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December News from Wisconsin's Green Fire

A Year End Reflection



To Our Members and Friends,

Wisconsin's Green Fire in the last year has reflected a growing community committed to upholding our conservation values and making change for people and our

environment. If you've been part of that work, either as an active member or supporter, we thank you!

We're planning now for an even more active and impactful 2022. We'll be launching some new initiatives and building on our recent successes, all of which will only be made possible by your support. If you've made a gift to WGF this fall, you have our sincere thanks. And if you have not, please know that contributions from people like you, of whatever size, are our single biggest source of support.

You can read our [Case for Support](#) here, and you can [make a gift here](#), or by using the link below.

On behalf of our board, our staff, and everyone at Wisconsin's Green Fire, we're wishing you a safe and joyful holiday season. We have much to be grateful for. Thanks for all you do!

Fred Clark, Executive Director

Give Today to Support Conservation in 2022



WGF Co-Sponsors Public Rights in Milwaukee's Fresh Coast Webinar



Free Zoom Webinar

Public Rights in Milwaukee's Fresh Coast

Join us to learn more about the origins of the coastline, policy and funding issues around what to do with dredged sediment, and public access to this iconic Lake Michigan waterfront. 1.5 CLE Credit Available (pending approval)

Co-sponsored by:  

Jan. 19, 2021 @ 12-1:30 p.m. (CT)

WGF is excited to co-sponsor this webinar with the [Center for Water Policy at UW-Milwaukee](#) and the [State Bar of Wisconsin Environmental Law Section](#)! Join us on January 19th from 12-1:30pm to learn about the public trust doctrine and how it influences Milwaukee's iconic Fresh Coast.

The webinar will feature six expert speakers, including WGF's Public Trust and Wetlands [Work Group](#) co-chair Michael Cain, who will each share diverse perspectives about the

governance and policy surrounding the development of the iconic Lake Michigan coastline.

[Click here](#) to learn more and register!

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WGF Recognizes Outgoing and New Board Members



Wisconsin's Green Fire would not be the same powerhouse conservation organization if it was not for our dedicated Board of Directors. This group of conservation professionals volunteer their time, expertise, wisdom, and valuable insight to support WGF's work to support science-based environmental decisions in Wisconsin.

In 2021, we said goodbye to three of our Board members, Paul LaLiberte, Mike Meyer, and Shannon Thielman. They leave with big shoes to fill, and fellow WGF Board members, staff, and supporters are extremely grateful for their contributions to making WGF the powerhouse organization it is today!



WGF also welcomed a new Board member in 2021, Don Behm. Don is retired from a four-decade career in Journalism, working with the Milwaukee Journal and Milwaukee Journal Sentinel for 36 years reporting on various environmental issues across Wisconsin. Don has already contributed his expertise to WGF's communications, and everyone at WGF is excited to have him on board!

[Visit our website](#) to learn about WGF's current Board of Directors!

WGF Needs Your Input! Newsletter Naming Contest



WGF is looking to re-name our newsletters, and we are looking for input from our members!

Follow [this link](#) or scan the QR code to submit your name ideas for our e-newsletter and print newsletter, and **you will be entered to win some stylish [WGF gear](#)** (not to mention bragging rights if we choose your name!). Need some ideas? View our newsletter archive [here](#)

[Cast Your Vote Today](#)

Get Involved in Wisconsin Conservation

[Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources \(WDNR\) is looking for 2022 summer interns!](#) WDNR's State of Wisconsin Student Diversity Internship Program offers [paid positions](#) in all six divisions within WDNR across the state to students with diverse backgrounds and interests. Internship areas include fish and wildlife biology, hydrogeology, communications, education, and air management.

WDNR especially encourages students of color, veteran students, non-traditional students, students with disabilities, and students who identify as women to apply. Applications are due January 21, 2022. [Learn more about the program and how to apply here.](#)

[Apply for the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin \(PSC\)'s 2021 Energy Innovation Grant Program](#) : PSC will be awarding up to \$10 million in grants in the spring of 2022 to support projects that focus on energy efficiency, clean energy, new energy technology, and resiliency in the energy system. A wide variety of organizations are qualified for this grant program

including municipalities, schools and universities, tribes, land, and municipal water/wastewater, electric, and natural gas utilities.

Applications are due Friday, January 14, 2022, by 4:30 p.m. [Learn more about the grant program here.](#)

Inspiring Conservation Stories

In celebration of the holiday season and to complement our "WGF in the News" section, we wanted to share some stories that have brought us hope and inspiration this month:

Dovetail Partners' November 15th video on the relationship between the Ojibwe people and fire, told by Ojibwe Wildland firefighters, Fond du Lac elder Vern Northrup and Damon Panek in Minnesota: [Oshkigin: Spirit of Fire.](#)

Michigan DNR's November 24th essay post: [Searching for a Singular Day.](#)

WPR's December 4th story: [Hoo is Back? Snowy Owls Return to Wisconsin.](#)

The On Being Project podcast December 9th episode: [Susan Simard - Forests Are Wired for Wisdom.](#)

Wisconsin's Green Fire needs your support now more than ever. Your donation assures that conservation issues around the state are addressed with the best scientific information available.

Give Today to Support Conservation Tomorrow!

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