

# Cultivating Environmental Stewardship in the Lakeshore Region

LNRP Networks: The Land and the Water





The Ledge and the Lakeshore The **Niagara Escarpment** 00. The Lakeshore **Basin** DOOR OCONTO CO. BROWN CO. St Creix Headwaters (UC) (HW) Green Kewaunee Bay Lower Chippewa Central (LC) Wisconsin (CW) KEWAUNEE OO. Wolf River Black -MANITOWOC CO. Buffalo -Mishicot BRICON CO. CUTAGAMIE CO. (UF) Lake Reedsville Vinnebaga Mississippi River Manitowoo (MR) Lower Wisconsin Upper Rock Lake Michigan Grant - Platte Illinois Holstein Sugar - Pecatonica (GP) Z (IF) BAGO CO. SHEROYGAN CO.



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LNRP Vision for the Land and the Water: Cultivating a land ethic through the Sense of Place campaign; and cultivating a water ethic through the We All Live on the Water campaign.





## A Review of the Centerville Creek and Hika Park Restoration Project

A Partnership between the Village of Cleveland and LNRP that helped form the Friends of Hika Bay





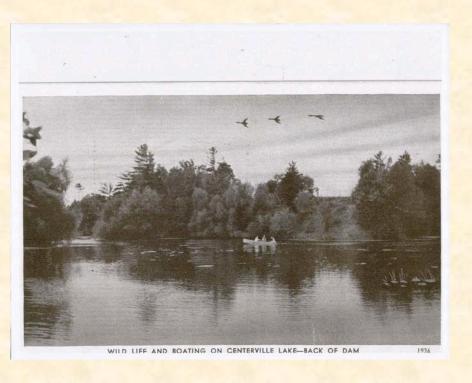


# Friends of Hika Bay Calvin, Pine, Point, Fischer & Centerville Watersheds



## Centerville Creek

## Mill Pond Restoration



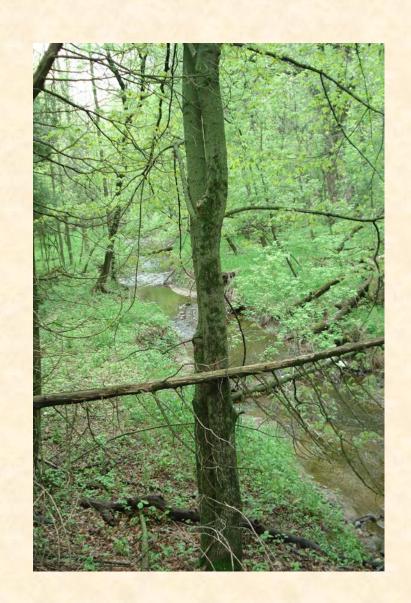


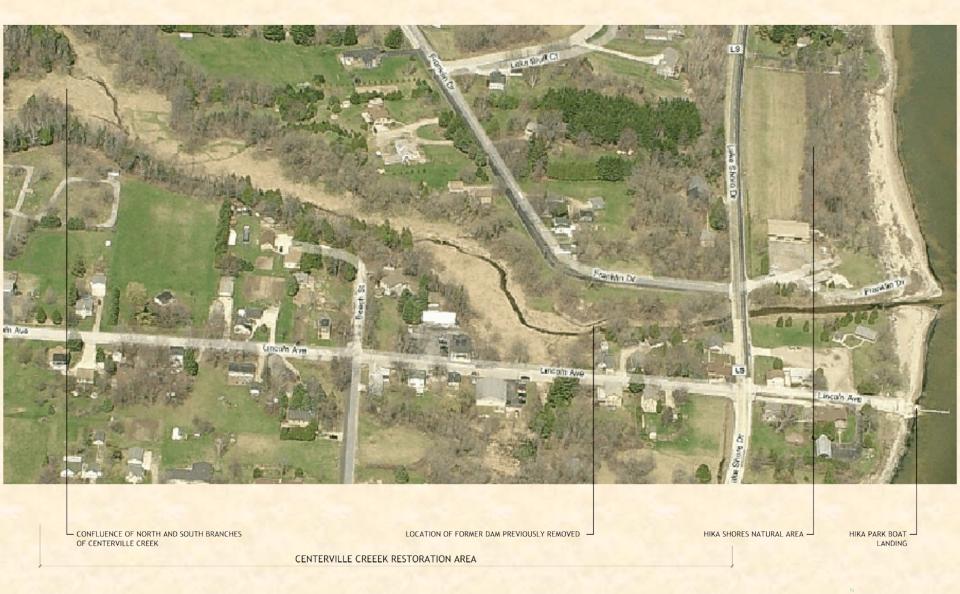
## Centerville Creek Restoration

## Our Aspirations:

A return to a natural appearing and functioning stream

Similar to the upstream character of the South Branch





## **Centerville Creek Restoration Timeline**

- 1996 Dam removed
- 2000-2001 WDNR River Planning Grant Assessment (Interfluve)
- Recommendations with almost a \$1 million price tag that included a 50% match





## 2009-2013 LRNP Contracts

- Original contract given to LNRP by the Village of Cleveland for a Feasibility Analysis
- Purpose: "to revisit possible restoration alternatives"
- Advisory Committee
- Grant Writing
- Fundraising
- Overall Coordination



## **Inputs on Design Elements**

- Friends of Hika Bay
- Interfluve
- River Alliance of Wisconsin
- UW Stevens Point Watershed Studies
- DNR, County Land & Water Conservation Dep., Invasive Species Coordinator
- UW Madison Landscape Designs
- Lakeshore Technical College Horticulture Program
