



## Superior Rivers Watershed Association Data-Sharing Policy

The Superior Rivers Watershed Association's (SRWA) Data-sharing Policy is designed to make data from the SRWA database as freely available as possible for academic, research, education, and other professional purposes. Our goal is to promote the use of the best available information to make informed decisions. In this spirit, SRWA has developed a formal request procedure to allow our data to be shared in a way that is fair and appropriate.

### Available Data

Our macroinvertebrate data and continuous temperature data are available at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Waters Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS) website. You may request access at the following address:

<http://prodoasjava.dnr.wi.gov/swims/login.jsp;jsessionid=QgQGRG4Qj8dpz19hvKh9InpFvNXP52nrhxKXWINLFXNT8YTfTLBT!-1340529116>.

Other data in the SRWA database include dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity, chloride, E. coli, phosphate, and nitrate. The period of record varies across sites.

### Requesting SRWA Data

A written request detailing the sites, dates and parameters of interest, must be submitted to the SRWA Executive Director via email ([info@superiorrivers.org](mailto:info@superiorrivers.org)) or hard copy letter (Superior Rivers Watershed Association, P.O. Box 875, Ashland, WI 54806). Requests must include a description of how the data will be used.

### Data Use Agreement

- The data user must realize that the data may be misinterpreted or taken out of context. We request that you contact SRWA's Executive Director with a copy of any paper, report, news article, or presentation using the data so that we may review and provide comments on the presentation of our data.
- The data user must acknowledge data were collected by the Superior Rivers Watershed Association in any presentations or publications resulting from the use of the data.
- The data user must provide two copies of any publications resulting from use of the data to SRWA.
- The data user must not redistribute original data and documentation without permission from SRWA.

**Citation**

Use of the data should acknowledge the SRWA monitoring programs. A generic citation for our databases is: <name of data set>, Superior Rivers Watershed Association (<http://www.superiorrivers.org/>), <contact person for data set>.

**Disclaimer**

While substantial efforts are made to ensure the accuracy of data, complete accuracy, completeness, reliability, or usefulness of data sets cannot be guaranteed. All data are made available "as is". Any data shared by the Superior Rivers Watershed Association are intended to be used in a manner consistent with the purposes for which and limitations under which they were gathered, compiled, or otherwise presented. The Superior Rivers Watershed Association, including its Board of Directors, employees, and agents assume no responsibility or liability for anyone's use of these data. By using the data, the user agrees he/she is entirely responsible for the use of the data and will hold harmless the Superior Rivers Watershed Association, its employees, and its authorized agents from any and all consequences, including all damages, costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees, resulting from the use of the data. Data users should be aware that we periodically update data sets.

I understand and agree to the provisions of SRWA's data sharing policy and disclaimer.

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Print name

Signature

Date