

## Rock River Basin March 2010 Update

Rock River Updates is a listing of events and other items of interest for people in and around the Rock River Basins of Wisconsin. We strive for a once a month mailing. Inclusion is not an endorsement of a program, publication or website. If you have questions about this update or if you have items to be added contact Suzanne Wade at [suzanne.wade@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:suzanne.wade@ces.uwex.edu).

This update will also be posted at <http://rockrivercoalition.org/events/calendar.asp> and at <http://rockrivercoalition.ning.com>.

### Rock River Coalition/UW-Extension Sponsored Events

To receive informational flyers on RRC events email [marier@jeffersoncountywi.gov](mailto:marier@jeffersoncountywi.gov)

Winter issue of the **Rock River Reflections newsletter** available at [www.rockrivercoalition.org](http://www.rockrivercoalition.org) or [rockrivercoalition.ning.com](http://rockrivercoalition.ning.com)

March 10 **Rock River Recovery Plan** – Initial planning meeting, Lake Mills Community Center 1:00 – 4:00pm contact Steve Warrner at [stephan.warrner@wisconsin.gov](mailto:stephan.warrner@wisconsin.gov)

March 24 **Water Star Pilot Testing**, Pyle Center Madison 9:00 – 3:00

April 8 **Sustainable Backyard Workshop**, Rock River Stormwater Group, Rotary Gardens Janesville

April 10 **RRC Confluence: A Gathering of All Monitors**: 8:00 – 3:00 Lake Mills Community Center, 100 Water Street, for all current and interested monitors. Contact Ed Grunden at [ed@rockrivercoalition.org](mailto:ed@rockrivercoalition.org) if interested in stream or wetland monitoring in 2010.

April 12 **RRC Board Meeting**, UWEX Jefferson County 4:30

April 13 **RRSG BMP Basics Workshop**, 8-10 Watertown, 1-3 Janesville.

May 4 **RRC Annual Meeting** place and time tbd

May 8 **Snapshot Monitoring Day**, a one-day commitment for stream monitoring in the Rock River Basin, contact Ed Grunden at [Ed@rockrivercoalition.org](mailto:Ed@rockrivercoalition.org) or [monitoring@rockrivercoalition.org](mailto:monitoring@rockrivercoalition.org) or 920-648-2673

May 15 **Volunteer Stream Monitoring Training**, Johnson Creek contact Ed at [ed@rockrivercoalition.org](mailto:ed@rockrivercoalition.org) for more information.

May 22 **Volunteer Stream Monitoring Workshop**, Waterville, contact Jayne Jenks [jjenks@waukeshacountywi.gov](mailto:jjenks@waukeshacountywi.gov)

June 7 **Send Your Legislator Down the River** – tentative, if interested in helping contact Patricia Cicero at [patriciac@jeffersoncountywi.gov](mailto:patriciac@jeffersoncountywi.gov)

### Natural Resource Calendar of Events:

Mar 4 & 5 **Emerging Challenges for the Waters of Wisconsin, 2010 AWRA Annual Meeting**: Madison Marriott West, Middleton. Visit: [www.awra.org/state/wisconsin/](http://www.awra.org/state/wisconsin/) for updates.

Mar 5 **Deadline for 2010 Tree Program, Land & Water Conservation Div.:** Brochures on the web at [www.co.washington.wi.us/led](http://www.co.washington.wi.us/led) Tree & Prairie Seed Program

Mar 6 **The Nature of Things: Garden Expectations Conference:** 8:45 am – 3:30 pm, Appleton East High School, Appleton, WI. Presented by Outagamie County Master Gardeners Association and UW Extension. Info.: [www.ocmga.net](http://www.ocmga.net) or Kathy Baum, 920-731-9385.

Mar 6 **The Plant Dane! Cost-Share Program 2010, Rain Garden Workshop:** Attend workshop to participate in Plant Dane! cost share program and receive half price native plants (\$1.80 each) Application: [www.myfairlakes.com/applicationForm.aspx](http://www.myfairlakes.com/applicationForm.aspx). Open to schools, non-profit organizations, municipalities and individual residents in Dane County, WI. Info.contact Marcia Hartwig (608) 224-3746 or email [hartwig@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:hartwig@co.dane.wi.us), Plants delivered to [One Fen Oak Court](#), Madison, WI, June 26, 8am-9:30am.

