

December News from Wisconsin's Green Fire

Thank You for Supporting WGF in 2022



As another year comes to a close, all of us at Wisconsin's Green Fire are reflecting on a [successful and productive 2022](#), and we are thankful for our supporters and members who made it all possible. We are especially thankful for the generous gifts many of you have given this fall.

Your support will provide us the resources we need to move into 2023 with a strong plan to address our new strategic goals. Thank you!

If you have not given yet this fall, please consider [making a gift today](#). Our Board of Directors have collectively pooled their resources to offer a 2:1 match of up to \$30,000 for **all gifts made before the end of the year** from supporters who can meet or exceed their giving in 2021. **If you are considering giving, now is the time to make the biggest impact!**

Your contribution of **\$1000, \$500, \$250, \$125**, or *any amount that is meaningful for you*, will allow us to make the investments needed to meet our goals and help assure that we can respond to emerging issues in 2022.

You can make a secure online contribution [here](#).

Or, your contributions can be mailed to **Wisconsin's Green Fire, PO Box 5411, Madison, WI 53705**.

From all of us at WGF, thank you and happy holidays!

Photo: WGF board, staff, and ambassadors gather in Madison for an end-of-year celebration and dinner.

**Give Today to Support Conservation in
2023**

Leave a Conservation Legacy for Future Generations



For many Wisconsin's Green Fire members who are in or near retirement, effective charitable giving is an important part of estate planning. Members looking for ways to support Green Fire and other organizations can consider several giving

strategies that maximize impact while providing tax benefits.

Our new planned giving publication describes a range of ways to leave a legacy for Wisconsin conservation. [Click here](#) to view the full publication

Read our Planned Giving
Publication

WGF Welcomes Newest Board Members



WGF is excited to welcome Susan Hedman (left) and Emily Lee (below) to our Board of Directors! Both Susan and Emily will provide valuable perspective as passionate conservation professionals and enthusiasts to WGF and our work into the next year.

Susan Hedman holds a Ph.D. from the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, a M.A. from the La Follette School of Public Affairs, and a J.D. from the Law School each at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Susan holds a wealth of experience in environmental protection at the state, federal, and international levels. She was appointed by President Barack Obama to lead US EPA's Great Lakes Regional Office and was head of the US delegation that negotiated the [2012 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement](#).

She served as Environmental Counsel to the Illinois Attorney General and as head of the UN legal team that handled environmental claims from the first Gulf War. Susan now lives in Bayfield where she is active in the local community, serving on the [Plan Commission and Tree Board](#) and the board of the local community center and food pantry.

Emily Lee is a student at the University of

Wisconsin-Stevens Point pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Water Resource Management with a minor in Political Science. Emily is also a founding member of the [UWSP WGF student chapter](#), which she helped form in the fall of 2022.

Emily has grown up surrounded by natural resources, and is excited for this opportunity to make a difference in conservation work. She enjoys spending time outdoors when she isn't studying, and is excited to join WGF's board as our first student board member!

To read more about the WGF Board of Directors, visit our website [here](#).



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Board

Get Involved in Wisconsin Conservation

Serve as an Artist in Residency 2023 Mentor: The **University of Wisconsin, Madison at Trout Lake Station** in Boulder Junction, Wisconsin, in partnership with the **Lac du Flambeau Tribal Natural Resources Department** and the **Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Northern Highland Fishery Research Area** seek three artists to mentor college interns on the diverse ways they can use art to interpret local science focused on our waterways. The goal of this program is to teach student interns to connect and communicate an existing water related topic in a regional community by combining art, science, and diverse methods of communication.

Learn more here, applications for mentors are due December 19th.

Save the Date: Wisconsin Chapter of The Wildlife Society Winter Meeting and 50th Anniversary Celebration: WCTWS will be holding its 52nd winter meeting in La Crosse, WI on January 31st - February 2nd with the theme "Bridging the Gap: Blending Research and Management." There will be a social celebrating WCTWS's 50th anniversary on Tuesday the 31st. The social will look back on the history of WCTWS, recognize past award recipients and board members, and look forward to the coming years. Many WGF wildlife work group members will also be in attendance, and will hold an in-person work group meeting the morning of the 31st.

Visit **WCTWS's website** for more information and to register. Early bird registration closes on December 22nd.

Apply for Upper Sugar River Watershed Association Executive Director Position: The Upper Sugar River Watershed Association is hiring an Executive Director to guide the organization into its next chapter of conserving the Upper Sugar River watershed. The Executive Director will partner with the staff, Board of Directors, volunteers, local farmers, community members, Wisconsin

Department of Natural Resources staff, and donors to lead the organization to successfully accomplish goals outlined in their recent strategic plan, "A Healthy Watershed for All."

Applications close December 23rd, [learn more here](#).

Apply for the Vilas County Tourism and Publicity Manager Position: Vilas County is hiring a Tourism and Publicity Manager to develop and execute a long-term marketing plan focused on making Vilas County a premiere vacation destination. The Manager will plan, develop, and implement programs while collaborating with local chambers, a marketing agency, and other stakeholders.

Click here to learn more and apply.

Wisconsin Conservation News

PBS Wisconsin University Place episode featuring WGF's Will Vuyk: [Snakes Where We Live: The Urban Ecology of Serpents](#)

Wisconsin's Green Fire needs your support. Your donation assures that conservation issues around the state are addressed with the best scientific information available.

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Tomorrow!**

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