



## Annual Report 2010-2011

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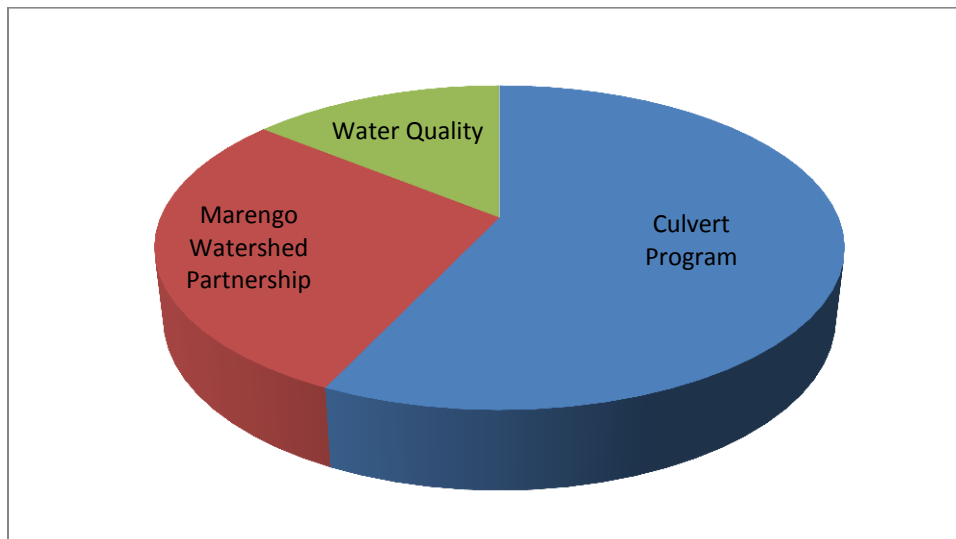
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A watershed describes a landscape where all water flows to a central point and joins together, regardless of its beginnings, on its journey towards a common place. A watershed is also a powerful symbol for the energetic connection that brings together people from a wide range of backgrounds and ideals towards a common purpose. This connection to the water and by the water brings about a powerful sense of ownership and responsibility to care for the watershed which provides so many services to us and unites us as a community.

Realizing this, a group of visionary individuals formed the Bad River Watershed Association (BRWA) in 2002 as a way to help connect people to the watershed that connects all of them. Today, the BRWA is a growing group of people who recognize the unique beauty of the Bad River watershed, the strength that it brings to the lives of those who live here and the need to make sure decisions on how to use land within the watershed are made with the best available knowledge concerning how those decisions alter watershed resources. This knowledge is a critical component to achieving a balance between the livelihood of individuals and families and the quality of the resources that sustain the livelihood, both now and into the future.

### Program Accomplishments



## **Watershed Action Program**

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- Continued the Marengo River Watershed Partnership (MRWP), a forum for community members and natural resource professionals to learn about their home watershed and take action to maintain and improve its health for future generations.
- Engaged nearly 200 people in four MRWP project partner gatherings, including a farm tour of conservation practices and a forum with local Town officials discussing implementation of their comprehensive plans.
- Led a workshop with 25 natural resource professionals to prioritize technical actions to maintain and improve the health of the Marengo River Watershed.
- Celebrated the release of the final draft of the Marengo River Watershed Action Plan (Marengo WAP) with nearly 100 supporters at Four Corners Saloon in December 2010. The plan includes nearly 80 specific actions and over 140 project ideas submitted by watershed residents that will maintain and improve the health of the Marengo River Watershed.
- Worked with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bad River Natural Resources Department, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to have the Marengo WAP approved for meeting EPA's nine elements for watershed plans; an important step in achieving plan implementation and the first collaboration of its kind in Wisconsin.

## **Water Quality Program**

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- Eight volunteers sampled for *E. coli* May 2010-October 2010 at 13 sites. Four new volunteers were recruited and trained to collect and incubate water samples for bacteria growth.
- Nine volunteers collected macroinvertebrates in the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 at 8 sites. Two new volunteers were recruited and trained to collect macroinvertebrates. Six volunteers participated in identification sessions held at Northland College.
- 18 volunteers conducted water chemistry monitoring at 25 sites. Three new volunteers were recruited and trained to use water chemistry kits. 14 volunteers participated in the annual water chemistry quality control session.
- Partnered with the Northland College May term classes led by Sharon Anthony, Andy Goyke and Randy Lehr to collect additional water chemistry, macroinvertebrate and stream habitat data in the Tyler Forks and Upper Bad River sub-basins in May 2011

- Initiated continuous temperature monitoring. BRWA staff placed temperature loggers at 9 sites in the watershed in May 2011, and developed temperature profiles for these sites.
- 15 sites in the six sub-basins of the Bad River Watershed now have four years of baseline water chemistry data. 13 sites now have four years of macroinvertebrate data.
- Developed baseline monitoring reports for all current monitoring sites and reported on the status of baseline conditions in the Bad River Watershed at a community forum in June 2011.