Mar 9 **Waukesha County Storm Water BMP Maintenance Workshop** 7:30 – 3:30, Ruekert and Mielke, Waukesha, contact Perry Lindquist at [plindquist@waukeshacounty.gov](mailto:plindquist@waukeshacounty.gov)

Mar 9 **Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival On Tour:** [Majestic Theatre](#), 115 King St., Madison Doors open at 6 pm. Films begin at 7pm. \$10 film only - \$25 reception and film. Info.: Sharon White, 608-257-2424 x116 or <http://www.wisconsinrivers.org> or [info@wisconsinrivers.org](mailto:info@wisconsinrivers.org).

Mar 10 **“Boundary Basics: Annexations and Boundary Agreements”**–(#1772-5) – Part of “Local Land Use Planning and Zoning” WisLine series. Fee \$20/person, at any WisLine site 10:30–12:00pm Register (608) 262-0810 or <http://lgc.uwex.edu/WisLines/index.html>. CLE and AICP credit available.

Mar 11 **SWCS Conference: Bioenergy, Conservation and the Wisconsin Landscape**, 9:00 am-4:00 pm at Crown Plaza Hotel, 4402 East Washington, Madison, WI. Registration: \$45, Student: \$40. Conference to discuss Bioenergy, Conservation and the Wisconsin Landscape. See [agenda](#) and [registration form](#). Info.:<http://wi-swcs.org/8.html>

Mar 19-20 **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Wisconsin Aquaculture 2010 Conference - “We’re Fresh and Local”** Ramada Inn Convention Center, Eau Claire, WI. Focus is on the wonderful aquaculture products raised in Wisconsin. Info.: [www.wisconsinaquaculture.com](http://www.wisconsinaquaculture.com) or Cindy Johnson, 715-373-2990

Mar 30-Apr 1 **Get Involved: Fringe Benefits-Restoring Wisconsin’s Shorelands and Shallows: 32<sup>ND</sup> Annual Wisconsin Lakes Convention**, KI Convention Center, Green Bay, WI. Early Bird Deadline March 8, 2010. Info: [www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/conventions](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/conventions)

April 1 **Native Plant Sale** deadline for ordering Land Trust Network of Jefferson County, [www.landtrustnetwork.org](http://www.landtrustnetwork.org). Plant pick-up on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 – Noon, Rotary Park in Jefferson

Apr 7 **“Land Use Legislation and Case Law Update”** – (#1772-6) Recent Wisconsin court decisions and legislation related to land use planning and implementation are highlighted and reviewed. Available at any WisLine site 10:30 – 12:00 p.m. Contact WisLine Registrations, (608) 262-0810 or consult registration brochure at <http://lgc.uwex.edu/WisLines/index.html>. CLE and AICP credit available:

Apr 7-11 **2010 National Association for Interpretation Region 5 Workshop:** Wintergreen Resort & Conference Center, Baraboo, WI. Info: <http://www.nairegions.org/5/> or call Howard April, 414-425-8550; [howard.aprill@milwcnty.com](mailto:howard.aprill@milwcnty.com)

Apr 15-16 **“CommunityViz Scenario 360 and Site Builder”** – Course offers an in depth exploration of Scenario 360 and Site Builder, interactive decision-making tools by CommunityViz that are extensions to ArcMap. Enrollment limited. Info.: Contact Tom McClintock at (608) 263-0009 or [tmccclin@wisc.edu](mailto:tmccclin@wisc.edu), or visit [www.lic.wisc.edu/training](http://www.lic.wisc.edu/training). *Note: Familiarity with ArcGIS is recommended.*

Apr 17, **Village's Annual River & Park Cleanup:** starting in Rotary Park on Fond du Lac Ave. at 9-Noon. Food and Prizes at Noon. Come and have Fun! New this year: Adopt-a-River Section. Keep the Falls Running Clear. [www.Menomonee-Falls.org/RiverCleanup](http://www.Menomonee-Falls.org/RiverCleanup)

Apr 20 **"Rebuilding Downtowns and Niche Small Businesses":**"Building Communities" webinar series. 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. by Internet and dialing in from your site. Registration fee \$50 per program. Register online: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cced/communities/ConferencePrograms200910.cfm> or contact Andrea Smith at (608) 265-8136 or [andrea.smith@uwex.edu](mailto:andrea.smith@uwex.edu).

