

June News from Wisconsin's Green Fire

Summer Field Forums Begin Across Wisconsin



We are excited to continue our summer [2022 Wisconsin Field Forum](#) series! We kicked off the series in early June with our first Field Forum in Wausau, where WGF leaders (pictured left) were joined by local elected officials to discuss for a tour of the Wisconsin River and discussion about the unique challenges managing and protecting people and our environment from the

effects of PFAS in Wisconsin communities.

WISCONSIN'S GREEN FIRE Summer Field Forums



MILWAUKEE
WATERFRONT
PENOKEE HILLS
WISCONSIN
RIVER
COON VALLEY
CABLE

Fields • Forests • Waters • People

Our [four remaining tours](#) across Wisconsin will feature Wisconsin's Green Fire member experts, together with partners, policy makers, and local stakeholders in the field, sharing ideas, learning from others, and exploring far-reaching solutions to priority conservation issues. We will be touring parts of the proposed re-route of Enbridge Line 5 oil pipeline in Iron County, paddling the Wisconsin River to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Clean

Water Act, howling for wolves in Cable, and touring farms in the Coon Valley watershed implementing climate resilient practices.

Each tour will include time in the field along with focused discussion on policy and practice. Space is limited on these one-of-a-kind trips, **click the links below to learn more and register today!**

- [Enbridge Line 5 Oil Pipeline Reroute Tour](#) (Friday, June 24th, Mellen)
- [Paddling and Policy - 50 years of the Clean Water Act on the Wisconsin River](#) (Saturday, July 23rd, Brokaw)

- [Co-existing with Wolves – History, Biology, and Policy](#) (Thursday, August 4th - Friday, August 5th, Cable)
- [Our History Meets Our Future - Land Conservation and Climate Resilience in the Coon Valley Watershed](#), (Thursday, August 11th, Coon Valley)

Make sure to listen for a short piece about WGF's Field Forums on Wisconsin Public Radio's Ideas Network!

Register Today

WGF Leaders Convene in Wausau for Strategic Planning



On June 6th and 7th, WGF leaders from across Wisconsin gathered at Rib Mountain State Park in Wausau, WI for a two-day retreat focused on organizational strategic planning as Green Fire moves into the next five years. On June 6th, members of WGF's Science Council (pictured

left) gathered to discuss Green Fire's work group structure, and the priority issues the work groups and Green Fire as an organization should focus on in the next five years. Monday evening culminated with inspirational remarks and a time for reconnecting in-person after two years of virtual meetings.



On June 7th, WGF board members and staff participated in a discussion on strategic planning, answering important questions and setting goals and strategies to guide WGF's work moving forward. Everyone left Wausau on Tuesday evening with a refreshed

perspective and excitement for WGF's future continuing and growing as a leader in Wisconsin's conservation policy arena.

WGF Participates in the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ) Community of Practice

In 2021, Wisconsin's Green Fire, [The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin](#), [Gathering Waters](#), and [Wisconsin Wetland Association](#) organized the [Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice \(DEIJ\) Community](#)



of Practice. This Community of Practice includes over 75 conservation organizations from across Wisconsin that are committed to engaging in and collectively advancing DEIJ initiatives in our work. The goals for this Community of Practice are to create and provide a space to learn from each other, set actionable goals for ourselves and our organizations, and expand our perspectives to make

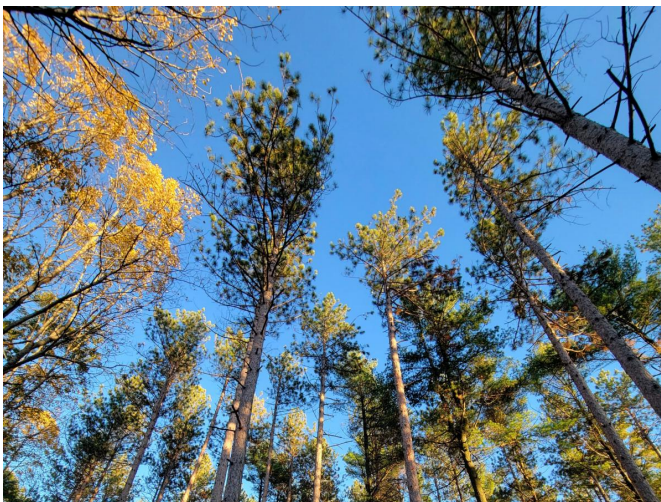
the field of conservation more inclusive to people from all backgrounds, beliefs, and cultures.