- D & H Land Surveys







## Open Space Planning and Design Course





#### PROJECT STATEMENT

The Village of Cleveland. WI recently received a grant for the resolution of Centerville Creek with the help of the Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership. The creek runs from West of the town, to East into Lake Michigan. The restoration grant will provide the means for the Village of Cleveland to have sediment removed from the dry basin of the old Mill Pond. Sediment had been deposited over time as a result of a mill dam that was once in place. The project will also include recontouring the slopes leading down to Centerville Creek as well as the creek bed itself. The village hopes that this work will help to bring back trout to the creek, which is an active trout stream. The grant money also allowed the Village of Cleveland to purchase land on the East side of Lakeshore Road directly behind an active ridge and swale ecosystem. The main purpose of this project is to graphically explore multiple options of park design for the Village of Cleveland.

#### **Project Goals**

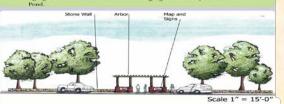
- \* Improve Site Connectivity throughout the Park
- Improve and exploit existing views, using Lake Michigan as a Focal Point
   Create a Secondary Entrance Closer to town along Lincoln Avenue
   Restore Land obtained through the grant to further expand the Ridge
- Create an Enjoyable and Educational Park Experience

#### Beachfront

The beachfront zone of the site has been designed to improve views out to Lake Michigan. This has been accomplished by opening up lines of sight from the Western edge of the site and Lakeshore Road. Views from on site have also been improved by adding several small gazebos for people to gather in, as well as seat walls along the edge of the sand dunes. A pier has also been added to the site so that people can interact more freely with the lake. The pump station should be improved to allow for public restroom facilities and a concession stand.



View of parking adjacent to the arbor which houses maps and inf signage. Information at this site would highlight the history of the Mill Pond.

