



# BAD RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

### Message from the President

Since becoming president of the Board of Directors a year ago, my enthusiasm for the BRWA has really grown. I served on the original board and kept an eye on the organization for the past six-plus years and was honored to be asked to be the new president. The BRWA has grown immensely in these past years and I am very proud of the efforts of the past boards, volunteers, and now staff.

In the past year the BRWA has moved ahead with our Culvert, Water Quality Monitoring, and the Watershed Action Programs. We are strengthening relationships with many of the local natural resource agencies through the Chequamegon Bay Area Partnership group which is working to bring resources into the area to cleanup or improve our part of the world.

The past year has been instrumental in moving the BRWA into a much stronger organization. We've strengthened our financial management policies, our membership database and organizational structure. We held a Board retreat where the makeup of the Board and the committee structure was changed to better support the work of our group. We all believe that this will strengthen the BRWA, and make us better able to carry out our mission.

The growth in our organization has come with some challenges, as we continually figure out how to best support local people in caring for the watershed. With continued dedication and hard work, shared by a community of watershed stewards, we'll be able to keep our home in the great condition it is—and perhaps make it a little better.

—Bill Heart

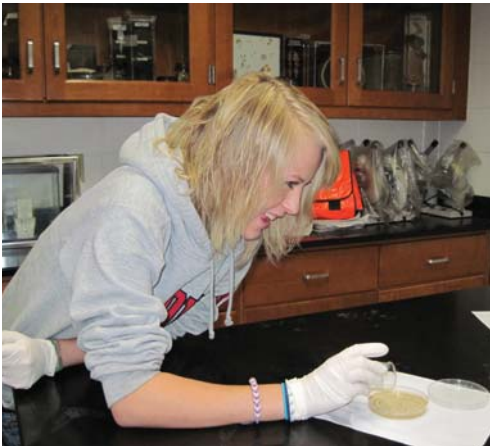









*BRWA Board President Bill Heart, showing off the fruits of his morel hunting labors.*









# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Water Quality Monitoring



-  **Fifteen volunteers sampled for *E. coli*** May 2009–October 2010 at 16 sites. Five new volunteers were recruited and trained to collect and incubate water samples for bacteria growth.
-  **Fifteen volunteers collected macroinvertebrates** in the fall of 2009 and spring of 2010 at nine sites. Four new volunteers were recruited and trained to collect macroinvertebrates. Eleven volunteers participated in macroinvertebrate identification sessions held at Northland College.
-  **Eighteen volunteers conducted water chemistry monitoring** at 15 sites in the Bad River Watershed. Seven new volunteers were recruited and trained to use water chemistry kits.
-  **Worked with the 8th grade class** at Hurley School to collect *E. coli* data at sites on Vaughn Creek as part of their science class. Results were summarized and presented in a poster that will be featured at next year's statewide Citizen's Based Monitoring Conference,
-  **Partnered with the Northland College** May term classes led by Sharon Anthony and Andy Goyke to collect additional water chemistry, bacteria, and macroinvertebrate data on tributaries to the Marengo River in May 2009 and May 2010.
-  **Baseline monitoring reports** were completed for the Marengo and White River subwatersheds. The reports analyze the 4+ years of water chemistry baseline monitoring data, along with available data for bacteria and macroinvertebrates.
-  **In total, 13 sites** in the six sub-basins of the Bad River Watershed now have four years of baseline water chemistry data.

## Culvert Improvement





-  **Trained staff** from the Bad River Tribe and Iron County Land and Water Conservation Department to conduct culvert inventories. Nearly 100 additional road crossings surveyed.
-  **Prepared township-specific summaries** of culvert inventory data to identify potential problems and priority restoration sites.
-  **Worked with partners** to restore two culvert fish passage barriers. Both sites were on Taylor Lane and unnamed tributaries to the Long Lake Branch in the Town of Grand View, Bayfield County.
-  **Worked with partners** to restore an erosion problem at a culvert site on Tyler Forks and Shirley Lake Road in the Town of Anderson, Iron County. Worked with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct pre and post restoration monitoring at all monitoring sites and control and reference sites.
-  **Summarized and presented** culvert restoration monitoring data at the upper Midwest Stream Restoration Symposium in La Cross.
-  **Worked with Northland College** classes and capstone students to conduct fisheries monitoring and prepare technical analysis of findings.








# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Marengo River Watershed Partnership (MRWP) Project

-  Nearly 100 attendees came to the picnic at the Four Corners Saloon on August 29, 2009.
-  Eighteen volunteers contributed 125 hours to "Get to Know Your Watershed" volunteer stream assessments. Led by BRWA staff, they recorded locations of streambank erosion, depositional areas, beaver dams, and log jams along the Marengo River.
-  Convened a technical team with natural resource professionals from county, state, tribal and federal agencies to identify what projects should occur to improve watershed health, who will do them, and how to pay for them. The watershed action plan document is due to be completed in December 2010.
-  Gathered interests, concerns and project ideas from over 100 watershed citizens in the Marengo River basin for the Watershed Action Plan.







## Organizational Developments

-  Secured and established a membership database to better track involvement, interests and contributions from BRWA supporters.
-  Developed and implemented audit-ready financial management policies.
-  One of 10 groups state wide to receive the "Decade of River Success" Award from the WDNR and presented by the River Alliance of Wisconsin.



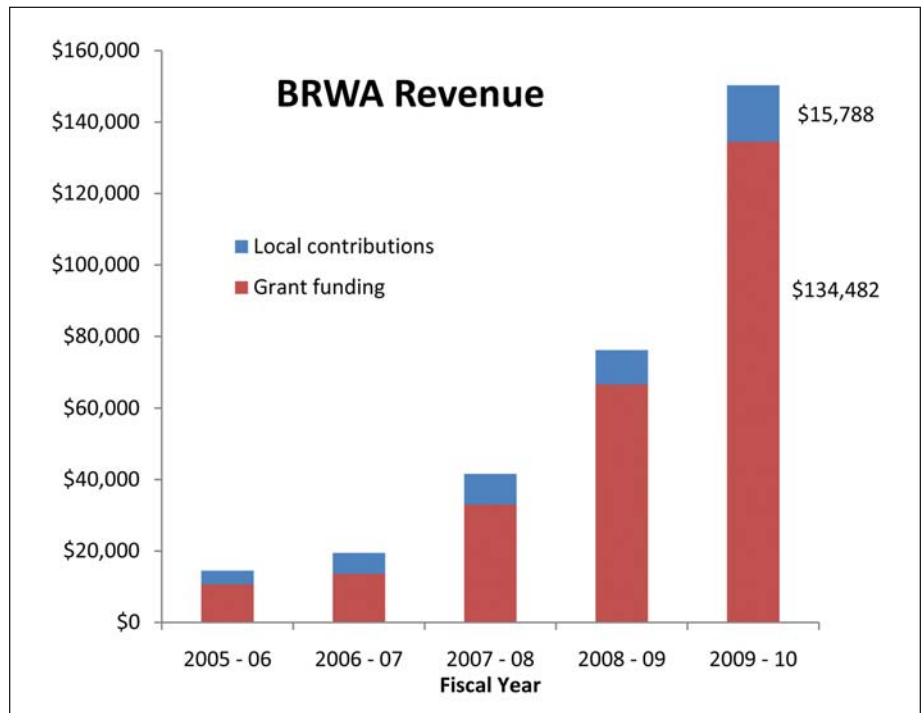
## BRWA Events

-  **First Person Local:** our annual oral history event featured four speakers who reminisced about topics ranging from the flood of 1946, to changes in the Marengo River, to growing up close to the land on the Bad River Indian Reservation.
-  **Annual Picnic:** Old-timers, new residents, and folks in between gathered for a summer afternoon's festivities at the Mason Town Park on the White River. A traditional whitefish boil and homemade desserts highlighted the gathering.
-  **Inaugural Karen Danielsen Outstanding Stewardship Award:** This award was created in memory of founding board member and BRWA supporter Karen Danielsen. This year's winner is Colleen Matula.
-  **Spring for the Water:** This silent auction and gourmet buffet is our major fundraiser, and is well supported by individual and business donors as well as attendees.

