

Spring 2014

# St. Croix Headwaters Watershed Newsletter



A Partnership Between Citizens, Douglas County, WI DNR, UWS-LSRI, UWextension and Bayfield County

## Local Partners Begin New Project

This past fall, Douglas County received funding from the WI DNR Lake Management Protection Grant Program to begin a new project focused on the St. Croix Headwaters Watershed. The project encompasses portions of both Bayfield and Douglas counties (see map below.) The project is a result of citizen and government feedback on implementation priorities from a

comprehensive watershed study completed in 2009. The project goals and objectives will focus on preserving and improving the wetlands and water quality of the Headwaters, protecting and restoring critical aquatic and riparian habitat and preventing aquatic invasive species from spreading into and within the Headwaters. A preliminary

meeting was held in December to begin planning and to form a watershed advisory panel that will help guide project implementation and advise the development of a 5-year action plan.



*Carrie Sanda, previously the AIS Coordinator begins new role as the St. Croix Headwaters Watershed Coordinator*

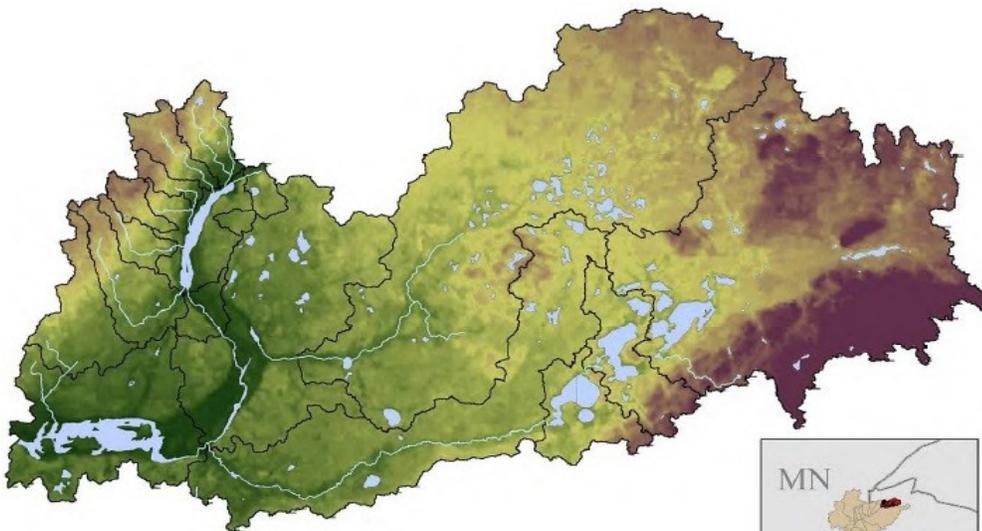


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### Special Points of Interest:

- **We're on the web!** Check out the Douglas County website for more information about the St. Croix Headwaters Watershed at: [www.douglascountywi.org](http://www.douglascountywi.org)
- **Love to garden?** Want to know how you can help keep lakes and rivers clean? Then check out our native plant and rain barrel sale. Both can reduce the amount of stormwater that enters waterways.



*How many lakes and rivers in the St. Croix Headwaters Watershed can you identify?*

## Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Sale



*A Rain Barrel Can Save Homeowners up to 1300 gallons of water during the peak summer months*

Rain Barrels \$55 each  
Compost Bins \$45 each

To order, fill out the form on page 4 or print one at [www.douglascountywi.org/rainbarrel](http://www.douglascountywi.org/rainbarrel)  
**Orders must be received by May 5th**

Pick Up Location: Barnes Town Hall,  
3360 County Hwy N, Barnes, WI

Pick Up Date/Time: Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>  
9:00am-2:00pm



*Compost enables soil to better retain nutrients, moisture and air for the betterment of plants*



## Money Available to Landowners to Implement Conservation Practices

If you are interested in improving your property and the St. Croix Headwaters Watershed, there is money available to help you! Cost-share funding is available through the Douglas County Land and Water Conservation Department to install conservation practices on private and public land.



*Rain gardens offer many benefits. They filter pollutants, recharge groundwater, reduce runoff, create native habitats and are beautiful!*

The cost-share rate is up to 70% of the total project cost. The cost of site survey, preparation of engineered designs, and other technical assistance is provided free to the landowner by Conservation Department staff.