Apr 20, 21 **Fourth Annual Nelson Institute Earth Day Conference:** Earth Day at 40: Valuing Wisconsin's Environmental Traditions, Past, Present & Future, Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center, Madison. View conference agenda on [Program](#) page and visit our [contact](#) page.

Apr 22 **Theory and Practice of Phosphorus Removal:** 8 am-4:30 pm, UWM School of Continuing Education, CEU: 0.7, **Program No.** 4830-8603, Fee: \$295. Info: [Murali Vedula](mailto:Murali.Vedula@uwm.edu), [mvedula@uwm.edu](mailto:mvedula@uwm.edu), 414-227-3121. Online Registration: <https://www4.uwm.edu/sce/registration/add.cfm?id=34382>

Apr 24 **Project RED Training by the River Alliance:** 9 am to 1 pm in Conference Room at Dane County Land & Water Resources Building. Questions: Contact Patricia Cicero, 920-674-7121 or [patriciac@jeffersoncountywi.gov](mailto:patriciac@jeffersoncountywi.gov)

Apr 24-Nov 27 **Invasive Species Work Day:** Every 4th Saturday of Month, 9 AM - 12 PM., Pringle Nature Center, 9800 160th Ave., Bristol, WI. Admission free. Tools Provided. Info. 262-857-8008 <http://eeinwisconsin.org/net/calendar/details.aspx?s=86479.0.0.2209&mode=p&dateid=4608>

Apr 25-29 **7th National Monitoring Conference-Monitoring From the Summit to the Sea:** Denver, CO. Focus on water quality and water quantity monitoring for improved understanding, protection, and restoration. Info: <http://acwi.gov/monitoring/conference/2010/index.html>

May 1 **River Alliance Spring Confluence** Madison Club, \$30 per person, \$100 for sponsorship (includes 2 tickets and name listed as sponsor in the program) Tickets available from [Brown Paper Tickets](#) or by contacting [Sharon White](#) at 608-257-2424 x116 more information at [www.wisconsinrivers.org](http://www.wisconsinrivers.org)

May 7 & 8 **1st Annual Southeast Wisconsin Water and Energy Efficiency Expo:** By Waukesha County Conservation Coalition at Waukesha County Exposition Center, (Waukesha County Fair Grounds – In the Forum Building). Info.: <http://www.wisconsinwaterwise.org/>

May 8 **Friends of the Arboretum Annual Native Plant Sale:** UW-Madison Arboretum, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Wildflower tent near the UW-Madison Arboretum Visitor Center, Madison, W. Info.: 608-263-7760, or [www.uwarboretum.org/foa](http://www.uwarboretum.org/foa) Order native shrubs, vines and trees through March 23.

## **ORGANIZATIONS WITH MULTIPLE OFFERINGS**

### **Check out the websites for full schedule**

**Woodland School Fall/Spring Courses:** (From October 2009 - May 2010) Prescribed burning, timber stand improvement, wetland management, birding. View [detailed course descriptions](#) or [register online](#). Info: [Alanna Koshollek](mailto:Alanna.Koshollek), Woodland School Coordinator, 608-355-0279, ext. 30.

Riveredge Nature Center, Visit [www.riveredge.us](http://www.riveredge.us). or contact Mary Holleback at 800-287-8098

Friends of Cherokee Marsh, Madison. Visit [www.CherokeeMarsh.org](http://www.CherokeeMarsh.org) or contact [info@cherokeemarsh.org](mailto:info@cherokeemarsh.org) or 608-467-5207.