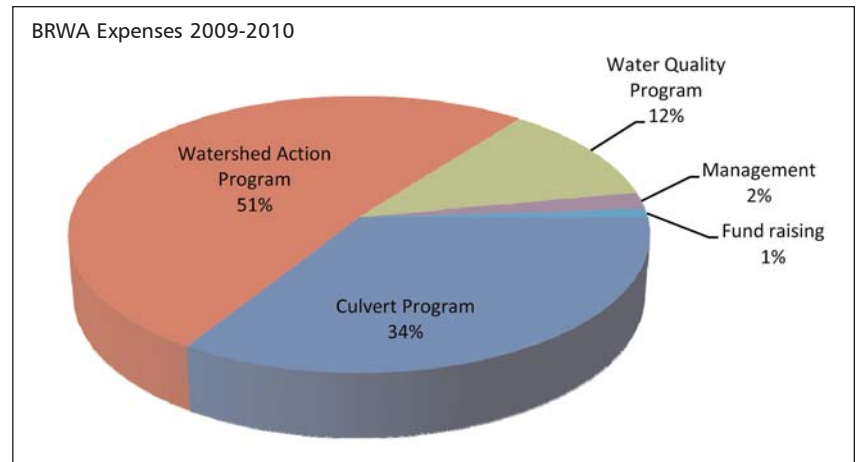


## Financial Report

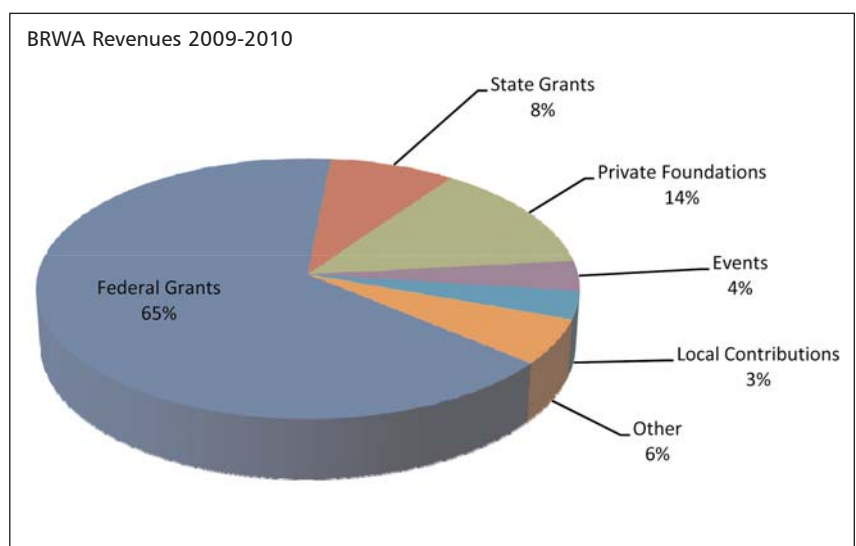
BRWA has experienced considerable growth over the past five years. Thanks to our loyal donors, we have increased our local fundraising to support that growth. Also, we secured grants from new funders this year, including our first private foundation grants, to nearly double our annual revenue. We work to maximize our benefit to the community by allocating funds to our program work to the greatest extent possible.



BRWA EXPENSES 2009-2010	
Culvert Program	\$ 51,901
Watershed Action Program	\$ 78,593
Water Quality Program	\$ 17,795
Management	\$ 2,966
Fund Raising	\$ 1,483
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$148,288</b>



BRWA REVENUE 2009-2010	
Federal Grants	\$ 98,312
State Grants	\$ 12,490
Private Foundations	\$ 20,248
Events	\$ 5,564
Local Contributions	\$ 5,217
Other	\$ 8,440
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150,270</b>



