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## A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership –

Hopefully you have found our newsletter to be helpful and worthwhile. I want to thank the DNR and a River Planning Grant for providing funding for the first year of the newsletter and the beginning of our We All Live on the Water Seminar Series. As that funding is ending, it creates another reason for the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership to further develop our membership.



Why become a “Member of the LNRP?”

**We are unique** — no other organization in the Lakeshore does what we do to identify and support community-based efforts to design and deliver effective resource

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### Champion Award Reception and We All Live on the Water Seminar

December 4th from 6:30 to 9:00 pm  
Wisconsin Maritime Museum,

protection programs.

**We fulfill a critical role** — we actively increase community involvement and the capacity of local organizations and individuals to meet their need to protect the natural resources that underlie the basin's prosperity, quality of life and identity.

**We are effective** — our programs meet locally identified needs and support successful efforts that benefit residents and visitors. We are outcome-based, so that funders can be assured that goals are well-defined and met. Resources expended lead to best management practices being adopted in target areas and throughout the basin.

**We are a bridge** — linking interested philanthropists, foundations and businesses to the numerous conservation activities and opportunities within the basin. We do the legwork, due diligence and outcome assessment that assure that donated dollars are being used wisely and effectively. We are also a bridge between companion efforts in the basin, promoting partnerships and creative collaborations between organizations, policy makers and individuals.

**We are fiscally responsible** — we're proud of our track record as a "zero risk" not-for-profit organization, where 85% of revenues go directly to fund activities and evaluate projects. Spending our donors' dollars wisely is essential to our accomplishments and reputation.

**We are growing** — our organization is building on past successes. As local/regional needs increase, we will continue to foster pride and a sense of place within the communities and watersheds of the Lakeshore Basin.

Remember! The Lakeshore Basin provides an unsurpassed quality of life - a quality of life worth protecting and enhancing!

### **Become a member of LNRP!**

It's as easy as clicking here to our [membership](#) page!

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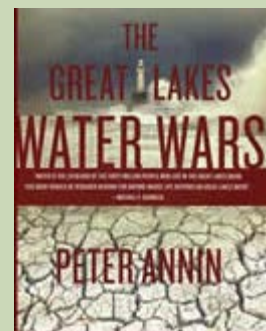
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## **Exhibit at the Rahr-WestArt Museum showcases Lakeshore Waterways**

A very accomplished group of artists have created the Water's Edge Artists group and worked with the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP) to develop the Lakeshore

### Manitowoc

Join us for an evening beginning with a book-signing reception with author Peter Annin who wrote the book "The Great Lakes Water Wars." The wine and appetizer reception will be followed by the presentation of the Champion of Conservation Environmental Awards and a talk by Peter.



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### **Drug Disposal Program**

December 5, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm  
JE Hamilton Community Center,  
Two Rivers

Unused medications present public health and safety concerns within the community.

Unfortunately, wastewater treatment plants don't remove one-hundred percent of the dissolved medications that come from local homes. Research has shown pharmaceutical chemicals are showing up in lakes and streams where they are beginning to harm fish populations.

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### **Ridges Holiday Hike and Campfire**

Ridges Sanctuary, Door County  
December 13th from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Come to the Ridges for a Pre-Holiday Party! There will be a hike in the gathering dusk for the adventuresome to see how the forest inhabitants prepare for winter. They'll also have a fire with

## Waterways Calendar.

An exhibit is being shown through November 8th at the Rahr-West Art Museum in Manitowoc. A reception with over 160 people in attendance was held on Sunday, October 26th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