Horicon Marsh, N7725 Hwy. 28, Horicon, WI 53032-9782. Contact: William K. Volkert, 920-387-7877; [William.volkert@wisconsin.gov](mailto:William.volkert@wisconsin.gov)

Urban Ecology Center – 1500 E. Park Place, Milwaukee, [www.urbanecologycenter.org](http://www.urbanecologycenter.org) or Contact: Carljean Buhk, 414-964-8505, x105.

Aldo Leopold Foundation, Inc., E13701 Levee Rd., Baraboo, [tours@aldoleopold.org](mailto:tours@aldoleopold.org) or [www.aldoleopold.org](http://www.aldoleopold.org) or Contact: Tour Coordinator, 608-355-0279, ext. 27.

UW Madison Arboretum, 1207 Seminole Hwy., Madison, [www.uwarboretum.org](http://www.uwarboretum.org), [info@uwarboretum.org](mailto:info@uwarboretum.org) or Contact: Pat Brown, 608-263-7888.

Madison Audubon Society, Inc., 222 S. Hamilton St., Suite #1, Madison, [www.madisonaudubon.org](http://www.madisonaudubon.org) [masoffice@mailbag.com](mailto:masoffice@mailbag.com) or Contact: Karen Etter Hale, 608-255-2473.

Midwest Renewable Energy Association, 7558 Deer Rd., Custer, WI. [www.the-mrea.org](http://www.the-mrea.org) [chris@the-mrea.org](mailto:chris@the-mrea.org) or Contact: Chris Talbot, 715-592-6595.

Wisconsin Wetlands Association, 222 S. Hamilton St. #1, Madison.  
[Laura.england@wisconsinwetlands.org](mailto:Laura.england@wisconsinwetlands.org), [www.wisconsinwetlands.org](http://www.wisconsinwetlands.org) or Contact: Laura England or Rachael Carlson, 608-250-9971. Grants/Awards/Contests (K-12 entries are in the K-12 section below)

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**\$1.1 Million in Conservation Funds Available For Organic and Transitioning Growers:** *Sign up Feb. 1 - March 12, 2010.* Organic producers can receive up to \$20,000 per year or \$80,000 over six years through this initiative. More info. Visit Wisconsin NRCS at [www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov)

### **Websites of Interest**

**Wisconsin Emerald Ash Borer** Internet site at [www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov](http://www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov) contains new information on the EAB infestation in Southeast WI; the Urban Forestry Toolkit is available from the EAB Internet site. Wisconsin Emerald Ash Borer hotline: 1-800-462-2803.

**New Invasive Plant Species Education Lessons Website:** UW-Stout, Wisconsin's Polytechnic University announces new website which has lessons, videos, PowerPoints, and many other resources related to the Lessons. [http://www.uwstout.edu/faculty/jamesk/Invasive\\_Plant/Invasive\\_Plant.htm](http://www.uwstout.edu/faculty/jamesk/Invasive_Plant/Invasive_Plant.htm)

### **Publications**

**"A Look at Wisconsin's Forests"** Updated version of brochure available from the Forestry Division. Publication (FR-122) provides a concise and colorful portrait of forests and forestry in Wisconsin. <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/Publications/pdf/FR-122.pdf>.

Free digital downloadable **Wisconsin Outline Maps for Digital Reproductions** at <http://www.sco.wisc.edu/pubs/outlinemaps.php>

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### **Job Openings**

**Associate Outreach Specialist:** New full time position for an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) project by the Center for Limnology, UW Madison Center for Limnology Trout Lake Station (TLS) Wisconsin DNR 10810. To review position description and application procedures please go to [http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/pvl/pv\\_063522.html](http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/pvl/pv_063522.html)

**Executive Director** for The Myrick Hixon EcoPark (MHEP) in La Crosse, Wisconsin. A unique opportunity for a person with dynamic leadership and fundraising skills who is passionate about nature, animals, and environmental education. Info.: Contact Jim Gallagher at 608-784 0303, or [jgallager@mhecopark.org](mailto:jgallager@mhecopark.org)

### **K-12 Teachers and Students**

Mar 12 & 13 **Spring Leaf Workshops:** Stoughton, WI at Stoughton High School, *Registration Deadline March 1, 2010.* More info. and other available dates and locations at: [www.uwsp.edu/cnr/leaf](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/leaf):

**Graduate Credit SCHOLARSHIPS Available!** If interested in helping K-12 students understand the incredible value of Wisconsin's forests - both urban and rural - LEAF's classroom-based workshop offers the opportunity.