# BRWA SUPPORTERS

## \$25 and under

Marion Koski  
 Sheree Peterson  
 Eckels Pottery  
 Homestead Gardens  
 Kelly Pederson & Scott Griffith  
 Water Music Jewelry  
 Cathy Zimmerman  
 Ann T. Schultz  
 North Coast Coffee  
 The Egg Toss  
 Washburn Hardware  
 Bayfield Coffee Company  
 Patricia Stewart  
 Patrick Mayotte  
 Roode Foods Farm  
 Jeff Silbert  
 Robert Parsonage & Ruth Lull  
 Allan A. & Ramona Hann  
 Charlene Herron-Jordan  
 Chequamegon Food Cooperative  
 Christine Lindsey  
 Coco's Artisan Breads and Bakery  
 Ellie Williams  
 Hans & Ulli Cords-Kastens  
 Andrea Haugo & Thomas Wyse  
 Karlyn's Gallery  
 Ken & Darlene Raspotnik  
 Kent & Judy Goeckermann  
 Linda Jorgenson  
 Maggie's  
 Mary Rehwald  
 Allison Slavick & Randy Matis  
 Spirit Creek Farm  
 Suzanne Sanders  
 Tana Turonie  
 Valena Hofman  
 Timothy & Ann White

## \$26-\$50

Bayfield Recreation Center  
 Cold Fusion  
 Laura Ehmann & Ron Parkinson

Jacob Obletz  
 Blaise Sopiwnik & Jess Fairbanks  
 Dragonfly Studio  
 Big Top Chautauqua  
 Chippewa Valley Bank  
 Stone's Throw Pottery  
 Washburn Family Dentistry  
 Andi Repko  
 April and Jarod Stone-Dahl  
 Pasture Perfect Poultry  
 Carolyn Sneed  
 Dave Kurki  
 David Nortunen  
 Derek & Kim Ogle  
 Eleanor Bussey  
 Joan Elias & Jim Meeker  
 Tom & Lisa Fratt  
 Phil Freeman & Wendy Stein  
 Brad & MaryJo Gingras  
 Good Thyme Restaurant  
 Jean Hansen & Joe Zirn  
 Harvey Carlson  
 Howard & Marilyn Sibbald  
 Interior Designs  
 Jed & Heidi Ungrodt  
 John Bonk  
 Becky McDowell & Davis Taylor  
 Mike & Cheryl Trieschmann  
 Mike Mlynarek & Marsha Sorensen  
 Outdoor Alure  
 Plum Creek  
 Rasmussen Family  
 Richard Berge  
 Erica Rosenfeld & Neil Wilson  
 Steve & Margaret Baumgardner  
 Thomas Piikkila  
 Todd Gibbon  
 Town of Marengo  
 Tracey Ledder  
 Washburn Cultural Center  
 Washburn IGA  
 Wild Rice

## \$51-\$100

Jane S. Smith  
 Diana & Kelly Randolph  
 Becky & Scott Sapper  
 A. W. Research Labs  
 Anne Chartier & Jim Oakley  
 Kevin Brewster  
 Chequamegon CSA  
 Pete Rasmussen & Joy Shelble  
 Colleen Matula  
 Art Techlow  
 Bob & Reba Rice  
 Dave Dawkins  
 Dr. Heinz & Janice Vogel  
 Jack & Mary Wichita  
 Jeff & Mandy Ehrhardt  
 Joy & Jim Perry  
 Mark Leach

## \$100-\$200

Sweet Sailing  
 Glenn & Judy Bennington  
 Robert Jr. & Sondra Dunne  
 Bobbi Rongstad & Tom Podlesny  
 Todd & Kelsey Rothe  
 Dr. Deborah Dryer  
 Mark & Pam Dryer  
 Dennis & Pat Musil  
 Tom Erickson & Jane Weber  
 Jack & Anne Helgeson  
 Dorothy Lagerroos & Tom McNurlin  
 Darianne McNamara & Tim Ciembronowicz  
 Dane & Paula Bonk  
 Kathy & David Allen  
 Linda Rise & Andy Noyes  
 Glenn Miller  
 Bayfield Inn  
 Dr. Grace Heitsch  
 Iron County Conservation Dept.