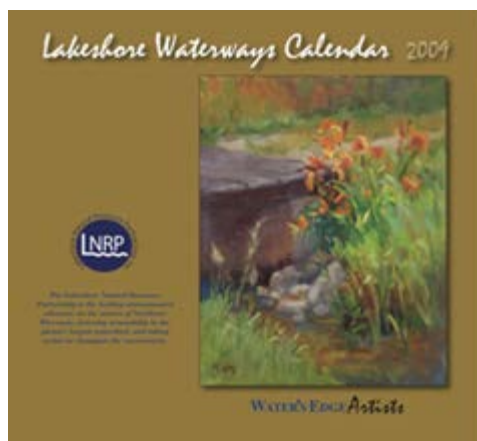


Artists (from left) Mary Rypel Anderson, Pam Clausen, Russ Schwindt, Mara Pionek,, Sandra Murzyn, and Bonnita Budysz pose with Rahr-West Director Barb Bundy-Jost (fifth from left) and Jim Kettler, Executive Director of LNRP (far right).

The project began in the autumn of 2006 when the LNRP met with a number of painters who share a method called plein air (literally, painting in the open air). Plein air painters paint from life using all of their senses to capture the light and colors particular to a place. From the first meeting, the Water's Edge Artists developed a logo and their mission statement:

# WATER'S EDGE Artists

*The Water's Edge Artists is an alliance of plein air artists dedicated to the conservation and protection of water resources in the LakeshoreBasin of northeastern Wisconsin. Through collaboration with the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, our efforts reflect the shared passion for preserving the local fragile environments of our watersheds.*



The Water's Edge Artists have chosen prominent and otherwise overlooked creeks, streams, lakes, rivers and wetlands to feature in their paintings. The calendar hopes to capture the essence of these important places through the painters' direct contact with nature. Sales of the calendar go directly to LNRP's efforts to protect and restore the waterways of the Lakeshore Basin.

Click [here for our order form](#) or stop by the Rahr-West Museum, the Woodland Dunes Nature Center, or the Wisconsin Maritime Museum. You can also contact any LNRP Board or Staff Member. The calendar sells for \$20 and all proceeds go to protect and restore the waterways of the Lakeshore Basin.

hot cocoa, treats, and marshmallows.

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## The Friends of the Branch

The Friends of the Branch, a citizen watershed group based in Manitowoc and Brown County, is going to hold a program planning meeting on December 15 at 6 PM.

The purpose of the meeting is to establish a calendar of activities for 2009 and discuss ideas to revitalize the group. The Watershed Groups goal is to branch out into the community to improve and preserve the Branch River Watershed through education, communication and cooperation by providing local leadership which benefits everyone in a manner that is fair to all. If you are interested in volunteering your time or services; or would like to attend this planning meeting or offer suggestions for the group call President Terry Huske, 920-732-4371.

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## Events at Woodland Dunes Nature Center on Hwy 310 in Two Rivers

Winnie Smith Harvest Dinner  
November 8th at 6:00 pm  
Reservations required! \$50  
Enjoy a gourmet dinner, speaker Bill Volkert, DNR naturalist at Horicon Marsh.

Star Gazing 101  
December 5th beginning at 6:00 pm  
Members \$1, Non-Members \$2  
Learn how to use the star and planet locator, then head outside



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## Champion of Conservation Environmental Award Program

The new Champion of Conservation environmental award program was launched this fall as a collaboration between the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP) and Dominion.

The three-year program began this fall with selection of nominees from three categories: Water Resources, Communication & Education, and Land-use Conservation and Protection. The awards were open to any group, program, organization, business, or individual located and working in the Lakeshore Basin.

Please join us for the award program!

Date: Thursday December 4th beginning at 6:30 pm with a catered reception with author Peter Annin ([see Notes from the Seminar Series](#))

Location: Wisconsin Maritime Museum, Manitowoc

We will be hosting the Spring 2009 program beginning in January with awards given in early May. For more information, nomination forms, and a further description of the program please go to the LNRP website early next year at [www.lnrp.org](http://www.lnrp.org).

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## A Local Champion of Conservation

Every county in the Lakeshore Basin has people who have a passion for the environment in which they live. Out of this passion comes a dedication – often life-long – to doing things to protect and preserve that which they love. We all benefit. The newsletter of the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership likes to showcase these people as an inspiration to others and as a way of thanking them for their public service.

