

North America's
Great Lakes



Who We Are

- Powerful resource supporting communities
- Help thousands of local groups
- Well over \$1.5 million given away
- 19 year history
- Work collaboratively with groups large and small



Freshwater Future brings together groups from around the Great Lakes region

What We Do

- Spark action to protect rivers, lakes and wetlands
- Promote citizen involvement in decision-making



“We have come to see that land use carelessness in each local sensitive area creates a cumulative impact damaging the water quality and the aquatic habitats of Lake Superior.” – Glen Dale, President, Shoreline Stewardship Association

Why We Do It:

- Citizens can and do make a difference



How We Do It:

- Grants programs
- Strategy and Capacity Building Assistance
- Networking
- Resources



Where We Are



- We are at work in kitchens, living rooms, communities, wetlands and shores in:



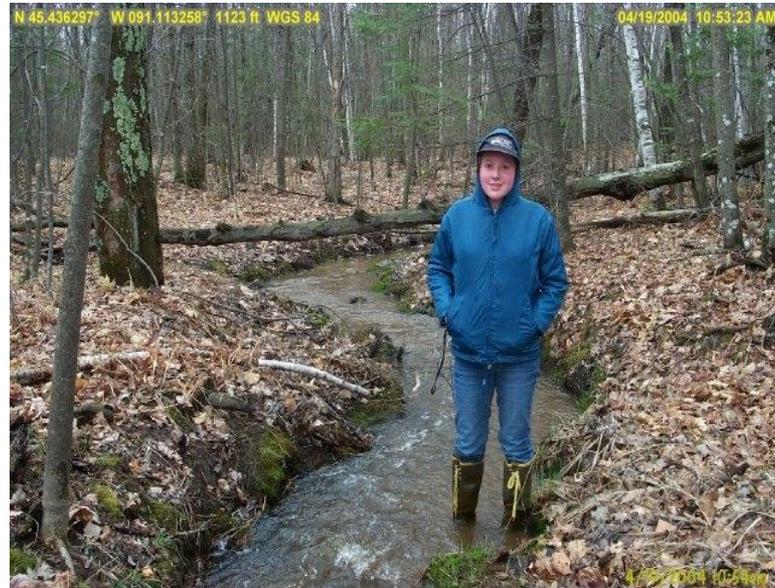
Overview

Provide examples of:

- How citizen groups use information
- How citizen monitoring information has been beneficial to improved decision making
- Opportunities to enhance the benefits of citizen monitoring input and utilization

Utilizing Information from Multiple Sources for Analysis

Thanks to Wisconsin Resources Protection Council, Stream C, a tributary of the Flambeau River, was added to the Clean Water Act's Section 303(d) list



Partnering with Agencies to Make Citizen Collected Information Useful



Dorothy Lagerroos – Founder, BRWA



Bad River Watershed Association identified a serious need and collected information that was used for restoration work by federal and state agencies.

Making Citizen Information Useful in Environmental Decisions

The Yellow Dog River Watershed Preserve and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community raised hundreds of thousand of dollars for baseline and continued monitoring work. Their work is demonstrating the appearance of anomalies in ground and surface water.



Volunteers on the Yellow Dog River.
Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve

Making Citizen Information Useful in for Existing Management Plans

Save Lake Superior
Association
documented the
negative impacts of
waterfall and beaver
dam removals to the
aquatic life.



Lester River in Duluth, MN
Photo by Aaron Roe Fulkerson

Baseline Information: What Do We Need To Know?



Farms not Factories is looking for baseline information about air and water quality due to concerns about a CAFO proposed in their community.

Optimizing Citizen Input

- Ease of information organization – input from stakeholders
- Identify how, or a contact to connect with, to collect information in a manner that will be usable.
- Create a well advertised, easy forum for new groups to engage
- Advertise opportunities for citizen monitoring input

Help us identify what information is missing



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