

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

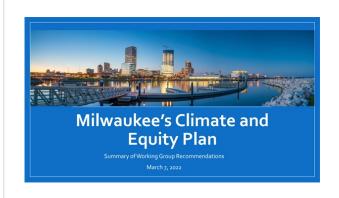
# **We Changed Our Name**

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

### 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.



# 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 UWMilwaukee 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 <u>GLIFWC</u> or <u>individual tribes</u>
- 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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