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**Wisconsin's Green Fire and partner organizations release report on climate readiness in Monroe County, Wisconsin**

Wisconsin's Green Fire and partner organizations have completed their Climate Readiness and Rural Economic Opportunity Assessment for Monroe County, Wisconsin. The team has released their final report and supporting documents after beginning the project in May 2021.

[The Monroe County Climate Readiness and Rural Economic Opportunity Assessment \(CRREOA\)](#) was led by a 12-member Core Team, complemented by more than 40 subject matter experts and county-based resource experts who contributed their efforts to ensure that findings and recommendations were realistic and grounded in local knowledge.

Project Co-Director Bob Micheel, "Monroe County is pleased to announce the completion of the CRREOA Final Report. We were fortunate to host a wealth of expertise across the state of Wisconsin to focus solely on Monroe County's extreme rain events. The outcome of this assessment positions our residents, farmers, municipalities, etc. with numerous opportunities to be more resilient to flooding while changing the dial on Climate Change."

Project Co-director Fred Clark noted that, "Our Monroe County team reflects some of the best expertise in conservation available in Wisconsin. We believe this kind of rapid, comprehensive assessment grounded in local knowledge is a key to bringing climate readiness to communities facing the realities of extreme weather associated with climate change."

The project included research into both the aspects of the County that make it more vulnerable or resilient to climate change, and the key economic and political barriers and opportunities involved in on-the-ground conservation strategies. The report includes over 80 recommendations to assist the County in strategically addressing future climate resiliency.

Significant support for the CRREOA project from the [Monroe County Climate Change Task Force](#), [The Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin](#), [Wisconsin Land and Water](#), Wisconsin DATCP, Wisconsin DNR, the University of Wisconsin - Madison and UW-Extension, and the more than 40 local and subject matter experts who participated in one of the project's technical teams.

[See the full, 74-page final report, a 20-page summary report, and supporting documents.](#)

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