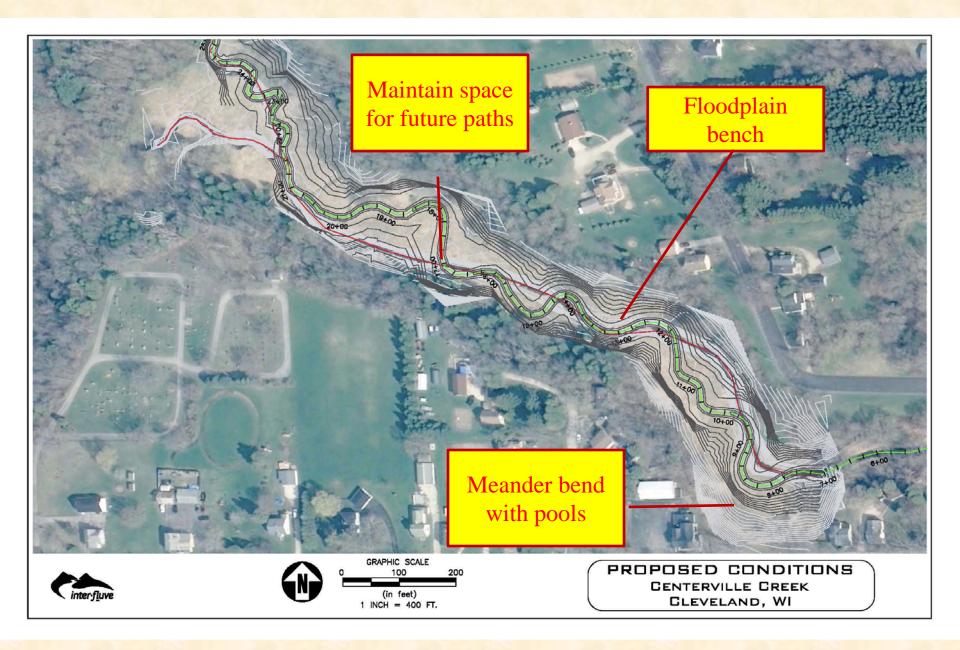


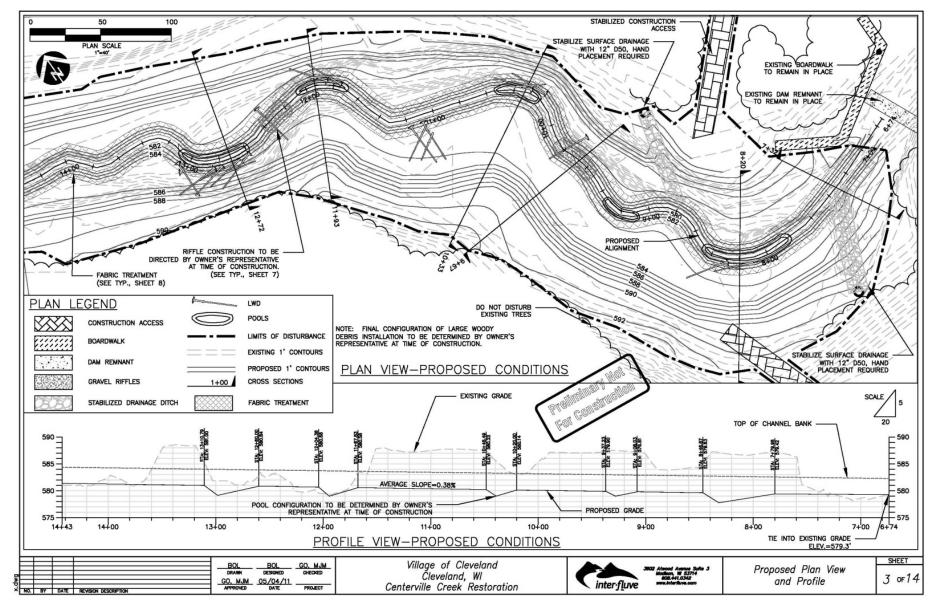
Example of **UW Madison** Student Design

We received 19 student designs for the overall restoration plan.

