

August News from Wisconsin's Green Fire

WGF Announces Return of Fall 2022 Regional Conservation Socials



We are excited to announce the return of our [fall 2022 Conservation Social series](#)! These casual, free evening gatherings will take place across Wisconsin through September, and will be times for WGF members and conservation enthusiasts across the state to connect and socialize over local drinks and food. Each social will offer time to learn about WGF's work on behalf of Wisconsin's natural resources, and how to get

involved with us!

We will be in six communities across the state in September, each at venues with Covid-safe outdoor seating. These socials are free and open to the public, but we recommend registering ahead of time! **Click the links below for more information and to register today:**

- [Madison - Lake Monona and Goodman Community Center](#) (Wednesday, September 13th, 4:00-7:00 PM)
 - [PFAS Discussion](#), 4:00 - 5:00 PM
 - [Conservation Social](#), 5:30 - 7:00 PM
- [Milwaukee - City Lights Brewery](#) (Wednesday, September 14th, 5:30-7:00 PM)
- [Washburn - South Shore Brewery and Tap House](#) (Wednesday, September 21st, 5:30-7:00 PM)
- [Appleton - North Loop Farm](#) (Thursday, September 22nd, 5:00-7:00 PM)
- [Stevens Point - Sunset Point Winery](#) (Wednesday, September 28th, 5:30-7:00 PM)
- [Manitowish Waters - North Lakeland Discovery Center](#) (Thursday, September 29th, 5:30-7:00 PM)

We hope to see you in September!

[Register Today](#)

Become a Mentor with WGF's Conservation Pathways Program!



This October, WGF will launch the [Conservation Pathways Scholarship Program](#), a year-long program with a cohort of six students from [Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College](#) and [Nicolet College](#) in Northern Wisconsin. The scholarship program seeks to engage and support young people from all backgrounds and abilities in conservation and environmental careers.

Centered on inclusion, the program aims to connect with students historically excluded or underrepresented in conservation and environmental fields. **WGF's vision is to facilitate a growing community of diverse conservation professionals in Wisconsin, where students can gain a sense of belonging and succeed in these career fields.**

One of the program's key offerings is mentoring support. We intend to pair each student with a junior and a senior mentor to ensure a well-rounded and diverse knowledge base. **Mentors can expect to spend a minimum of 4 hours per month with their student match. Additionally, mentors will need to participate in a 90-minute Mentor Support Session to learn how to best support their mentee and create a rewarding experience for all.**

To learn more about how to become a mentor and what to expect, please contact Sarah Peterson, WGF Science Director, at speterson@wigreenfire.org.

[Learn more about Conservation Pathways Program](#)

WGF Calls on Members to Support Recovering America's Wildlife Act



The Recovering America's Wildlife Act would provide \$18 million for Wisconsin's wildlife and habitat. Over 400 wildlife species in Wisconsin are at risk of becoming threatened, endangered, or extinct due to climate change, habitat loss, invasive species, and disease. RAWA funding will provide the means to protect these species in Wisconsin and across the country.

RAWA will be presented to Congress after summer recess. **Now is the time to contact your Wisconsin senator encouraging them to support RAWA** and emphasize the importance of the legislation to protect our wildlife and

habitat for generations to come!

How can you help? Here are some ideas:

- **Contact your Senator and ask them to support and pass RAWA.** You can find your senator's contact information [here](#). You can also send a message through the National Wildlife Foundation's action page [here](#).
- **Share articles about RAWA with your network via social media or email.** Here is a recent Washington Post [editorial](#), and [information](#) on a letter of support signed by Wisconsin's Green Fire and over 30 Wisconsin-based conservation organizations.

Photo: Adult monarch butterfly on New England aster, credit: Kerry Beheler

[Learn more here](#)

Join WGF's Final Field Forum: Milwaukee Waterfront Boat Tour



Join us in partnership with [Milwaukee's Riverkeeper](#), along with [Milwaukee Water Commons](#) and [Preserve our Parks](#), for an afternoon waterfront tour of Milwaukee's waterfronts. On this tour, you will learn about the Public Trust Doctrine and how it has defined Milwaukee's lakefronts and riverfronts.

Our expert tour leaders, including WGF's Michael Cain, Historian John Gurda, Milwaukee's Riverkeeper Cheryl Nenn, and Milwaukee Water Commons' Rhonda Nordstrom will highlight the social justice and equity issues related to access along the Milwaukee waterfronts, as well as threats to surrounding water quality and public use.

Visit our website [here](#) to learn more and register today.

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WGF Announces Shift in Membership Model



We hear consistently from our members that their most important motivation in being part of Wisconsin's Green Fire is to support our work advancing conservation outcomes. **That singular focus is why we are excited to share changes in how we're managing our relationship with our members.**

We have recently put in place the following

changes to our membership system that will make it easier for you to support our work while allowing us to focus on the most important conservation outcomes:

- **We will no longer have a set membership fee or ask you to renew an annual membership.**
- We'll continue to ask you, and all our members and friends, to support Wisconsin's Green Fire throughout the year through voluntary donations. **Starting today, your contribution of any amount, at any time, will make you a member for the year.** And we're pleased to offer free memberships to students and people under 21 years old.

But one thing that has not changed is the growing number of critical issues affecting our environment, making your support for Wisconsin's Green Fire today as important as ever.

If you haven't made a gift this year, we invite you to make a contribution today. Please see the new "[Support our Work](#)" page on our website for details and to make an online gift.

From the whole WGF team, thank you for your continued support for conservation in Wisconsin!

[Support WGF Today](#)

Get Involved in Wisconsin Conservation

Apply to work for the Foundation of Dane County Parks (FDCP): FDCP is hiring a full-time Executive Director based in Madison, WI. The successful candidate will work closely with FDCP's Board of Directors and community partners to help build and guide FDCP to reach its full potential of supporting the 17,000 acre County Park system, which serves over 4,250,000 visitors per year. This position will build on the Foundations' successful fundraising efforts to develop a sustaining organization to help the vibrant County Park system meet the challenges of a growing county.

Applications are due September 15th, 2022. [Click here](#) to read more about the position and how to apply.

Work with Midwest Environmental Advocates (MEA) as a staff or senior staff attorney: MEA is hiring a staff or senior staff attorney to provide legal and technical support to community groups and partner organizations to protect public rights to a healthy environment. The position will focus on the candidate's area of expertise, but work topics could include developing legal strategies for clean drinking water in Wisconsin communities, promoting climate justice by opposing carbon-intensive infrastructure, and defending environmental democracy and transparency.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the position is filled. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Wisconsin Conservation News

Wisconsin Public Radio's July 25th article about WGF's Enbridge Field Forum: [Environmentalists say Wisconsin failed to fully review an oil pipeline project's risks. The EPA agrees.](#)

Wisconsin Public Radio's August 9th article featuring WGF's Ron Eckstein, [Crucial for fighting climate change, carbon-storing trees are on the chopping block in Wisconsin](#)

[WDRT's Natural Wonders Podcast Episode #29](#) featuring Curt Meine's commentary, *The Prehn Decision; Backdrop to a Breakdown*

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