites in the watershed in May 2011, and developed temperature profiles for these sites.
- 15 sites in the six sub-basins of the Bad River Watershed now have four years of baseline water chemistry data. 13 sites now have four years of macroinvertebrate data.
- Developed baseline monitoring reports for all current monitoring sites and reported on the status of baseline conditions in the Bad River Watershed at a community forum in June 2011.

Culvert Program

- Worked with partners to restore two culvert fish passage barriers on Hager Road and unnamed tributaries to the Marengo River in the Town of Lincoln, Bayfield County. These projects restored access to approximately three stream miles of spawning area and fish habitat.
- Worked with partners to restore a fish passage barrier on Norman Creek in the Town of Anderson, Iron County. The existing culvert was replaced with a bridge. The project restored access to the upper 3.5 miles of this Class II trout fishery.
- Conducted pre and post restoration monitoring at all monitoring sites and control and reference sites with US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Summarized and presented culvert restoration monitoring data at the Institute on Lake Superior Geology Conference in Ashland, WI.

Organizational Developments

- *Communications Committee*
Pam Roberts (Chair), Becky Sapper, Jo Bailey and Valerie Damstra organized 4 quarterly newsletters mailed to over 600 homes to update the community about BRWA activities and regional concerns. The committee also enhanced the website and created an organization Facebook page.
- *Program Committee*
Darienne McNamara (Chair), Jedd Ungrodt, and Tracey Ledder connected with people and agencies using water data to verify that the data collected by BRWA is still a current need. The committee also worked to trim the budget for the water quality monitoring program, and began the transition to turbidity tubes to eliminate the use of reagents.
- *Fundraising Committee*

Kevin Brewster (Chair), Mary Wichita, Jack Wichita, Wendy Kloiber, Jim Crandall, and Bill Heart developed a Fundraising Plan outlining a path toward raising \$100 K by the end of the fiscal year. The committee also developed a major donor campaign and worked with staff to submit grant applications for program support.

- *Membership Committee*

Bob Rice (Chair), Mark Dryer, Joan Elias, Dane Bonk, and Valerie Damstra, evaluated the responsibilities of this committee and focused attention on adapting bylaws so BRWA could effectively move towards a paid membership structure.

Financial Report

Expenses

Programs	\$187,581
Operations	
<i>Management</i>	\$ 34,466
<i>Fundraising</i>	<u>\$ 2,070</u>
	\$224,117

Revenues

Federal Grants	\$173,423
Private Foundations	\$ 12,000
Local contributions	\$ 27,540
Other (in-kind, etc.)	<u>\$ 8,400</u>
	\$221,363

BRWA Supporters

\$25 and under

J.C. Moon
Sixth Street Market
Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival
Jennifer DeLonay Family
Alyssa Core
Bruce Lindgren
Cathy Zimmerman
Chas Wilson
Clyde Eilo Family
Ethel Plucinski Family

Kolesar Soltesz Family
Nancy Casperson
Sweet Sailing
Wil Losch
Alfred Lundquist
Allan A. & Ramona Hann Family
Ashland County Market
Benoit Cheese Factory
Bodin's Fisheries
Carl and Jean Kubley
Christine Lindsey
Dave Zepzyck
David and Terri Bahe
Diane Daulton
Duke Kelly Family
Elden and Catherine Tetzlaff Family
Ellie Williams & Kevin Schram
Gary Johnson
Hidden Vue Farm
Jane S. Smith
Jean & Josh Mazzella
Jeff & Vicki Musselman
Jeff Silbert
Jerold and Margaret Heino Family
John Podlesny Family
Ken & Darlene Raspotnik Family
Kent & Patricia Shifferd
Littel and Thomas Family
Ma & Pa's Lighthouses
Mary Rehwald
Matt and Carol Bushman Family
Michaela Wickman Photography
Mike and Amy Amman
Northland College
Representative Janet Bewley
Ruth Oppedahl Family
Sarah Boles & Adrian Wydeven
Sarah Traaholt Family
Slavick Matis Family
Sorensen Zirngibl Family
Spirit Creek Farm
Steve & Janet Mashl Family
Suzanne Sanders
Thomas Piikkila
Tom and Connie Cogger Family