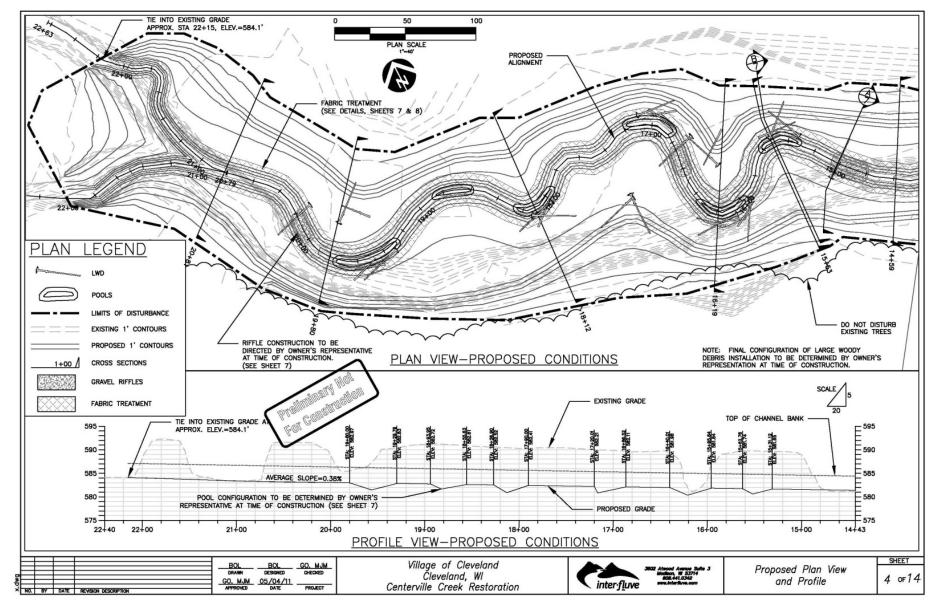


Scale 1" = 15'-0"













**Project Photos** 











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Winter 2013





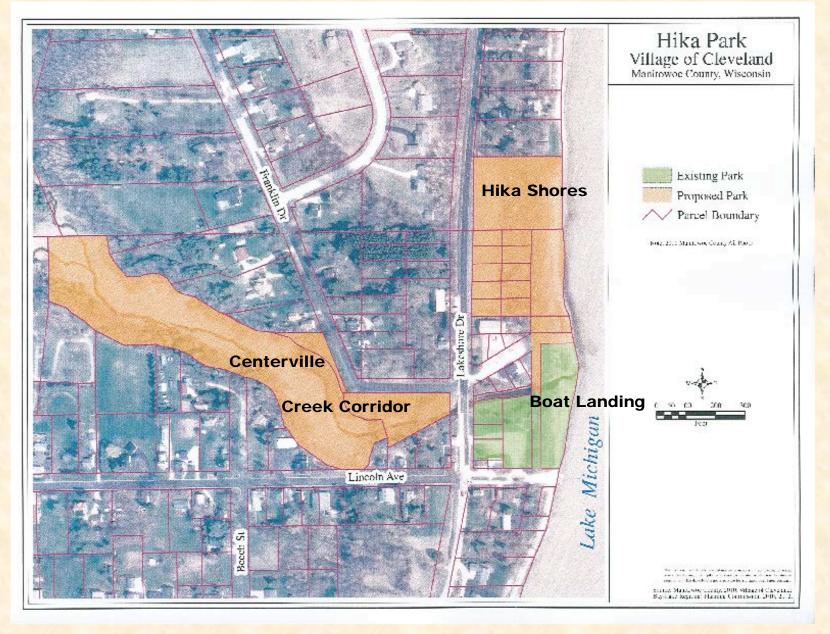


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Tree Planting







In September 2012, Cleveland Village Board approved LNRP recommendations to expand Hika Park and delineate three areas: Boat Landing, Hika Shores, and Centerville Creek Corridor. The park area expanded 6.3 times from 2.21 to 13.85 acres, an increase of 11.64 acres.



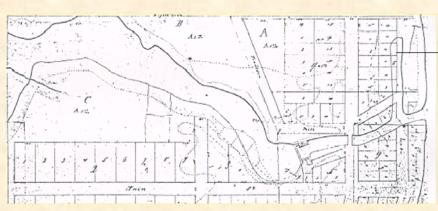
WIEW OF HIKA SHORES WOODS FROM LAKESHORE DRIVE



VIEW OF HIKA SHORES SWALE WETLAND



VIEW OF HIKA SHORES BEACH



OLD PLAT MAP OF CENTERVILLE CREEK EMPOUNDMENT AREA AND HIKA SHORELAND

NORTHWARD EXTENSION OF CENTERVILLE
CREEK AT SHORELINE SHOWN ON OLD PLAT
IDENTIFIED AS "LAGOON" SUGGESTS WETLAND
(SWALE) CONNECTION TO CENTERVILLE
CREEK.

