



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

BAD RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

It was an exciting year for the organization. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the expansion of BRWA's service area east to the state line and up the Bayfield Peninsula to include all waters that flow into Chequamegon Bay.

BRWA was awarded nine grants totaling \$319,000 including the organization's single largest grant of \$229,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for fish passage restoration.

2015 saw a change in activities affecting the water resources of the region. GTAC formally withdrew its pre-application for open-pit iron mining in the Penokees; while two agricultural concentrated animal feeding operations submitted permit applications. These events caused us to shift our water quality monitoring site priorities.

The Karen Danielsen Outstanding Stewardship Award was presented to a team of water quality monitors at the Spot's Trivia Night; and BRWA, along with several area groups and individuals, was recognized by the Wisconsin Wetlands Association.



*Bruce Prentice & Steve Baumgardner
Karen Danielsen Award Recipients*



*Wetland Award Recipient
Wisconsin Wetlands Association*

Accomplishments 2015

Membership: 348
Volunteers: 83 (12 new)
Volunteer Hours: 310
Monitored Sites: 32

Events Offered: 8
Events Attended: 12
Culverts Replaced: 3
Stream Miles Opened: 3



Wildcat Road Culvert Replacement



EPA presentation

Program: Guide the water quality monitoring and restoration programming to ensure that BRWA's mission is supported, extended and strategizes to improve the efficacy of efforts.

- ◆ Finalized Volunteer Water Monitoring Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), submitted to DNR
- ◆ Submitted data to DNR Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS) database
- ◆ Re-established E. coli monitoring
- ◆ Organized the Penokee Monitoring Data Discussion
- ◆ Presented at EPA Lake Superior Environmental Monitoring Collaborative meeting

Accomplishments

Citizen Outreach: Reaching members and non-members with information about BRWA work, activities, opportunities, and issues critical to the health of our watershed.

- ◆ Implemented a targeted Angler membership campaign
- ◆ Created the “Superior Quality” informational brochure
- ◆ Organized eight public outreach events and attended 12 events
- ◆ Organized BRWA Trivia Night at the Spot



Logging in the White River Talk



Iron Co. Waterfall Tour

Accomplishments

Emerging Issues: Staying current on issues that may affect water quality within the watershed. Attend public meetings, provide comment, and write opinion articles.

- ◆ Attended Joint Mining Impact Committee meetings and provided comments
- ◆ Attended Bayfield Co. Large-scale Livestock Study Committee meetings and provided comments
- ◆ Provided comments to the Wisconsin DNR regarding proposed mining and CAFO developments



Sen. Janet Bewley & David Saetre host BRWA donor event from their home on the White River

Fundraising: Identify, plan and coordinate efforts to increase unrestricted funding to support the mission of the organization.

- ◆ Developed 2015 fundraising plan
- ◆ Organized and carried out Annual Membership Appeal, End of Year Giving, Giving Tuesday campaign, Donor Event, and the Winter Raffle

Volunteers

Al Kirschbaum
Alex Engleson
Allie Raven
Amaya Cloud
Ana Tochterman
Andrea Pokrzywinski
Andy Goyke and Students
Andy Teal
April Stone Dahl
Asher Maliepaard
Avantika D'Cruz
Bigit Khadka
Bill Smith
Bob Traczyk
Bobbi Rongstad
Bret Deutcher
Bruce Prentice
Charlene D'Cruz
Chase Matzinger
Cherie Pero
Cindy Glase
Daniel Scudder
Darlene Charboneau
David Rekemeyer
David Saarinen
David Saetre
Dawn White
Denise Ciebien
Diane Daulton
Dick Rewalt
Dick Thiede

Ed Kolodziejski
Elizabeth Rossberger
Elizabeth Scudder
Eric Ellason
Frank Wroblewski
Fred Stein
Gregg Jennings
Jake Brown
Jane Thimke
Jane Weber
Jason Fischbach
Jeff Musselman
Jim Brennan
Jim Nevins
Joan Elias
Joe Cook
Joel Austin
Joy Perry
Karen Saarinen
Karin Kozie
Kate Bortell
Kevin Schanning
Lauren Tuori
Laurence Wiland
Marba Pogue
Mark Eggeson
Matt Hudson
Mellen School
Michelle Heglund
Molly Schmidt
Monie Shackelford

Nancy Kendzierski
Naomi Tillison
Pam Roberts
Phil Sorensen
Rachel Coughtry
Rebecca Vantrease
Rena Stone Dahl
Rick Charboneau
Ron Nemeč
Rowan Tuori
Ruth Brennan
Sara Moses
Sarah Nevins
Shari Eggeson
Sharon Anthony
Shea Schachmeyer
Silas Stone Dahl
Sjana Schanning
Steve Baumgardner
Suren D'Cruz
Thom Rossberger
Tom Doolittle
Tom Erickson
Tom Podlesny
Tommy Rossberger
Tracey Ledder
Ulf Gafvert
Val Damstra
William Rossberger
Zach Wilson



