

Excellence Shows

Awards

The Rock River Coalition is proud of its many awards and recognitions: the most recent are shown below. Please join us and help continue this show of excellence:

- 2008 WI Ass'n Parks & Rec. Partner Award
- 2007 Wisconsin Idea Award
- 2005 WI Stream Monitoring Group Award & Citizen Monitoring Program of the Year
- 2004 Wisconsin Rural Partnership Award: Top Ten Initiatives in the State

Membership has its Benefits

As a member of the Rock River Coalition, you help us achieve our mission, but you also receive many benefits including:

Advanced notice of events and activities such as the annual Send Your Legislator Down the River (SYLDR) educational event. Discounts on seminars and educational programs.

Quarterly newsletters with informative articles.

Donations over \$100 will receive one free pass to Send Your Legislator Down the River.

Corporate memberships or donations at the \$100 level or greater will be recognized on our RRC web page, which includes an advertisement or logo & a link to your webpage.

Donors at the \$500 level will receive four free passes to Send Your Legislator Down the River, plus Corporate donors will receive a business card sized ad in all Rock River Reflections newsletter for the year.

Donors at the \$1,000 level will receive eight free passes to SYLDR and a personal briefing by the RRC President. Corporate donors will receive the weblink and the ads in all the Rock River Reflections newsletters.

Join us in protecting the Rock River Basin!

The Rock River Coalition

The Rock River Coalition (RRC), a non-profit group founded in 1994, is dedicated to preserving and improving Rock River Basin resources.

All of our funding is self-generated. The Coalition only exists through the annual financial support from members, donors and partners like you.

As a basin-wide organization, the RRC is uniquely situated to effectively work on complex basin issues. We bring together people with different ideas in order to make positive steps through issue teams. Major activities of the issue teams are highlighted inside this brochure.

The RRC's priorities are guided by its member's interests. The RRC is actively interested in protecting our natural resources, open spaces and agriculture; promoting tourism and outdoor recreation; preserving the historical and cultural character of the basin; and promoting riverfront revitalization. But, it takes people like you to join us as a member or volunteer to make it happen!

RRC Chapters

A RRC Chapter is a non-incorporated group of individuals working towards improving the environmental, economic, cultural or recreational resources within a specific area or watershed in the Basin.

The RRC develops a Charter with the interested group establishing roles and responsibilities.

Chapters, while working to make a local difference, are part of well-recognized non-profit receiving administrative support and other benefits. If Chapter members are also RRC members, 25% of their RRC membership dues are designated for the Chapter's use.

Our first chapter is the Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed.



Wisconsin legislators during RRC's "Send Your Legislator Down the River."



Beloit Riverwalk.



*Preserving and improving
our shared resources*



Our Mission:

"To educate and provide opportunities for people of diverse interests to work together to improve the environmental, recreational, cultural, and economic resources of the Rock River Basin."

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Becoming a RRC Member

In addition to supporting RRC work, members receive newsletters, notices of conferences, special events, and the annual meeting. Remember - we can only do our work through memberships and your generous donations. To become a member, complete the following:

Name _____

Title _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

Annual tax deductible membership fees See membership benefits on reverse

Individual	\$25 _____
Family	\$35 _____
Student/Senior Citizen	\$15 _____
Classroom	\$25 _____
Affiliates*	\$50 _____

**Includes small businesses, organizations, lake districts, and municipal departments.*

Corporate \$200 _____

Additional tax deductible donation

_____ *Donations are greatly appreciated and can be targeted towards specific projects:*
_____ Project

Chapter member

I am a member of the _____ Chapter of the RRC.

Please mail this completed form with check to

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Our Rock River Basin

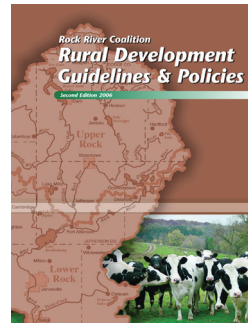
The Rock River Basin covers nearly 3,800 square miles in south central Wisconsin. It contains 45 lakes, and 3,900 miles of streams. The Horicon Marsh, an internationally recognized wetland and bird sanctuary is near its headwaters. The basin borders stretch over ten Wisconsin counties, includes 26 cities and 36 villages with more than 790,000 residents.



Planning Makes a Difference

Planning the Rock

The RRC authored the award winning *Rock River Basin Rural Guidelines and Policy Manual*, which encourages residential development near existing development and provides methods to protect and encourage agriculture in the basin.



The Planning the Rock Issue Team helps citizens, groups and communities make good land use decisions.

Do you need training on how to use new computer models? We can host a workshop.

Do new planning commissions need better training on smart growth principles? This team can help organize it.

When citizens, towns and cities asked about cost of growth, the Planning the Rock Issue Team held well attended Cost of Community Service workshops.

Join the team and help develop these important materials and workshops.

It's Up to Us: Working Together

Protect Our Water Quality

Citizen involvement is the key to making water quality changes in the basin. We need you to help join with us as:

Citizen Stream Monitors

Help assess the status of Basin rivers. The program's "learn by doing" approach gives volunteers insight into what is needed to protect or restore the water they monitor.

Advanced monitor's data can be used by local agencies to determine where limited resources should be spent.

Spring training workshops start in April, but an individual training can be arranged. The RRC also provides advanced training for monitors. Want to join us? Email ed@rockrivercoalition.org.

Rain Garden Stewards

Rain gardens are specially designed gardens that allow rain water to soak in instead of running off. The Rock River Coalition has worked with many communities to establish demonstration rain gardens. We need volunteers to help maintain these gardens.

Help us install a rain garden in every community by hosting rain garden workshops.



Farmers are important stewards of the basin. The Rock River Coalition works to encourage good land practices that keep soil on the land and out of the river.

We work with **cities, villages and towns** on improving the quality and amount of storm water entering the River. Workshops we hold have helped Rock River Basin municipalities get thousands of dollars in grants for water quality improvements.

Groundwater

Groundwater is truly our buried treasure. Since it's easy to take for granted, the RRC has worked hard to bring many quality and quantity issues to decision makers.

With the broad view that the Coalition takes, we reached beyond municipal boundaries in the development of a basin-wide planning tool: the **Groundwater Flow (GFLOW)** computer model.

This ground-breaking effort brought together cities, counties, towns, villages, lake districts and non-profits to fund an extensive computer model of how groundwater moves and the important connection with surface water.

In addition the Groundwater Issue Team has produced an award winning Karst (fractured bedrock) groundwater contamination display and brochure.

Wetland Monitoring

The Rock River Coalition is at the forefront of wetland monitoring in Wisconsin. Our latest effort has volunteers tracking the changes at a 1500 acre wetland restoration west of Lake Mills.

On this tract they are monitoring the return of birds, frogs, grasses and flowers, butterflies, dragonflies and water quality as a muck farm is converted from cropland to marshes, oak openings and prairies.



Contact the Rock River Coalition at (920) 674-7443 or visit us online: www.rockrivercoalition.org to learn more about our volunteer opportunities and upcoming events.