George Evenson has been working tirelessly as a conservationist and historian in Door County for nearly all of his 80 years.

George has lived and farmed in Door County all of his life. In his early years he was a dairy farmer, but in more recent times he has raised grain. He was the first blueberry



to practice and learn about telescopes to view the night sky.

The Snow Ball

January 25th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Join the staff of Woodland Dunes for a great day of mid-winter fun. Winter games, snowshoe hikes, animal tracking, and a few surprises!

For more information, call Woodland Dunes at 920-793-4007 or view their website at [woodlanddunes.com](http://woodlanddunes.com)

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### Basin Partners

For a full list of River Basin Partners and useful resources, click here for the [LNRP Community Resources](#) page.

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### Waterfront revitalization in the City of Manitowoc

Guest Article by Helen Sarakinos

In Manitowoc, a river does run through it. Indeed, the very identity of the City of Manitowoc is defined by the coast it embraces and the river that meanders through it. Those flowing waters historically powered the progress of the city, transporting goods, flushing away wastes and generating power. In fact, Manitowoc still maintains a vibrant working harbor. But the Manitowoc – as with many industrial rivers in the Great Lakes region – is a hard-working river that's been worked really hard.



But it looks like some help for the



farmer in Door County. He used drip irrigation, a technology that was developed in Israel and now copied all over the world. His daughter's Cherrydale Farm produces vegetables organically, especially lettuce. She also produces maple syrup and with a heated green house, organic food production continues through the winter months.

George was an early adopter (1947) of farming and conservation practices like erosion control, crop rotation, and nutrient management recommended by the Door County Soil and Water Conservation program. He has won awards for his early and sustained use of these and other "best practices."

George served 6 years as a commissioner of the Nature Conservancy.

George has been a member of the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council, encouraging proper wetland identification and coastal resource protection, particularly along the 250 miles of Door County's shoreline. When the state did not have the resources, George encouraged the Nature Conservancy to take on the Mink River Estuary as protection project.

George was a member of the Baylake Regional Planning Commission for almost 20 years.

George was active in the early years of the Great Lakes Compact efforts. You can imagine his satisfaction today that the Compact has finally come to fruition.

George served on the County Board as a Supervisor for 10 years in the 1970s. In his dedication to conservation, he chaired the County's Resource Planning Commission that has everything to do with protecting beautiful and sensitive pieces of land from insensitive development. He helped to implement county zoning that, among other things, tries to conserve the natural resources of the county.

In addition to farming and conservation, George has been active in recording and preserving the history of Door County. He has been President of the Door County Historical Society, an 82 year-old not-for-profit organization dedicated to public education and the preservation of the county's history. It operates an archive, publishes research articles in its annual newsletter, and supports the work of authors who write about the history of Door County.

It was his passion for history that got him "hooked" into Crossroads at Big Creek. In addition to its commitment to environmental education, Crossroads has been developing an historical village that portrays aspects of the lives of the early European settlers in Door County.

George got involved from the very beginning of the Crossroads project as board

hard-working river is on the horizon. The city of Manitowoc is drafting its comprehensive plan and an important piece of that is the development of the Downtown and River Corridor Master Plan – an initiative to envision a renewed identity of the river and harborfront. In early 2008, the River Alliance was invited to join the Downtown and River Corridor Steering Committee.

What does good redevelopment mean? The Downtown and River Corridor Master Plan is a great opportunity to maximize the benefit of Manitowoc's natural assets: its lakefront and riverfront. Neighboring coastal cities such as Milwaukee, Sheboygan and Racine have invested millions of dollars into major waterfront redevelopment projects along both the lakeshore and their riverfronts.

This growing interest in urban waterfront redevelopment also brings with it a need to focus not only on bricks and concrete, but also on the water itself and the people that live by it. Manitowoc has the opportunity to create a vision that will not only attract investment to its waterfront, but will make the water cleaner and enrich the quality of life for its residents by protecting people's access to the water, creating open green spaces, developing attractive housing and businesses and making it a welcome and safe place for everyone.

