



Bad River Watershed Association Data-Sharing Policy

The Bad River Watershed Association's (BRWA) Data-sharing Policy is designed to make data from the BRWA database as freely available as possible for academic, research, education, and other professional purposes. Our goal is to promote the use of the best available information to make informed decisions. In this spirit, BRWA has developed a formal request procedure to allow our data to be shared in a way that is fair and appropriate.

Available Data

Our macroinvertebrate data and continuous temperature data are available at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Waters Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS) website. You may request access at the following address:

<http://prodoasjava.dnr.wi.gov/swims/login.jsp;jsessionid=QgQGRG4Qj8dpz19hvKh9InpFvNXP52nrhxKXWINLfxNT8YTfTLBT!-1340529116>.

Other data in the BRWA database include dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity, chloride, E. coli, phosphate, and nitrate. The period of record varies across sites.

Requesting BRWA Data

A written request detailing the sites, dates and parameters of interest, must be submitted to the BRWA Executive Director via email (info@badriverwatershed.org) or hard copy letter (Bad River Watershed Association, P.O. Box 875, Ashland, WI 54806). Requests must include a description of how the data will be used.

Data Use Agreement

- The data user must realize that the data may be misinterpreted or taken out of context. We request that you contact BRWA's Executive Director with a copy of any paper, report, news article, or presentation using the data so that we may review and provide comments on the presentation of our data.
- The data user must acknowledge data were collected by the Bad River Watershed Association in any presentations or publications resulting from the use of the data.
- The data user must provide two copies of any publications resulting from use of the data to BRWA.
- The data user must not redistribute original data and documentation without permission from BRWA.