The DEIJ Community of Practice meets bi-monthly over Zoom. The most recent meeting in June gave participants an opportunity to talk with each other about implementing DEIJ initiatives in different work areas within conservation organizations. WGF leaders including Dolly Ledin, Fred Clark, Jenny Oren, Nancy Franz, and Joanne Kline participated in this meeting, engaging in conversations related to their areas of interest and expertise.

The DEIJ Community of Practice is open to anyone involved with a Wisconsin-based conservation, natural resource, and environmental education organization. Visit NRF's website [here](#) to learn more and join us in this important work!

[Learn more here](#)

Share What Inspires Your Work in Conservation



Conservation work can be tough - there are days of success, and there are days we might feel defeated. Through all the ups and downs, **we each have something that keeps us pushing forward and gives us hope to continue in this field.** WGF wants to know what this is for our supporters, and share it on our social media in hopes of inspiring others who might be searching for

some encouragement.

If you are comfortable sharing, please [click here](#) to complete a short form. Even if you choose not to fill out the form, we encourage you to pause and consider these questions: what do you enjoy about working in the conservation field? What gives you hope? What has been the most uplifting moment in your conservation career? What successes have you had in your career?

Please contact Jenny Oren, WGF's Communications Fellow, at joren@wigreenfire.org with any questions.

Thank you for sharing!

Get Involved in Wisconsin Conservation

Apply to work with RENEW Wisconsin: RENEW Wisconsin is hiring an Executive Assistant to assist with grants, programs, events, and administrative tasks and contribute to RENEW's mission of advancing renewable energy in Wisconsin through advocacy, education, and collaboration. The Executive Assistant is a full-time position based in Madison, Wisconsin. Applications are due on Thursday, June 30th by 5pm CT. Learn more about the position and how to apply [here](#)!

Participate in Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College Extension Program Summer Events: The Lac Court Oreilles Ojibwe College Extension Program is hosting a number of online and in-person events and workshops this spring and summer! Join a field trip and hike at Amnicon Falls and Wisconsin Point on Wednesday, June 22nd from 10am-5pm, two geographically, geologically, and ecologically significant landmarks in Wisconsin. Registration is required for these events, learn more [here](#)!

Summer Reading Recommendations

Looking for some summer reading? We got you covered! Here are some of our favorite articles, books, magazines, and podcasts about conservation, with a focus on pieces written about conservation through the lens of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice:

[Beloved Beasts](#) (Michelle Nijhuis)

[Black Faces, White Spaces](#) (Carolyn Finney)

[Braiding Sweetgrass](#) (Robin Wall Kimmerer)

[First and Wildest: The Gila Wilderness at 100](#) (Elizabeth Hightower Allen)

[Indian Nations of Wisconsin: Histories of Endurance and Renewal \(2nd Edition\)](#) (Patty Loew)

[Our Living Ancestors: The History and Ecology of Old-growth Forests in Wisconsin \(And Where to Find Them\)](#) (John Bates)

[Rewilding Earth Podcast](#) (The Rewilding Institute)

[The Adventure Gap](#) and the [Joy Trip Project podcasts](#) (James Edward Mills)

[The Ezra Klein Show: Best Of: Nikole Hannah-Jones and Ta-Nehisi Coates on the Fight Over U.S. History](#)

[The Home Place](#) (Dr. J. Drew Lanham)

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