



Conservation Connections

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Welcome to the fourth issue of Conservation Connections!

Wisconsin's Green Fire (WGF) is a nonprofit organization devoted to supporting the conservation legacy of Wisconsin by promoting science-based management of Wisconsin's natural resources.

[Website](#)

WGF's Aspiring Conservation Professionals (ACP) Work Group made this newsletter to connect and inform aspiring conservation professionals around the state, across organizations and institutions. We hope you read on and reach out!

[Learn More](#)

We Changed Our Name

We changed our name from **Student & Young Professionals** to **Aspiring Conservation Professionals**. We thought this was more welcoming. We asked ourselves "when do you stop being a young professional?" or "what if you're considering going back to school but haven't applied?" This workgroup is for you! The advice in this newsletter is for you! Let us know **if you have any feedback on our new name by emailing us: syp.workgroup@gmail.com**

What's Up in Wisconsin

Do you care about nature? Outdoor recreation? A healthy environment for all? Here are just a few of the *many* issues around the state that you should know about, selected by our ACP team from local news:

- The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources released two new GIS visualization tools for the public. [Read about those tools here.](#)



City of Milwaukee released its Climate & Equity Plan



Check out their website to read about the Task Force 10 Big Ideas and to provide feedback...

[Read more
city.milwaukee.gov](https://city.milwaukee.gov)

A Natural Refuge: Lake Ivanhoe Recognized as WI's First Black-Founded Resort Community

By Loretha Jack

For many of us, the outdoors is a place where we can relax and take refuge from the problems that surround us. Perhaps no one understands this better than the residents of [Lake Ivanhoe, a small subdivision just 6 miles east of Lake Geneva](#). Created in the 1920s by a group of Black businessmen from Chicago, the Lake Ivanhoe community has long provided a safe place for Black families to enjoy outdoor summer activities, away from the historic and ongoing racial tensions and injustices that weigh on people of color.

[READ MORE about Lake Ivanhoe here.](#)

Phenology Highlight: Bird migration is underway. Many species of birds will travel from North to South covering thousands of miles to reach their winter feeding grounds.

Sandhill cranes are pictured to the right.



What WGF is Doing

WGF's workgroups are advising the future of Wisconsin conservation policy by tackling these key issues:

- **WGF members attend the Climate Fast Forward Conference:** Read about what issues were discussed and how WGF members responded by Amber DeValk.
- Read below about a unique opportunity attended by WGF ACP workgroup member, Will Vuyk.

The 2022 Confluence of Young Conservation Leaders: A Weekend Awash in Connections

by Will Vuyk

This year, Wisconsin hosted the 2022 *Confluence of Young Conservation Leaders* (CYCL). This event, formerly hosted by partners in Texas and Missouri, aims to bring together representatives across state boundaries to share expertise and experience for the mutual benefit of youth conservation leadership

programs around the country. On Oct. 20, members of the [Wisconsin Wildlife Federation](#), the [Conservation Federation of Missouri](#), [Texas Brigades](#), the [National Wildlife Federation](#), the [Witte Museum Land Stewardship Ambassadors](#), the [Louisiana Wildlife Federation](#), the [UW-Stevens Point Wildlife Society](#), and [Wisconsin's Green Fire's Aspiring Conservation Professionals work group](#) all gathered at the [Mackenzie Environmental Education Center](#) in Poynette. For a weekend full of collective learning, networking, and exploration.



[READ MORE about this multi-state meeting here.](#)

Intrigued?

See more of our work here

Our Work

Field Glasses

[Spotting good work around the state](#)

Birding with Puppies: Responsibly Enjoying the Fall Migration

Read some tips on birding with dogs and how you can support fall migration with or without a pet.

[Read about Isabelle's jaunt in the woods while she was puppy sitting.](#)



Careers Corner

Career Interview with Isabelle Bieser



ACP Member Spotlight: Loretha Jack

Loretha earned a Bachelor of Science degree from UW-Milwaukee where she majored in Biological Sciences and Conservation and Environmental Science. She is currently an LTE

Loretha Jack interviews Isabelle Bieser about her job as the Manager of Innovation & Community Engagement at the Zoological Society of Milwaukee (ZSM). ZSM is the non-profit partner to the Milwaukee County Zoo.

[Read the interview here](#)

Water Resources Biologist with the Wisconsin Department of Natural resources, and volunteers as the chair of the Aspiring Conservation Professionals Work Group in her free time.



Conservation Job Resources

Looking for a Wisconsin-based job in conservation? Try searching open positions from these potential employers:

- [UW universities](#) and [other WI colleges](#)
- [State](#) or [federal](#) agencies like DNR, FWS, USGS, NRCS...
- Tribal organizations like [GLIFWC](#) or [individual tribes](#)
- [Land trusts](#) and [other private organizations](#)

Or look for Wisconsin/remote positions on job boards for conservation professionals:

- [Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences Jobs](#)
- [Green Jobs](#)
- [Great Lakes Jobs](#) (email listserv subscription)
- [Environmental Jobs](#)
- [Environmental Education Jobs](#)
- Conservation Jobs [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#)

Lastly, remember that many openings are not posted on job boards, or even online. Use [this tool](#) to find potential employers near you based on your background, and try reaching out directly.

Good luck!

Questions or concerns? Want to get involved? Please don't hesitate to reach out!



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