**Partial Scholarships for Graduate Credit Available!** For 1 graduate credit as NRES 740. First eight people to register for credit for each course listed above receive the scholarship toward the cost of the credit.

**Four Traveling High School Forestry Education Kits** available. Kits contain equipment and tools to facilitate teaching tree identification and management, plot investigations, and navigation using compasses. No fee for using kits. Contact one of four participating Forestry Education Kit coordinators contacts for kits: Turtle Lake School, Don Dipprey, 715.822.8633, [ddiprey@turtlelake.k12.wi.us](mailto:ddiprey@turtlelake.k12.wi.us); or Freedom Agricultural Education Dept., Paul Larson, 920.788.7940 x329, [plarson@freedomschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:plarson@freedomschools.k12.wi.us) or CESA #2, Connie Isackson, 608.758.6232 x339, [isackson@cesa2.k12.wi.us](mailto:isackson@cesa2.k12.wi.us) <http://www.cesa2.k12.wi.us/resources> or CESA #3 This kit available only to members of CESA #3

**Environmental Education Online Courses** for students and professionals offered through UW-Stevens Point. Contact Jessica Tomaszewski, [Jessica.Tomaszewski@uwsp.edu](mailto:Jessica.Tomaszewski@uwsp.edu). Visit course web site: <http://www.uwsp.edu/natres/eetap/>. To learn more about EETAP, visit the website at <http://www.eetap.org/>

**NEW Air Education Activities:** 3 & 5 grade teachers needed to test in March and April of 2010. If interested in piloting an activity or two and provide feedback, contact: [Christal.campbell@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Christal.campbell@wisconsin.gov), (608) 264-8976) More Info.: <http://eeinwisconsin.org/resource/about.aspx?s=87797.0.0.2209&mode=p>

Mar 12. **What's in the Water? Project WET Educator Workshop.** Gathering Waters Room, Nevin Fish Hatchery, Fitchburg, WI. 8:30.-3:30. Cost: \$20. Learn about Dane County's surface and groundwater and how we can protect these essential resources. Contact: [Amalia Baldwin](mailto:Amalia.Baldwin) or (608) 264-8930 by February 26.

Mar 14. **Our Watery World: Project WET Social Studies Educator Workshop.** Marriott West Hotel, Madison, WI. Noon to 4pm. Learn how to bring the many concerns surrounding water into social studies lesson plans using [Project WET](http://www.projectwet.org). Cost: \$20. Contact: [Amalia Baldwin](mailto:Amalia.Baldwin) or 608-264-8930 by March 8.

Mar 20. **Project WILD Educator Workshop:** Milwaukee Public Museum, 9:30-3:30. Over 150 activities to develop awareness, knowledge, and identification skills for aquatic and terrestrial wildlife. Receive two guides for grades k-12. Fee: \$45. Register with Dawn Koceja; [koceja@mpm.edu](mailto:koceja@mpm.edu) or (414) 278-6943.

Apr 22 **Earth Day:** Take time to celebrate our natural resources and do something to help sustain our water, air, forests, lakes and rivers. [Check out EEK!](http://www.eek.org) to find fun activities to get kids involved this year.

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June 21-Jul 30 **Research Experience for Teachers: Bioenergy and the Environment** to allow grade 6 - 14 science or agriculture teachers to spend 6 weeks on UW Madison campus to develop classroom lab or activity related to bioenergy, and work with mentor scientists. Applications due February 28.

June 22-25 **Great Lakes Forestry Tour:** Duluth, MN. Each summer the Temperate Forest Foundation organizes intensive woods and mill tours for teachers in various regions throughout North America. There is absolutely no cost to teachers! Info.: <http://www.forestinfo.org/Teachers/2010/1stt.htm>

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If you have questions about the update or the list-serve please contact me, Thank you, Suzanne Wade, [suzanne.wade@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:suzanne.wade@ces.uwex.edu), 920-674-8972

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