

July-Sept 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.

Presentations

- Aug 9 – “Introduction to Stormwater: Impacts and Solutions” Virtual and in person to the Stoughton Rotary Club Meeting (Claudia Guy)
- Sept 7 – Multiple presentations for the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association Region Meeting, including the Solar improvements, the Lower Yahara River Trail, and the seed collection program (Joleen Stinson/Shane Otto/ Chris James/Lars Higdon/Claire Lamberg)
- Sept 10 – “Summary of Restoration work on County Lands, including Brigham Park.” at the Blue Mounds Area Project Annual Picnic (Lars Higdon)
- Sept 14 – “Bike Dane Update” annual presentation for local units of government and the public to discuss status of regional bike trail projects that are currently being planned or developed (Chris James)
- Sept 15 – “Stormwater Pollution and Solutions” at the Mariposa Learning Center (Christal Campbell)
- Sept 21 – “Overview of Dane County Parks” at the Anderson Park Friends Annual Meeting (Joleen Stinson)
- Sept 27 – “Dane County Parks: Ecological Restoration & Volunteers” at Sun Prairie High School (Claire Lamberg & Shane Otto)
- Sept 29 – “Overview of Current Regional Trail Projects Led by Dane County” presentation with Joe Parisi at the Healthy Communities Summit. Included information about other initiatives to promote healthy and outdoor lifestyles for County residents (Chris James)
- Sept 30 – “Outdoor Recreation Wellness Benefits” at the Wisconsin Healthy Communities Summit (Joleen Stinson)
- Oct 5 – “Dane County Parks: Ecological Restoration & Volunteers” Virtual for the American Family Lunch and Learn (Claire Lamberg)
- Oct 17 - Natural Areas Program Overview and Volunteer Opportunities at the Green Tree Garden Club (Lars Higdon)

Community Events and Programs

- July 10 - Environmental Fun Fair at the Lussier Family Heritage Center with a Rainfall Simulator Demo (Susan Sandford/Landon Baumgartner/Megan Sullivan/Calliana Wickus/Christal Campbell/Claudia Guy)

- July 23 - Youth Fishing Event at Stewart Lake County Park (Lael Pascual, Pete Jopke, Curt Diehl)
- July 29 – Cycle of a Butterfly table activity at Olbrich Gardens Butterfly Day (Megan Sullivan/Emily Reed/John Anderson/Calliana Wickus/Grace Henes)
- August 2- - Rainfall Simulator Demo and Parks table at the Waste and Renewables Open House (Landon Baumgartner/Laurie Lambert/Amy Cox)
- August 8 - Full Moon Luminary Walk
- August 10 - Heritage Center nature activity at the Monarch Festival Oregon Nature Conservancy (Megan Sullivan)
- Aug 14 - Edgewood in the Community at W.G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park with Edgewood High School Students (Clare Carlson/Amy Cox)
- Sept 14 - Edgewood in the Community at Schumacher Farm with Edgewood High School Students (Claire Lamberg)
- September 18 – Barks for Parks at Prairie Moraine Dog Park (Susan Sandford/Chad Haanen/Taylor Mason)
- Sept 18 - Rainfall Simulator Demo at Schumacher Farm Heritage Fest (Landon Baumgartner/Curt Diehl)
- Sept 24 - Rooted Harvest Festival with Rainfall Simulator and park info (Susan Sandford/ Laurie Lambert/ Landon Baumgartner)
- Monthly Disc Golf Popups with Karben4 Brewing and DCP Rangers June through September. Free discs to borrow and waived permit fees during the event.

Heritage Center Recurring Programs

Amy Cox, Megan Sullivan, Calliana Wickus, and John Anderson

- Lil' Explorers Outdoor Adventure – 7/1; 8/5; 9/2; 9/ 16; 10/7; 10/21
- Fishing Adventure – 7/1; 7/25; 7/29; 8/12
- Learn to Fish – 7/8; 7/22; 8/5; 8/19; 8/26
- StoryTime – 7/5; 7/12; 7/19; 7/26; 8/2; 8/9; 8/16
- Learn to Bike – 7/27; 8/3; 8/17; 8/24
- Owl Walk – 9/21; 10.12; 10/19
- Epic Recreational Adventure - 7/26
- Get Outside! with Goodman Center Girls Inc – 7/6; 8/1; 10/17
- Get Outside! with Bayview – 7/14; 8/2; 9/14; 9/20; 9/27; 10/4; 10/11; 10/18
- Get Outside! with Bridge Lakepoint Waunona – 7/18; 8/8; 8/9; 9/12; 10/10; 10/24
- Get Outside! with Kennedy-Heights Community Center – 7/18; 7/27; 8/15; 9/13; 9/20
- Paddles In the Park on the Sugar River (7/28; 9/8), Black Earth Creek (8/11) and the Lower Yahara River (10/9)
- Junior Naturalist Elementary – session 1 – six classes
- Junior Naturalist Middle with Centro Hispano - six classes
- Junior Naturalist Elementary – session 2 – six classes
- Junior Naturalist Middle – seven classes

- Junior Naturalist Elementary – session 3 – six classes

Workshops and Training

- July 26 - A Beginner's Guide to ISMTrack Workshop for Dane County Parks volunteers (Claire Lamberg)
- Aug 25 – Rain Garden Workshop for Friends of Lake Kegonsa and Kegonsa shoreline property owners (Susan Sandford/Christal Campbell)
- Sept 13 - ISMTrack Review and Practice Workshop for Dane County Parks volunteers (Claire Lamberg)
- Sept 17 - Habitat for Humanity Rain Garden Installation/Educational Event (Christal Campbell/Theresa Nelson)
- Sept 20/27 - Water Stewards Program with Sustain Dane (Christal Campbell)

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.

- 50 – Seed Collection Events at various County Park properties (Lars Higdon/ Shane Otto/ Claire Lamberg/Grace Henes/Tom Klein/ Jaedan)
- 12- Prairie Seed Cleaning Events (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- 3 - Seed Collection Events with Youth Volunteers for Conservation (Calliana Wickus)
- 10 - Volunteer Restoration Workdays at various parks (Lars Higdon/ Shane Otto/ Claire Lamberg)

There is a new [DCP volunteer newsletter and email interest lists](#) so people interested in volunteering can get notices and information straight to their inbox.

Tabling at Events

- Oct 5 – Dane County Parks info table at the Verona Farmers Market (Amy Cox/Megan Sullivan)

Interviews/Print

- Sept 2 – “Mississippi River and Vegetation and Fishery in the Yahara chain of lakes” I-Heart Radio Outdoors (Pete Jopke)
- Sept 26 – “Alternative Land Management – Goats” NBC15 (Lael Pascual)
- Sept 27 – “Small farm pollution can slip through the cracks and be hard to enforce” Wisconsin Examiner (Amy Piaget)