

July - Sept 2019 Outreach Summary

This document provides a summary of outreach events and activities led by Land & Water Resources Department staff. In addition to these events, we support park friends group's and other conservation group's events that are not reflected in this summary.

PROGRAMS/CAMPAIGNS

- New [Chapter 49 Webpage](#) with online "book an appointment" option
- [Leaf-free Streets for Clean waters](#) – encourage residents to sign up for rain alerts and remove leaves from the street. Tools online to help share this message.

JULY

Tables and Displays

- July 13 - Bastille Day Lakefest Rainfall Simulator Demonstrations (Shawn Esser, Jess Starks, Susan Sandford)

Presentations

- July 11 - American Family Institute Kitchen Table Talk "How Healthy Are Our Lakes?" (Kyle Minks)
- July 11 - Weed & Wildflower Nature Walk at Silverwood County Park (Lars Higdon)
- July 18 - County Conservationist Meeting "Dane County's Certificate of Use Program" (Amy Piaget)
- July 30 - Weeds & Wildflowers Nature Walk at Anderson Farm County Park (Lars Higdon)
- July 30 - Jim Gerrish Pasture Walk at Highland Springs Farm (Marie Raboin)

Workshops and Training

- July 2 - Volunteer Training Series - Certified Land Steward Orientation (Lars Higdon, Shane Otto, Rhea Stangel-Maier)
- July 16 - Volunteer Training Series - Strengthening Friends Groups (Rhea Stangel-Maier and Mindy Habecker)
- July 29 - Volunteer Training Series - Certified Land Steward Orientation (Lars Higdon, Shane Otto, and Rhea Stangel-Maier)

Youth/Family Activities

- July 9 – Youth Environmental Leadership Experience – Stormwater presentation (Christal Campbell)

Volunteer Events

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- July 1 - Seed collecting at Walking Iron County Park (Lars Higdon)
- July 8 - Seed collecting at Ice Age Trail, M (Lars Higdon)
- July 9 - Volunteer Restoration Workday at Walking Iron County Park (Lars Higdon)
- July 10 - Seed collecting at Schoenberg Marsh (Shane Otto)
- July 10 - Volunteer Restoration Workday at Lake Farm County Park (Rhea Stangel-Maier)
- July 12 - Volunteer Restoration Workday at Brigham County Park (Lars Higdon)
- July 16 - Seed collecting at Goodland County Park (Lars Higdon)
- July 18 - Seed collecting at CamRock County Park (Lars Higdon)
- July 19 - Volunteer Restoration Workday at Token Creek County Park (Lars Higdon)
- July 23 - Volunteer Restoration Workday at Walking Iron County (Lars Higdon)
- July 26 - Volunteer Restoration Workday at Donald County Park (Lars Higdon)

AUGUST

Tables and Displays

- August 22 - Soil Health Field Day in Oconomowoc Rainfall Simulator Demonstration (Marie Raboin and Etic Krueger)
- August 27 - Farmers for the Upper Sugar River Rainfall Simulator Demonstration (Marie Raboin)

Presentations

- August 2 - Reimer Family Farm "In Her Boots" (Marie Raboin)
- August 6 - Verona Public Library "Prairie Moraine Vegetation Plan" (Lars Higdon and Chris James)
- August 19 - Pasture Walk at Amera Dairy (Marie Raboin)
- August 21 - Grasslands Restoration Network Conference: Walking Iron Park Tour (Lars Higdon)

Workshops and Training

- August 8 - Volunteer Training Series - Certified Land Steward Orientation (Lars Higdon, Shane Otto, Rhea Stangel-Maier)
- August 9 - Pheasant Branch Conservancy volunteer stream monitor training (Matt Diebel)

Youth/Family Activities

- August 11 - Barks for Parks Fundraiser for Dane County Dog Parks (Parks staff)
- August 16 - Lil' Explorers: Pollinators at Lussier Family Heritage Center (Michelle Testrake)

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- August 1 - Baker Tilly & Clean Lakes Alliance Volunteer Work Project at Lake Farm County Park (Rhea Stangel-Maier, Lars Higdon and Adam Alves)
- August 13 - Volunteer Restoration Workday at Walking Iron County (Lars Higdon)
- August 20 - Seed collecting at Lake Farm County Park (Lars Higdon)
- August 23 - Seed collecting at Schumacher County Park (Lars Higdon)
- August 27 - Volunteer Restoration Workday at Walking Iron County (Lars Higdon)

SEPTEMBER

Tables and Displays

- Sept 19 - NASECA Rice Lake Classroom/Field Event Rainfall Simulator Demonstration (Theresa Nelson)
- Sept 21 – Black Women's Wellness Day Parks and Recreation Opportunities (Rhea Stangel-Maier and Susan Sandford)

Presentations

- Sept 17 - Badger Prairie Walking Tour for Verona Library Monarch exhibit (Lars Higdon)
- Sept 17 - Oregon Rotary “Water Management in Dane County” (Laura Hicklin)
- Sept 24 – Clean Lakes Alliance Yahara Lakes 101: Suck the Muck public tour and talk with Joe Parisi (John Reimer, Darren Marsh, and Kyle Minks)
- Sept 24 - Farmers for the Upper Sugar River board meeting “Chapter 49 Overview” (Amy Piaget)

Workshops and Training

- Sept 20 - Volunteer Training Series - Saw & Brush Cutter Maintenance (Roland Arndt)
- Sept 26 - Rainfall Simulator and Enviroscape Training for Sun Prairie High School students (Christal Campbell)

Youth/Family Activities

- Sept 3 - Afternoon at Capital Springs Dog Park (Lael Pascual and Susan Sandford)
- Sept 13 - Koshkonong Trails Middle School - seed collection at CamRock County Park (Lars Higdon)
- Sept 18 - Country Day School - seed collection at Yahara Heights County Park (Lars Higdon)
- Sept 25 – Prairie Pheonix Academy - Spring Geology and Prairie Ecology (Micah Kloppenburg and Elliot Mergen)

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- Sept 3 - Seed Cleaning (Lars Higdon)
- Sept 5 - Seed collecting at Lake Farm County Park with Clean Lakes Alliance volunteers (Rhea Stangel-Maier and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 6 - Seed collecting at Indian Lake County Park (Lars Higdon)

- Sept 12 - Seed collecting at Lake Farm County Park with Clean Lakes Alliance volunteers (Rhea Stangel-Maier and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 13 - Seed collecting at CamRock County Park (Lars Higdon)
- Sept 17 - Seed Cleaning (Lars Higdon)
- Sept 18 - Seed collecting at Yahara Heights County Park (Lars Higdon)
- Sept 20 - Seed collecting at Pheasant Branch Conservancy (Lars Higdon)
- Sept 24 - Volunteer Restoration Workday at Walking Iron County (Lars Higdon)
- Sept 25 - Seed collecting with Swamplovers volunteers (Lars Higdon)
- Sept 25 - Seed collecting at Lake Farm County Park (Micah Kloppenburg and Rhea Stangel-Maier)
- Sept 27 - Seed collecting at Indian Lake County Park (Lars Higdon)