Macroinvertebrate Monitoring



Water Chemistry Monitoring

Donors

Alfred & Jacquelyn Anderson
 Angela Larson
 Angie & Nate Schoeppach
 Ann Demorest
 April & Jarrod Stone Dahl
 Art Techlow III
 Barbara Brown
 Barbara Cunningham
 Beth Horning
 Betty & Bill Schell
 Bill & Cindy Heart
 Bill & Phyllis Lampson
 Bob & Pat Tammen
 Bob & Reba Rice
 Bob Armstrong
 Bob Blaszkowski
 Bro / Brown Family
 Bruce & Joleen Prentice
 Bruce Kehler
 Bruce Moore
 Buckles / Ray Family
 Cablk Linder Family
 Carl & Jean Kubley
 Carol Shaddy Family
 Carolyn Sneed
 Carroll Judd
 Catherine Miller
 Cathy Techtmann
 Cathy Zimmerman
 Charlene Herron-Jordan
 Charles Ortmann
 Chartier / Oakley Family
 Chase Matzinger
 Chequamegon Food Cooperative
 Chester Bauer
 Chris Monaghan
 Claire Barnett
 Clay P Sterling
 Colleen Matula Family
 Craig & Anne Wickman
 Craig Shanks
 Dane & Paula Bonk Family
 Daniel & Elizabeth Scudder
 Dara Unglaube
 Darlene & Richard Charboneau
 Daulton / Wilson Family
 Dawn Olson
 David & Karen Saarinen
 David & Susan Sederholm Family
 David & Terri Bahe
 David Henning
 David Rekemeyer
 David Stanford
 Dawn White
 Deborah Dryer-Akl & Jason Akl
 Delta Diner
 Demaris Brinton & Theron O'Connor
 Denise Ciebien & Mike Fiorio
 Dennis & Pat Musil
 Dennis Gisvold
 Derek & Kim Ogle
 Diane Daulton
 Diane Reupert
 Dragonfly Studio
 Eldie & Catherine Tetzlaff Family
 Ellie Williams & Kevin Schram
 Eric Carlson & Ellen Kwiatkowski
 Erickson / Weber Family
 Ethel Plucinski Family
 Francesca Sutherland
 Freeman / Stein Family
 Gail Amundson
 Galilee Lake Association

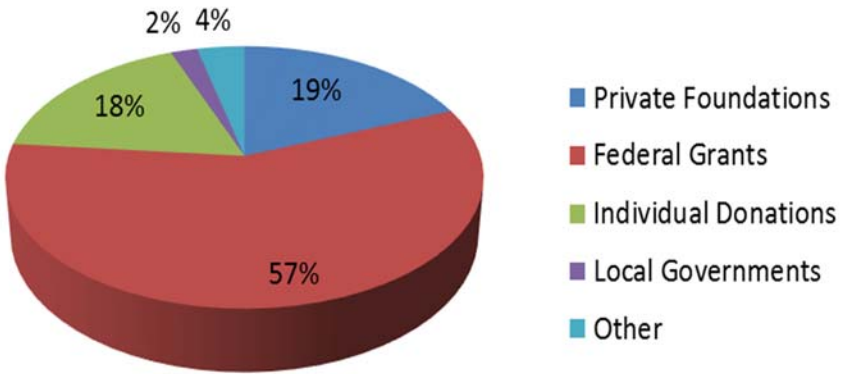
Gerald & Jane Christie
 Glen & Judy Bennington Family
 Glenn & Dianne Grage
 Grandon & Dorothy Harris
 Great Oak Farm
 Heinz & Janice Vogel Family
 Hermit Creek Farm
 Irene Blakely Family
 Iron County LWCD
 Jack & Anne Helgeson Family
 Jack & Mary Wichita Family
 Jagger / VanderMeulen Family
 James & Sieglinde Hess
 Jamie Tucker
 Jean & Josh Mazzella
 Jeff & Emily Blodgett
 Jeff & Mardy Ehrhardt
 Jeff & Susan Dean
 Jeff & Vicki Musselman
 Jeff Cate
 Jeff Silbert
 Jerry & Nancy Sellung
 Jill Haling
 Jim & Dee Christopher
 Jim & Maria Minikel
 Jim & Mimi Crandall
 Jim & Ruth Brennan
 Jim & Teresa Mead
 Jim Limbach
 Jo & Mike Bailey Family
 Joan & David Weber
 Joan Elias
 Joe Agostine & Susan Leigh
 Joe Cook
 Joe Shaffer
 John & Connie Franke
 John & Martha Stoltenberg
 John & Zoila Drost
 John Knitt
 Johnson / Damm Family
 Joseph & Christine Piel
 Joseph Damrell
 Joy & Jim Perry Family
 Judy & Dave Groh
 Julia Waggoner Family
 Karin Kozie & Bill Route
 Kathy & David Allen Family
 Kathy Trochlell
 Kathy Wendling
 Keith & Carol Sowl
 Keith & Laura Carlson
 Ken & Darlene Raspotnik Family
 Kent & Judy Goeckermann
 Kent & Patricia Shifferd
 Kevin & Sjana Schanning
 Kevin Brewster
 Kolesar / Soltesz Family
 Kurt & Laurie Schmude
 La Mer Riehle
 La Pointe Iron Company
 Lagerroos / McNurlin Family
 Landis & Steven Spickerman
 Laurence Wiland Family
 Leslie Paynter
 Linda Barnes
 Linda Jorgenson & Jack Gunderson
 Littell / Thomas Family
 Lois Osterberg
 Louis & Kathy Wuest
 Lynn Gransee
 Magge Ericson
 Margaret Webster