A great plan is not just about the final set of drawings, it's also about the process of how the city arrives at that vision. Getting the input of as many different stakeholders as possible is crucial to achieving economically, environmentally and socially beneficial riverfront redevelopment. Planning consultants Vanderwalle

member of the Sturgeon Bay Educational Foundation. The genesis was an interest of the Sturgeon Bay school district and the Foundation to have a school forest as a field site of environmental education. The school district owned the land on which Crossroads presently resides but could not come up with the money to develop the land into an environmental learning center what with the maintenance cost of a building or the money to pay staff salaries. The board of the Educational Foundation evolved into the board of Crossroads the late 90s. Crossroads incorporated as a non-profit organization in 2000. Now, as a donor-funded operation, 15,000 people visit the Crossroads site each year. They walk the trails, study and conduct experiments, gain insights into early county life from the buildings of the historical village, explore the heavens at the Leif Everson Observatory, Star Garden, and the Stoneciper Astronomy Center, and many young people and adults take courses and attend lectures at the Collins Learning Center. The development of Crossroads is a fascinating story in itself ([www.crossroadsatbigcreek.org](http://www.crossroadsatbigcreek.org)). In the middle of this story, not surprisingly, is George Evenson who became the first president of the Crossroads board and continues to serve as a board member today.

We salute George Evenson for his dedication and leadership as a conservationist. We are sure he is not the only one who deserves our praise and our thanks. Who would you like to recognize?

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## The Basin Educator Corner - Deb Beyer

### Make a Resolution to Reduce Your Water Pollution!

By Debbie Beyer

UWEX Natural Resource Educator  
Lakeshore and Sheboygan Basins

We hear often these days from people who promise to bring needed change to our world. Have you wondered lately what YOU can do to bring change to the world around you? Start thinking now about what you can do differently in 2009 and beyond to make a positive change and reduce water pollution right where you live! The quality of our water involves complex and overwhelming issues, yet we each play a role in changing it – for the better and unfortunately also for the worse. Actions to include in your personal “Resolution to Reduce Water Pollution” may include:

#### Septic Tank:

- Inspect and pump regularly. Every 2-5 years is generally recommended, depending on accumulation of sludge and other factors.
- Avoid flushing excess medications and household hazardous waste such as paint, thinners, pesticides, and household cleaners – especially those with organic solvents.
- Conserve water and spread water usage out to ensure that wastewater is not flushed through the septic system too quickly for proper treatment.

and Associates have worked hard to talk to as many people as they can about their vision for the Manitowoc waterfront. The City of Manitowoc has consistently shown its willingness to develop sustainably, from embarking on the Natural Step Program, to attracting renewable energy industries to the City. What we've seen in Manitowoc meets many of the criteria we look for in partnering with urban areas on river revitalization. The River Alliance hopes to make a vital contribution: bringing to the table the voices of local citizens who care about their river. We build on our strength in advocacy to educate people about the benefits of rejuvenating urban rivers and encourage effective public participation in decisions about rivers. Our partnerships with other municipalities, such as Racine, have helped generate citizen grassroots support for riverfront revitalization that puts a good plan into action.

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### Clean up at Point Creek Natural Area

Local Business Owner Richard Larson Assists Tire Pile Clean-up at Point Creek Natural Area in Manitowoc County

In a spirit of community service and resource protection, Richard Larson, owner of GreenSky Energetics and Whitewall Tire Co., became a new supporter of Manitowoc County's Point Creek Natural Area on October 9, 2008.

Larson agreed to load, haul, and properly dispose of the tires that

### **Yards, Gardens and Fields:**

- Test the soil for nutrients to be sure you are not over-fertilizing.
- Be sure to fertilize at the optimal times - at certain points in the growing season when plants really need it and not right before rains.
- Reduce pesticide use by rotating crops, encouraging natural predators of pests and other integrated pest management practices.