## **Culvert Program**

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- Worked with partners to restore two culvert fish passage barriers on Hager Road and unnamed tributaries to the Marengo River in the Town of Lincoln, Bayfield County. These projects restored access to approximately three stream miles of spawning area and fish habitat.
- Worked with partners to restore a fish passage barrier on Norman Creek in the Town of Anderson, Iron County. The existing culvert was replaced with a bridge. The project restored access to the upper 3.5 miles of this Class II trout fishery.
- Conducted pre and post restoration monitoring at all monitoring sites and control and reference sites with US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Summarized and presented culvert restoration monitoring data at the Institute on Lake Superior Geology Conference in Ashland, WI.

## **Organizational Developments**

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- *Communications Committee*  
Pam Roberts (Chair), Becky Sapper, Jo Bailey and Valerie Damstra organized 4 quarterly newsletters mailed to over 600 homes to update the community about BRWA activities and regional concerns. The committee also enhanced the website and created an organization Facebook page.
- *Program Committee*  
Darienne McNamara (Chair), Jedd Ungrodt, and Tracey Ledder connected with people and agencies using water data to verify that the data collected by BRWA is still a current need. The committee also worked to trim the budget for the water quality monitoring program, and began the transition to turbidity tubes to eliminate the use of reagents.
- *Fundraising Committee*

Kevin Brewster (Chair), Mary Wichita, Jack Wichita, Wendy Kloiber, Jim Crandall, and Bill Heart developed a Fundraising Plan outlining a path toward raising \$100 K by the end of the fiscal year. The committee also developed a major donor campaign and worked with staff to submit grant applications for program support.

- *Membership Committee*

Bob Rice (Chair), Mark Dryer, Joan Elias, Dane Bonk, and Valerie Damstra, evaluated the responsibilities of this committee and focused attention on adapting bylaws so BRWA could effectively move towards a paid membership structure.

## Financial Report

### **Expenses**

Programs	\$187,581
Operations	
<i>Management</i>	\$ 34,466
<i>Fundraising</i>	<u>\$ 2,070</u>
	<b>\$224,117</b>

### **Revenues**

Federal Grants	\$173,423
Private Foundations	\$ 12,000
Local contributions	\$ 27,540
Other (in-kind, etc.)	<u>\$ 8,400</u>
	<b>\$221,363</b>

## **BRWA Supporters**

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### *\$25 and under*

J.C. Moon  
Sixth Street Market  
Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival  
Jennifer DeLonay Family  
Alyssa Core  
Bruce Lindgren  
Cathy Zimmerman  
Chas Wilson  
Clyde Eilo Family  
Ethel Plucinski Family

Kolesar Soltesz Family  
Nancy Casperson  
Sweet Sailing  
Wil Losch  
Alfred Lundquist  
Allan A. & Ramona Hann Family  
Ashland County Market  
Benoit Cheese Factory  
Bodin's Fisheries  
Carl and Jean Kubley  
Christine Lindsey  
Dave Zepzyck  
David and Terri Bahe  
Diane Daulton  
Duke Kelly Family  
Elden and Catherine Tetzlaff Family  
Ellie Williams & Kevin Schram  
Gary Johnson  
Hidden Vue Farm  
Jane S. Smith  
Jean & Josh Mazzella  
Jeff & Vicki Musselman  
Jeff Silbert  
Jerold and Margaret Heino Family  
John Podlesny Family  
Ken & Darlene Raspotnik Family  
Kent & Patricia Shifferd  
Littel and Thomas Family  
Ma & Pa's Lighthouses  
Mary Rehwald  
Matt and Carol Bushman Family  
Michaela Wickman Photography  
Mike and Amy Amman  
Northland College  
Representative Janet Bewley  
Ruth Oppedahl Family  
Sarah Boles & Adrian Wydeven  
Sarah Traaholt Family  
Slavick Matis Family  
Sorensen Zirngibl Family  
Spirit Creek Farm  
Steve & Janet Mashl Family  
Suzanne Sanders  
Thomas Piikkila  
Tom and Connie Cogger Family