The intent of these projects is to protect and improve water quality. Eligible projects include items such as:

- Shoreline Restoration
- Rain Gardens
- Wildlife Habitat

Contact the Watershed Coordinator for more information.

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## Native Plant Sale

Plants are offered in 4 different options. Each pack contains six different plants chosen carefully for their ability to flourish in the designated habitat. If you want to add beauty to your property, prevent erosion on your shoreline, or attract wildlife, it can all be accomplished with native plants. A small number of native trees will also be available on pick-up day, but supplies are limited, so come early! Plants supplied by Leaning Pine Native Landscapes and M & M Greenhouse.



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### Woodland Plant Pack

The Woodland pack is a special combination of plants that can survive in lower light conditions. Species included are a mixture of Columbine, Zig-Zag Goldenrod, Big Leaf Aster, New England Aster, Fox Sedge, Red Pine, White Pine, and Buxbaum's Sedge.



### Rain Garden Plant Pack

This pack consists of plants that are well adapted to lowland/wet conditions. Species included are a mix of Boneset, Swamp Aster, Sneezeweed, Blazing Star, Great Blue Lobelia, Monkey Flower, Culver's Root, Iron Weed, Golden Alexander, Brown Eyed Susan, Showy Tick Trefoil, Milkweed & more.



### Butterfly Garden Plant Pack

This pack is a combination of beautiful flowering plants that butterflies find particularly attractive. Species included are a mixture of Columbine, Butterfly Weed, Cardinal Flower, Sky Blue Aster, Wild Bergamot, Purple Coneflower, Black Eyed Susan, and Hyssop.



### Shoreline Protection Plant Pack

This pack is specially designed to flourish in riparian habitats and will provide erosion protection for your shoreline/riverbank. Species included are a mix of Big Bluestem and Canada Blue Joint Grasses, Bottlebrush Sedge, Joe Pye Weed, Swamp Milkweed, Blue Vervain, and Blue Flag Iris.



# Learn About Your Lakes—A Fun and Entertaining Family Event!

## It Isn't Easy Being Green: Frogs In & Around Your Lake

*With John Haack, Natural Resource Educator, UW Extension*

Learn frog calls and fun facts about Wisconsin frogs. Handle live frogs and get tips for helping frogs in and around your lake.

- 1) Barnes Town Hall  
July 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am-11am
- 2) Solon Springs Community Center  
July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1pm-2pm



## Loonie About Loons!

*Northland College Loon Watch*



Learn about loon migration, nesting, calling and other fascinating loon facts. Get a free loon poster and learn what you can do to help loons.

- 1) Solon Springs Village Hall  
July 26<sup>th</sup>, 10am-11am
- 2) Barnes Town Hall  
July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1pm-2pm

## Bears, Beavers, Bunnies and Birds!

*With Chris Cold, Wildlife Educator, Wisconsin DNR*

Learn about the fun, fascinating (and occasionally nuisance) animals that inhabit our lakes and shorelands. Meet live critters and get tips about caring for shoreland wildlife.



- 1) Barnes Town Hall  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am-11am
- 2) Solon Springs Village Hall  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1pm-2pm



Join us for these **FREE** "Learn About Your Lakes" programs. Just let us know which session(s) you plan to come to by emailing Carrie Sanda, at [csanda@uwsuper.edu](mailto:csanda@uwsuper.edu) or calling (715) 394-8525.

### Rain Barrel, Compost Bin, Plant Pack Order Form

\*\*Orders must be received by May 5<sup>th</sup>\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to (check all that apply):

- receive email updates on the Watershed Program
- hear about volunteer opportunities
- learn more about cost share opportunities to protect and/or improve my shoreline or woodland property
- hear about upcoming events and/or workshops



Please send check made out to UW-Superior and this order form to:

Carrie Sanda  
UW-Superior, Old Main 324  
801 N. 28th Street  
Superior, WI 54880

Item	Quantity	Cost	Total
Shoreline Protection Plant 6-Pack		x \$7.00 each =	
Butterfly Garden Plant 6-Pack		x \$7.00 each =	
Woodland Plant 6-Pack		x \$7.00 each =	
Rain Garden Plant 6-Pack		x \$7.00 each =	
Compost Bin		x \$45.00 each=	
Rain Barrel		x \$55.00 each=	
<i>Ex: Rain Garden Plant 6-Pack</i>	2	<i>x \$7.00 each =</i>	<i>\$14.00</i>
<b>Total Due</b>			<b>\$</b>