### **Pathways to Groundwater:**

- Keep chemicals, fertilizers, etc. away from functioning wells and also abandoned wells. Have abandoned wells filled and sealed by a professional.
- Test your well water at least annually to detect bacteria and other contaminants.
- Protect sinkholes and bedrock fractures from trash, chemicals, fertilizers, and general stormwater runoff.

### **In Town:**

- Pick up pet droppings immediately and deposit in trash or toilet.
- Avoid pouring, sweeping or dumping anything into storm drains.
- Direct your downspouts onto your lawn, or into a rain garden or rain barrel, rather than onto pavement.

### **Along Lakes, Rivers and Streams**

- Create shoreland buffer zones where natural plants may filter contaminants from rainwater runoff before it reaches the lake, river or stream.
- Minimize or avoid use of chemicals and fertilizers on lands adjacent to water.
- Prevent soil from eroding into the water by disturbing the soil and clearing trees and other natural plants as little as possible. Know and follow state and local shoreland ordinances.

For more information on solutions to water pollution, contact UWEX Natural Resource Educator for the Lakeshore Basin, Deb Beyer at [deb.beyer@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:deb.beyer@ces.uwex.edu) or 920-459-6644, or check out the following sources:

**Septic systems:** Your county sanitarian department or the Wisconsin Department of Commerce at <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/sb/SB-PowtsOverview.html#pump>.

**Yards, Gardens and Fields:** Your county UWEX agriculture educator or Master Gardeners, or your county soil and water conservation department.

**Pathways to Groundwater:** Your county soil and water conservation department, Central Wisconsin Groundwater Center at <http://www.uwsp.edu/CNR/gndwater/> or the Wisconsin DNR's "What's Wrong with My Water?" website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/dwg/private/waterproblems.htm>

**In Town:** Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District at <http://v2.mmsd.com/HowToHelp.aspx>

**Along Lakes, Rivers and Streams:** Wisconsin DNR Lakes Partnership at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/fhp/lakes/> and UWEX Lakes Program at <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/factsheets/>

lay abandoned for years on this Lake Michigan shoreline property, now known as Point Creek Natural Area (PCNA) since its purchase in 2001. The Point Creek site, located in the Town of Centerville, is a research and educational area with public passive recreation that has been undergoing work to restore it back to a habitat of mixed native species.



*Larson and volunteers (left) load up old tires from Point Creek Natural Area in an environmental clean-up project.*

The connection to environmental health is clear in Larson's GreenSky Energetics business, which offers consultation and solar solutions for residential and commercial water and space heating. An example of their solar air heating system has been installed at Woodland Dunes Nature Center in Two Rivers. GreenSky's future plans include offering PV solar panels and small-scale turbines, along with anaerobic digesters.

"We couldn't have done the project without Richard Larson's generous donation," explained Glacial Lakes' Executive Director, Vickie Hall, chair of the PCNA management committee. "Once we realized that the property's boundaries included the old tire piles, we knew we had to get rid of them, but without funds, it was nearly impossible."

Point Creek Natural Area has an innovative management group including Manitowoc County, UW-Green Bay, UW-Sheboygan, UW-Manitowoc, a local resident, and Glacial Lakes Conservancy, the local land trust that holds a conservation easement agreement on the property.



Doing just one new thing will help, doing several will help even more! Plan now to make a personal, family or business "Resolution to Reduce Water Pollution" and take action in 2009.

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## Notes from the "We All Live on the Water" Seminar Series



The We All Live on the Water seminar series brings timely discussion of water-related issues to residents of the basin, featuring speakers of acknowledged expertise and encouraging a public dialogue to elicit and enlighten all points of view. LNRP also recognizes that the seminars further cultivate our partnerships with local groups and other organizations.

The first year of seminars and the launch of our quarterly newsletter were funded by a DNR River Planning Grant. Seminars are developed in collaboration with local partner organizations that have created steering committees. These steering committees have continued to work together on a variety of projects including conferences, calendars, other seminars, and food fairs. Check our quarterly newsletter for "Notes from the Seminar" for updates and [upcoming events](#).