Tom Richardson Family  
UW Extension  
Washburn Cultural Center

**\$26-\$50**

Dymesich Family  
Hotel Chequamegon  
Nancy Willett & Ted Galdi  
Roslyn Nelson  
Stone's Throw Pottery  
Tony and Jean Wallner  
Big Top Chautauqua  
Cathy Techtmann  
Erickson Weber Family  
Faye L Liberty Fiber Arts  
Jeremy Oswald  
Scott Chapin  
#2 Septic Service  
Charmaine Swan Yoga LLC  
Lost Creek Adventures  
Ricky & Valerie Damstra Family  
A. W. Research Labs  
Al Kirschbaum & Jess Grochowski  
Allison and Dan Werner  
Andi Repko Family  
Biagio Nigrelli  
Bruce Moore  
Cablk Linder Family  
Carolyn Sneed Family  
Christina Strom & John Dursi  
David and Karen Saarinen  
Dennis Gisvold  
Donn & Ann Christensen  
Dr. Grace Heitsch  
Dr. Heinz and Janice Vogel Family  
Ehmann Parkinson Family  
Elizabeth Bader Family  
Hans & Ulli Cords Kastens Family  
Howard and Marilyn Sibbald Family  
James and Joanne Collins Family  
James Burtrum & Naomi Tillison  
Jim & Jane Emerson Family  
Jonathon Berthel  
Kate and Aaron Swanson

Kent & Judy Goeckermann  
Kurt and Laurie Schmude Family  
Michael Klump Family  
Michael Wiggins Jr. Family  
Mike Fitzgibbon Family  
Mlynarek Sorensen Family  
Ned & Kathy Zuelsdorff Family  
Parsonage Lull Family  
Plum Creek  
River Rock Bait Shop  
Rongstad Podlesny Family  
Erica Rosenfeld  
Ruth Lauritzen Family  
State Bank of Drummond  
Charmaine and Josh Swan Family  
Tana Turonie  
Teresa & Dennis Gunderson

***\$51-\$100***

Heart Graphics  
McDowell Taylor Family  
Valena Hofman  
Daulton and Wilson Family  
Pam Roberts & Brian Ledin  
Patrick Mayotte Family  
Chequamegon Food Cooperative  
Richard Berge  
Becky and Scott Sapper Family  
Roland and Birgit Wolff Family  
David Nortunen Family  
Eleanor Bussey Family  
Herman and Green Family  
Iron County Land and Water Conservation Dept  
Jedd & Heidi Ungrodt Family  
Jeff & Mardy Ehrhardt  
Johnson Damm Family  
Joy and Jim Perry Family  
Kevin & Sjana Schanning  
Landis & Steven Spickerman Family  
Linda Jorgenson and Jack Gunderson  
Pam & Michael Ryan

***\$101-\$200***

Diana and Kelly Randolph Family  
April & Jarod Stone-Dahl

Art Techlow  
Chartier Oakley Family  
Jo and Mike Bailey Family  
Pasture Perfect Poultry  
Steve & Margaret Baumgardner Family  
Bob & Reba Rice  
Hudson Helgeson Family  
Michele & Jon Wheeler  
Larson-Spangberg Family  
Authenticity Consulting  
Jack and Anne Helgeson Family  
Kelly McKnight Family  
Steve Riley  
Terry & Kay Peters  
Ron & Patty Anderson  
Shari & Mark Eggleston Family  
Dennis & Pat Musil Family  
Derek and Kim Ogle Family  
Elias Meeker Family  
Morud Mitchell Family  
Town of Marengo

***\$201-\$500***

Tom and Lisa Fratt Family  
Haugo Wyse Family  
Town of Gingles  
Town of Lincoln  
Tracey Ledder Family  
Gingras Family  
Glen and Judy Bennington Family  
McNamara Ciembronowicz Family  
Jim & Mimi Crandall  
Rolland & Joyce Kiel  
Mark & Pam Dryer  
Anonymous  
Town of Anderson  
Town of Grand View  
Wild Rivers Trout Unlimited  
River Alliance of Wisconsin- Druckery Grant

***\$501-\$1000***

Dan and Krista Bloomquist  
Hermit Creek Farm  
Dr. Deborah Dryer



***\$1001-\$5000***

Kevin Brewster  
Lagerroos McNurlin Family  
Dane & Paula Bonk Family  
Jack & Mary Wichita Family  
Bill & Cindy Heart  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Plum Creek Foundation

***Over \$5000***

Freshwater Future  
Johnson Family Foundation  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
US Forest Service - Chequamegon Nicolet Resource  
Advisory Committee