

January – March 2022 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.

Recurring Programs and General Announcements:

- **Plant Dane** - 28060 plants sold. 3312 plants donated to school and community projects
- The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board approved a donation of a bike trail in Lake Kegonsa State Park from Dane County at their April 13th meeting.
- **Conservation Awareness Poster Contest** "Healthy Soil: Healthy Life" 27 entries from students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Presentations

- January 24 – "Plant Dane/Adopt A Storm Drain" presentation at the Sustainable Stoughton Meeting (Christal Campbell)
- Feb 10 - "Recent Progress in Watershed Management in Dane County, Wisconsin" presentation to the UW-Madison Watershed Management class (Matt Diebel)
- Feb 16 – "Managing Manure" presentation at the BFF Manure Management meeting (Amy Piaget)
- Feb 23 – "Fitting Cover Crops into your Rotation" presentation to farmers at the Wisconsin Cover Crop Conference (Marie Raboin)
- Feb 24 – "You, Me, & the USLE" virtual webinar (All Water Resource Engineering division staff)
- March 4 - "Outside the Box: Creative Ways to Leverage Partnerships, Funding and Resources to Further Conservation Efforts" presentation at the WI Land and Water Conference (Kyle Minks)
- March 8 - "Native Plants for Wildlife and Water Quality" presentation to the VA Farms & Gardens Virtual Garden Club (Theresa Nelson)
- March 10 – "Legacy Sediment" presentation at the WDNR TMDL Coordination Meeting (John Reimer/Kyle Minks)
- March 10 – "Recreational Opportunities" Dane County Public Informational Meeting on Waste & Renewables Sustainability Campus (Joleen Stinson / Chris James)
- March 10 – "Conservation Programs and Cover Crops" presentation to farmers in Paoli University (Marie Raboin)
- March 11 – "How to get started: Building a simple web application with R Shiny" presentation at the American Water Resources Association - Wisconsin Chapter Annual Meeting (Matt Diebel)

- March 22 - Storm Drain Mural Presentation to Randall Elementary School (Christal Campbell)
- March 24 - Storm Drain Mural Presentation to Spring Harbor Middle School (Christal Campbell)

Volunteer Training Series

- Jan 11 - Successful Event Planning, Social Media and Communications (Joleen Stinson/Lael Pascual/ Susan Sandford)
- Jan 25 – Friends Group Organization and Incorporation (guest speaker)
- Feb 8 - Grant Writing Workshop (guest speaker)
- Feb 19 - Volunteer Recruitment, Management, & Projects (Claire Lamberg/ Lars Higdon)
- Feb 22 – Membership and Fundraising (guest speaker)
- March 1 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Workshop (Lael Pascual, Claire Lamberg, Susan Sandford, Jess Starks)
- March 5 - Pesticide Applicator Training/Review Session with Certification Exam (Adam Alves)
- March 8 - Interpretive Signage and Design (guest speaker)

Youth and Family

- Jan 8 – Youth Volunteers for Conservation - Woodland conservation @ Capital Springs Recreation Area (Micah Kloppenburg)
- Jan 12 - Pop-ups in the Park Owl Walk @ Capital Springs Recreation Area (Amy Cox)
- Jan 18 - Girl's Inc. Adventure Club @ Goodman Community Center (Amy Cox)
- Jan 22 - Winter Fun Outdoor Gear Demo and Fun Day with the Sierra Club at WG Lunney Lake Farm County Park (Lael Pascual/Micah Kloppenburg)
- Jan 31 - Get Outside! @ Cherokee Marsh Natural Area with the Kennedy-Heights Community Center (Amy Cox)
- Feb 1 - Girl's Inc. Adventure Club @ Picnic Point with Goodman Community Center and East High School (Amy Cox)
- Feb 11 - Lil' Explorers @ the Lussier Family Heritage Center (Amy Cox)
- Feb 11 - Pop-ups in the Park Snowshoe @ Badger Prairie County Park (Micah Kloppenburg)
- Feb 12 – Youth Volunteers for Conservation - Woodland conservation @ Stewart Lake County Park (Micah Kloppenburg)
- Feb 19 - Youth Volunteers for Conservation - Backyard Bird Count @ WG Lunney Lake Farm County Park (Micah Kloppenburg)
- Feb 23 - Pop-ups in the Park Owl Walk @ Lewis Nine-Springs E-way (Amy Cox)
- March 1 - Girl's Inc. Adventure Club @ Capital Springs Recreation Area with Goodman Community Center and East High School (Amy Cox)
- March 4 – Tree Identification @ WG Lunney Lake Farm County Park with New Century School (Amy Cox)
- March 4 – Volunteer Brush Removal @ Gilman Mounds with Shabazz High School (Micah Kloppenburg)
- March 7 – Get Outside! @ Lussier Family Heritage Center with Kennedy-Heights Community Center (Amy Cox)

- March 12 - Youth Volunteers for Conservation – Prairie Seeding @ Donald County Park (Micah Kloppenburg)
- March 15 - Girl's Inc. Adventure Club @ REI with Goodman Community Center and East High School (Amy Cox)
- March 18 - Girl's Inc. Adventure Club Birding @ W.G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park (Amy Cox/Lael Pascual)
- March 23 – Tree Exploration with Bayview Community Center (Amy Cox)

Workshops and Training

- January 24 - Wildfire/Prescribed Burn Training for volunteers (Shane Otto/Lars Higdon/Claire Lamberg)
- Feb 21 - Winter Trail Maintenance training at the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association's Annual Conference (Joleen Stinson / Bert Schwab / Eric Eisle)
- March 8 – Native Landscaping: A Solution to Pollution Webinar (Christal Campbell/Theresa Nelson)

Volunteer Events

This includes events hosted or supported heavily by staff but is not a complete list of events hosted by parks friends groups or other conservation groups in the county.

Native Seeds:

- January – Three days of prairie seed mixing, weighing and bagging with volunteers @ Libby Rd. Facility (Lars Higdon/Tom Klein/ Jaedan Festge/ Claire Lamberg)
- Feb/March –prairie planting events at CamRock County Park; Walking Iron County Park, and Pheasant Branch Conservancy (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto/Claire Lamberg/Tom Klein)

Prescribed Burns:

- March 28 – Capital Springs Disc Golf Course (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)

Workdays

- Jan-March – 14 tree and brush removal workdays at various park properties (Lars Higdon/ Shane Otto/ Tom Klein/Jaedan Festge/ Claire Lamberg/ Vince Schmitz)
- Jan-March –three Walking Iron County Park workdays (Lars Higdon/ Shane Otto/ Tom Klein/Jaedan Festge/ Claire Lamberg/ Vince Schmitz)