Tom Richardson Family
UW Extension
Washburn Cultural Center

\$26-\$50

Dymesich Family
Hotel Chequamegon
Nancy Willett & Ted Galdi
Roslyn Nelson
Stone's Throw Pottery
Tony and Jean Wallner
Big Top Chautauqua
Cathy Techtmann
Erickson Weber Family
Faye L Liberty Fiber Arts
Jeremy Oswald
Scott Chapin
#2 Septic Service
Charmaine Swan Yoga LLC
Lost Creek Adventures
Ricky & Valerie Damstra Family
A. W. Research Labs
Al Kirschbaum & Jess Grochowski
Allison and Dan Werner
Andi Repko Family
Biagio Nigrelli
Bruce Moore
Cablk Linder Family
Carolyn Sneed Family
Christina Strom & John Dursi
David and Karen Saarinen
Dennis Gisvold
Donn & Ann Christensen
Dr. Grace Heitsch
Dr. Heinz and Janice Vogel Family
Ehmann Parkinson Family
Elizabeth Bader Family
Hans & Ulli Cords Kastens Family
Howard and Marilyn Sibbald Family
James and Joanne Collins Family
James Burtrum & Naomi Tillison
Jim & Jane Emerson Family
Jonathon Berthel
Kate and Aaron Swanson

Kent & Judy Goeckermann
Kurt and Laurie Schmude Family
Michael Klump Family
Michael Wiggins Jr. Family
Mike Fitzgibbon Family
Mlynarek Sorensen Family
Ned & Kathy Zuelsdorff Family
Parsonage Lull Family
Plum Creek
River Rock Bait Shop
Rongstad Podlesny Family
Erica Rosenfeld
Ruth Lauritzen Family
State Bank of Drummond
Charmaine and Josh Swan Family
Tana Turonie
Teresa & Dennis Gunderson

\$51-\$100

Heart Graphics
McDowell Taylor Family
Valena Hofman
Daulton and Wilson Family
Pam Roberts & Brian Ledin
Patrick Mayotte Family
Chequamegon Food Cooperative
Richard Berge
Becky and Scott Sapper Family
Roland and Birgit Wolff Family
David Nortunen Family
Eleanor Bussey Family
Herman and Green Family
Iron County Land and Water Conservation Dept
Jedd & Heidi Ungrodt Family
Jeff & Mardy Ehrhardt
Johnson Damm Family
Joy and Jim Perry Family
Kevin & Sjana Schanning
Landis & Steven Spickerman Family
Linda Jorgenson and Jack Gunderson
Pam & Michael Ryan

\$101-\$200

Diana and Kelly Randolph Family
April & Jarod Stone-Dahl

Art Techlow
Chartier Oakley Family
Jo and Mike Bailey Family
Pasture Perfect Poultry
Steve & Margaret Baumgardner Family
Bob & Reba Rice
Hudson Helgeson Family
Michele & Jon Wheeler
Larson-Spangberg Family
Authenticity Consulting
Jack and Anne Helgeson Family
Kelly McKnight Family
Steve Riley
Terry & Kay Peters
Ron & Patty Anderson
Shari & Mark Eggleston Family
Dennis & Pat Musil Family
Derek and Kim Ogle Family
Elias Meeker Family
Morud Mitchell Family
Town of Marengo

\$201-\$500

Tom and Lisa Fratt Family
Haugo Wyse Family
Town of Gingles
Town of Lincoln
Tracey Ledder Family
Gingras Family
Glen and Judy Bennington Family
McNamara Ciembronowicz Family
Jim & Mimi Crandall
Rolland & Joyce Kiel
Mark & Pam Dryer
Anonymous
Town of Anderson
Town of Grand View
Wild Rivers Trout Unlimited
River Alliance of Wisconsin- Druckery Grant

\$501-\$1000

Dan and Krista Bloomquist
Hermit Creek Farm
Dr. Deborah Dryer

\$1001-\$5000

Kevin Brewster
Lagerroos McNurlin Family
Dane & Paula Bonk Family
Jack & Mary Wichita Family
Bill & Cindy Heart
Anonymous
Anonymous
Plum Creek Foundation

Over \$5000

Freshwater Future
Johnson Family Foundation
US Fish and Wildlife Service
US Forest Service - Chequamegon Nicolet Resource
Advisory Committee