## \$201-\$500

Rose & Raye Lahti  
 Matt & Sara Hudson  
 #2 Septic Service  
 Brian & Carol Seago  
 Living Adventures, Inc.  
 Inland Sea Society  
 Jo & Mike Bailey  
 Rolland & Joyce Kiel  
 James & Mimi Crandall  
 Firelight Meadows  
 Hermit Creek Farm  
 Kay & Terry Peters  
 Town of Grand View  
 Bad River Natural Resources

## \$501-\$1000

Ron & Patty Anderson  
 Michele & Jon Wheeler  
 Bill & Cindy Heart

## \$1001-\$5000

Xcel Energy Foundation  
 Johnson Family Foundation  
 Duluth Superior Area  
 Community Foundation

## Over \$5000

Center for Watershed Protection  
 Environmental Protection Agency  
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
 Wisconsin Department of  
 Natural Resources  
 Laura Jane Musser Fund  
 National Fish and Wildlife  
 Foundation  
 Wisconsin Coastal Management  
 Program

## BRWA Board Committee Highlights

### Membership Committee:

Mark Dryer (Chair), Bob Rice, Joan Elias  
 Hosted presentations to local groups for member recruitment and general BRWA outreach

### Program Committee:

Jedd Ungrodt (Chair), Tracey Ledder, Darianne McNamara, Dane Bonk  
 Developed a volunteer brochure and evaluated programs

### Fundraising Committee:

Jim Crandall (Chair), Bill Heart, Jo Bailey, Dane Bonk  
 Organized *Spring for the Water*—BRWA's annual fundraiser with nearly 100 in attendance and \$4,000 raised.

### Events Committee:

Jo Bailey (Chair), Dane Bonk, Bill Heart  
 Organized and hosted *First Person Local*—BRWA's annual living history event, with speakers Dan Vaillancourt, Mike Wiggins, Dana Jackson and Ken Lindquist.

### Communications Committee:

Bill Heart (Chair), Pam Roberts, Kevin Brewster, Becky Sapper, Dorothy Lagerroos  
 Organized four quarterly newsletters to update the community about BRWA activities and regional concerns



# MISSION & VISION

## Who is the Bad River Watershed Association?

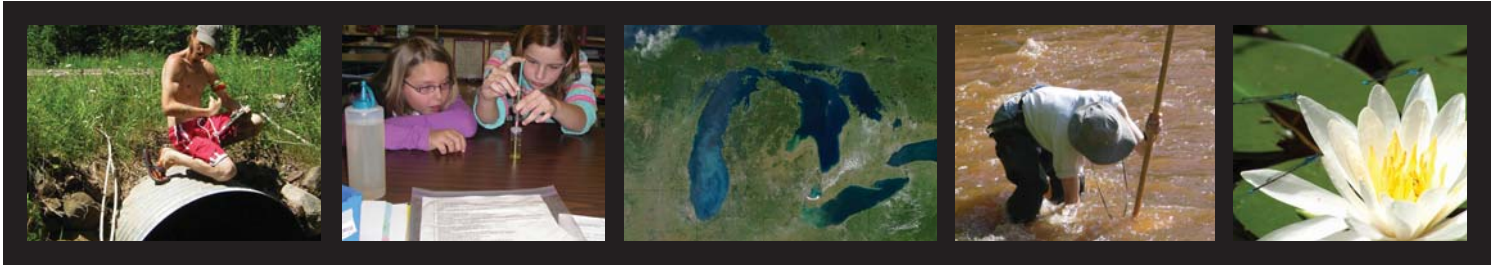
The Bad River Watershed Association (BRWA) is a community organization that works to involve all citizens in taking care of and enjoying their home watershed. We accomplish this by conducting educational programs and forums about how our watershed can be affected by the decisions we make. In addition, we assist citizens to gather information, identify problems and implement solutions to maintain the integrity of our watershed for future generations. If you live within the Bad River watershed, you are a member of the BRWA. People who live outside the watershed and support our goals may also request to be associate members.

## Our Vision Statement

The Bad River Watershed Association envisions a future in which change and development within the watershed grow from a stewardship ethic that seeks to minimize ecological damage, while maximizing ecological and community health.

## Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Bad River Watershed Association is to promote a healthy relationship between the people and the natural communities of the Bad River Watershed by involving all citizens in assessing, maintaining, and improving watershed integrity for future generations.



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