This year LNRP is also launching the Champion of Conservation Environmental Award Program. The award banquet will also showcase nationally recognized speakers as a further development of the We All Live on the Water campaign.

On Thursday, December 4th beginning at 6:30 pm, LNRP will welcome Peter Annin to the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Peter is author of the timely "Great Lakes Water Wars." His story of the long-standing tensions revolving around the waters of the Great Lakes are a great complement to understanding the value of the Great Lakes Compact. Peter works as Associate Director of the Institutes for Journalism and Natural Resources, a nonpartisan national nonprofit that organizes educational fellowships for mid-career environmental journalists.

### Manitowoc County

Over the past year, a steering committee has facilitated a series of seminars and workshops held in Manitowoc County concerning the issue of Cladophora algae in Lake Michigan and the link to phosphorus.

A clear lesson learned from the process is that there are many individuals,

The long search to dispose of the tires ended when Larson stepped up to the plate to do a good turn for the community and charitably cover the tire disposal costs. However, the estimated 500 tires turned out to be over 1300 – a significant difference.

As Manitowoc County staff and volunteers kept turning up with more and more tires discovered under tall grasses and shrubs or around trees, the project grew in scope from a one day project into two days.

"It was incredible. I did not expect the number of tires we hauled away but I was glad to participate in the project," said Larson.

"This environmental clean-up at PCNA became so much more expensive than we estimated," said Hall, who added, "I hope that other local businesses or residents might consider donating some funds to this project area to help cover site restoration costs at whatever they can afford. It will all add-up and help."

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### Point Creek Natural Area

About Point Creek Natural Area (PCNA):

Point Creek Natural Area resulted in 2001 from the Point Creek Watershed Initiative, a project of the Sheboygan Area Land Conservancy's Fischer Creek Alliance, who worked diligently to fundraise to save this 39-acre shoreline parcel from development in order to preserve its estuary, wetlands, coastal bluffs, and wildlife habitat. The site is also heavily used each year by thousands of migratory waterfowl along the Lake Michigan flyway, including a large annual congregation of Great Blue Herons. The property was purchased for \$1.9 million in 2001



organizations, and institutions working on the issue but it lacks any real forum for exchange of perspectives and insights. It is also clear that there needs to be better-developed policy instruments that can be applied to a watershed scale in order to see impacts at the level required to reduce phosphorus and Cladophora.

The LNRP has now received funding to host a one-day event in mid-November designed to share research and management perspectives on phosphorus loading into Lake Michigan. Representative organizations and institutions will be asked for updates on current research and this will be followed by a round table discussion.

The workshop is being called ***Phosphorus in Lake Michigan: a forum for exchange***. The Lake Michigan Stakeholders, Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership, Centerville CARES, UW Extension-Manitowoc, City of Manitowoc and the Maritime Museum-Manitowoc have all participated in developing the conference concept.

We are exploring a progressive management approach and expect to bridge this preliminary workshop outcome with a second workshop that would gather decision-makers and politicians in early April 2009.



Kewaunee County

A collaborative group of UW Extension, the Farm Market Kitchen, League of Women Voters and the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership hosted a food forum and fest at the Farm Market Kitchen in Algoma on Saturday October 4th. The half-day seminar focused on food sustainability and was titled ***Sustaining Our Food – Our Health, Our Livelihoods***.

The seminar began with coffee and conversations, followed by a series of lectures and panel discussions.

Keynote speaker Fred Depies, organizer of the Farm Fresh Atlas, provided a broad framework for sustainability and the economic, social and environmental opportunities of a local food movement. Our second keynote speaker Gayle Coleman from UW Extension Madison, addressed the broader social and economic issues that influence food choices in our country, looking at life cycle issues, cost factors and nutritional needs.