Marina Lachecki & James Kasperson
 Mark & Lisa Abeles-Allison
 Mark & Mary Jean Johnson
 Mark & Pam Dryer
 Mary & Duane Garness
 Mary Agostine
 Mary Ann Churchill
 Mary Bard
 Mary Sue Waxler
 Matthew Theroux & Barbara Heqet
 McDowell / Taylor Family
 Meghan & Neil Dennison
 Michael & Theresa Stafford
 Michael McKenna & Lea Rolfesen
 Michael Mertes
 Michael Schoenebeck
 Michele & Jon Wheeler
 Mike & Cheryl Trieschmann
 Morris Lewis Jr.
 Morud / Mitchell Family
 Nancy & Steve Sandstrom
 Nancy Stencil
 Ned & Kathy Zuelsdorff Family
 Patagonia
 Paul & Barbara Baldwin
 Peter Ostlind
 Philomena Kebec
 Pri-Ru-Ta RCDA
 Ralph McCall
 Richard & Laura Yankee
 Richard & Susan Davis
 Robert & Marcia Traczyk
 Robert Croll
 Robert Jones Family
 Robert Jr & Sandra Dunne Family
 Robert Selk
 Robert Stanley
 Rolland & Joyce Kiel
 Ron & Linda Nemeck
 Ron & Patty Anderson
 Rongstad / Podlesny Family
 Rossberger Family
 Russell Adeel Family
 Sara & George Schultz
 Sara & Mayy Hudson Family
 Sarah Boles & Adrian Wydeven
 Scharlemann / Cochrane Family
 Sen. Janet Bewley & David Saetere
 Shari & Mark Eggleston Family
 Sheree Peterson Family
 SlickRock Marketing and Design Inc
 Sorensen / Zirngibl Family
 Sparta High School Earth Club
 Steve & Margaret Baumgardner
 Steve Warner
 Susan Mueller
 Susan Nelson
 Tana Turonie
 Teri & Ed Isaac Family
 Terry & Kay Peters
 Theodore & Pamela Griggs
 Thomas / Kravetz Family
 Thomas Piikkila
 Tony & Jean Wallner
 Tony & Tara Janisch
 Town of Bayview
 Town of Grand View
 Tracey Ledder Family
 Tracy Hames
 Tricia Rongstad
 Ulli Cords-Kastens
 Valerie & Ricky Damstra Family
 Walter R. Soulier Family

Finances

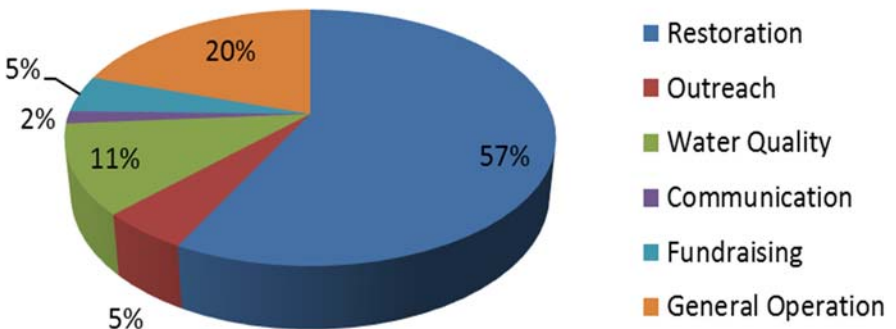
Revenue

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Private Foundations | \$36,077.37 |
| Federal Grants | \$109,831.46 |
| Individual Donations | \$33,641.43 |
| Local Governments | \$4,000.00 |
| Other | \$7,147.47 |
| Total Revenue | \$190,697.73 |



Expenditures

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Restoration | \$116,849.79 |
| Outreach | \$10,058.53 |
| Water Quality | \$22,889.34 |
| Communication | \$3,189.11 |
| Fundraising | \$9,429.95 |
| General Operation | \$40,579.35 |
| Total Expenditures | \$202,996.07 |



BRWA MISSION and VISION

Our Mission:

The mission of the Bad River Watershed Association is to promote a healthy relationship between the people and the natural communities of the Bad River Watershed by involving all citizens in assessing, maintaining, and improving watershed integrity for future generations.

Our Vision:

The Bad River Watershed Association envisions a future in which change and development within the watershed grow from a stewardship ethic that seeks to minimize ecological damage, while maximizing ecological and community health.



The Bad River Watershed Association is a community organization that works to involve all citizens in taking care of and enjoying their home watershed. We accomplish this by conducting educational programs and forums about how our watershed can be affected by the decisions we make. Members who contribute \$25 or more annually, or who volunteer for four hours or more, receive our newsletter and enjoy additional benefits such as free admittance to special events.