The two lectures were followed by a series of panel discussions that included Moving Towards Sustainability in Agricultural Practices, Availability and Access to Sustainable Food Choices, and Supporting Local Food Systems

Key areas of discussion were what sustainable food alternatives are available to consumers? What can communities do to increase availability and access to sustainable food sources? What are challenges/barriers to employing sustainability on farms, restaurants, and grocery stores?

The ag panel included three producer/processors. Ken Kinstetter who owns Liberty View Dairy Farm described his transitioning to an organic 55-cow operation. Karen

with Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program funds and a Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant, along with generous private foundation and individual donations. The parcel is now owned by Manitowoc County, who donated a Conservation Easement to the Sheboygan Area Land Conservancy, known since 2004 as Glacial Lakes Conservancy. The PCNA Management Plan and innovative Management Committee, forms the basis on how PCNA is being protected and restored. The Management Committee includes one voting representative from Manitowoc County, Glacial Lakes Conservancy, UW – Green Bay, UW – Manitowoc, UW – Sheboygan, and an area community resident. Since 2003, PCNA has had a reforestation project, bird and plant surveys by graduate students, as well as invasive species treatments and trail building days using volunteer assistance.

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## Glacial Lakes Conservancy



About Glacial Lakes Conservancy (GLC):

Glacial Lakes Conservancy is a private, non-profit, land trust conservation organization dedicated to preserving and protecting working, urban, and natural lands that contribute significantly to the ecological integrity, agricultural sustainability, scenic beauty and recreational enjoyment of our five-county area. Glacial Lakes envisions a legacy of permanently protected lands and land-use policies that sustain and enhance a regional quality of life defined by the beauty and

Baudhuin is a member of a family run 500-cow operation that has gone through Environmental Management System training. The five 3-hour training program was funded by the same Joyce Foundation grant that formed the LNRP-coordinated Agricultural Watershed Improvement Network. Michael Flynn works for Green Quest that is developing alternatives to waste management that transform and optimize waste as a resource.

The food choices panel included Meg Naysmith, Peter Seely, and Marion Retger. Meg shared her enthusiasm for backyard gardening and shared a series of photos. Peter operates one of the larger community supported agriculture operations in Wisconsin. Each week, a basket of vegetables grown on or near Springdale Farm in Plymouth is delivered to over 600 subscribers. Peter shared the challenges of being both a grower and a distributor for a very complex local food system. Marion is the coordinator for the Kewaunee County Food Pantry that is looking for ways to access food surplus from farmer markets and other venues supporting local food systems.

The local food systems panel featured Virge Timme and Bill Wright. Virge is one of the founders of the 100-mile diet in Door County. She brought her fascinating story of preparing to depend totally on foods raised and processed no more than 100 miles from her home. Bill shared his perspectives on starting a farm to school program in Green Bay. Bill is also a Community Garden Coordinator for UW Extension.

After the seminar, participants were able to sample locally produced foods provided by a range of vendors including cheeses, meats, and other tasty morsels. Those that chose to were also provided a wonderful lunch created with local foods and prepared by the staff of the Farm Market Kitchen.

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**Connecting Partners Across the Basin - Send us your Events- We'll help spread the word!**



In each issue of **The Source** we will list a calendar for all basin river groups and organizations to share their resources, upcoming events, work parties, seminars and meeting times. If you would like to participate and be featured in the newsletter events calendar, please send a list of your events to us by email. We are also interested in hearing about field seasons, projects - and happenings along the lakeshore- you are welcome to submit articles, anecdotes or send along information about your group for the "Featured Organizations" section. Please list the county of the event and send any website links and other contact information readers may need to [jim@lnrp.org](mailto:jim@lnrp.org)

productivity of its working lands and natural resources and is supported by memberships and contributions from those who share in this vision. The Conservancy achieves its goals at this time primarily through the use of donated conservation easements, advocating for resource protection, and entering into project partnerships. GLC is part of the Lake Michigan Shorelands Alliance, the nine land trusts within the Lake Michigan watershed basin. For more information, contact Glacial Lakes Conservancy at 920-273-1143 or [info@glaciallakes.org](mailto:info@glaciallakes.org).

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