HISTORICAL AND EXISTING CONDITIONS OF HIKA SHORES



Come and learn about

## Ridge-Swale Ecology

October 9, 2012

6:30 - 8:00

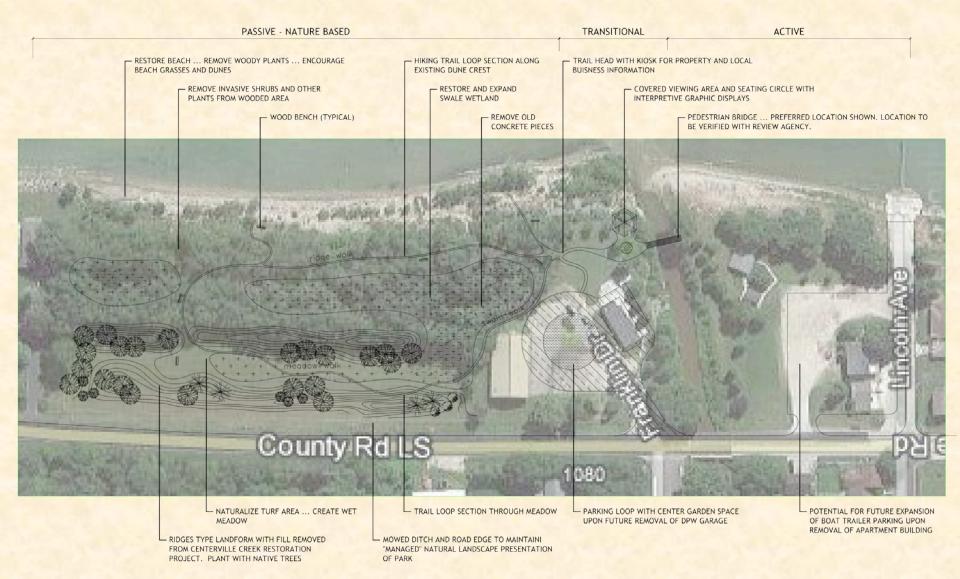
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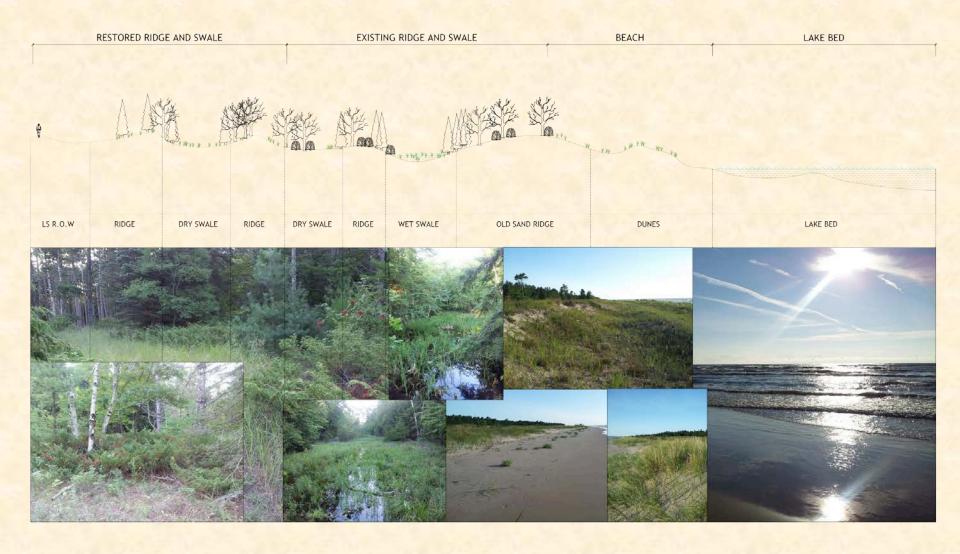
Spend an evening with Jon Gumtow, a Senior Wetland Scientist at Stantec, and others discussing Ridge Swale ecosystems. We'll explore the educational and recreational values and opportunities for the Hika Sands property that is now part of Hika Park in the Village of Cleveland. Jon will open the session with a presentation on the ecological characteristics of Ridge Swale ecosystems. We'll then open it up for an interactive discussion on the plans for the Hika Sands property.

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www.LNRP.org & www.hika-bay.org









## Landscape Design Presentations

Join us for a week of celebrating the accomplishments of our Horticulture Technician students! Come hear about four semester-long service-learning PROJECT STUDENTS WERE ENGAGED IN; EACH PRESENTATION WILL SHOWCASE A DIFFERENT COMMUNITY PROJECT.

#### SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL RESEARCH CENTER:

Monday December 12, 1-2:30p, Cleveland Training Room (L242).

Redesign and renovation proposals for the south foundation and yard to provide ADA access, raise curb appeal, and reduce maintenance.

#### LTC PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING:

Tuesday December 13, 8-9:30a, Cleveland Training Room (L242).

Redesign and renovation proposals to improve storm water runoff and drainage, update landscape plantings, reduce maintenance and improve curb appeal.

#### HIKA PARK:

Wednesday December 14, 1-2:30p, Lakeshore Conference Room (L147)

Conceptual plans for low impact recreational use, storm water retention, and ecologically sound landscape plantings at the proposed Hika Park. Student designs were submitted as part of a Wisconsin DNR grant application through the Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership.

#### SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION CENTER/ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPUS:

Friday December 16, 9-10:30a, Lakeshore Conference Room (L147)

Design proposals for the front of the house across the northeast corner boundary of the property. The designs are meant to create a more inviting and accessible face for the SEC and Environmental Campus while reducing storm water runoff.

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Students and staff are welcome to attend.

Snacks will be provided.

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## LTC Horticulture Program

Used Hika Park for a Class Project

Assisted in the Removal of Invasive Species

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- A. Sugar Maple (Acer succharum)
- B. Black Cherry (Prunus serotina)
- C. Black Gum (Ayssa sylavatica)
- D. Emerald Arbonvitae (Thusa accidentalis)
- E. Elderberry (Sambucus canadensis) / Witchhazel (Hamamelis virginiana)
- F. Pussy Willow (Salix discolor)
- G. Lowbush Blueberry (Vaccinium angustifolium)
- H. Tall Meadow Rue (Thalictrum dasycurpum)
- I. Northern Sea Cats (Chasmanthium latifolium)
- 3. Black Snakeroot (Cimicifuga racemosa)

- K. Indian Grass (Sorghastrum nutans) / Big bluestem (Andropogin gerardii)
- L. Tick Trefoil (Desmodium canadense)
- M. loe-Pyc Weed (Eupatonum purpureum)
- N. Shooting star (Dodecatheon meadia)
- Compass Plant (Silphium laciniatum) / Praine Dock (Silphium terebinthinaceum) / Cup Plant (Silphium perfolatum)
- P. Aster (Asterericoides) / Pale Purple Coneflower (Echinancea pallide)
- Q. Marsh Blazing Star (Liatrus spicato)
- R. Boneset (Eupatonium perfoliatum)
- S. Butterfly Weed (Asclepiad tuberose)
- T. Obedient Plant (Physoslegia virginiana)

- U. Cardinal Flower (Lobelia cardinalis)
- V. Michigan Lilies (Lilium michiganense)
- W. Wild Iris (Iris versicolor)
- X. Jacob's Ladder (Polemonium reptans)
- Y. Blue Beech (Carpinus caroliniana)
- Z. Ohio Spiderwort (Treadescantia ohioensis)
- AA. Culver's Root (Veronicastrum virginicum)
- BB. Bottle Gentian (Gentlana andrewsii)
- CC. Giant Solomon's Seal (Polygonatum biflorum)
- DD. Labrador Tea (Ledum groenlandicum)

- EE. Trillium (Trillium grandiflarum)
- FF. Spotted Touch-Me-Not (Impatiens capensis)
- GG. Purple Fringed Orchid (Habenaria psycodes)
- HH. Violet-Birds Foot (Viola pedata)
- IL New England Asters (Aster navae-angliae)
- II. White Meadowsweet (Spirara alba)
- KK. Prairie Smoke(Geum triflorum)
- LL. Little Blue Stem (Schizachyrium scoparium)



## Hika Park

Concept Plan

Cleveland, WI October 20, 2011

Lakeshore Technical College Horticulture Technician Program







## Friends of Hika Bay

"ALL-WAYS GREEN" Work Group

Calvin, Pine, Point, Fischer & Centerville Watersheds

Chicago Botanic Gardens



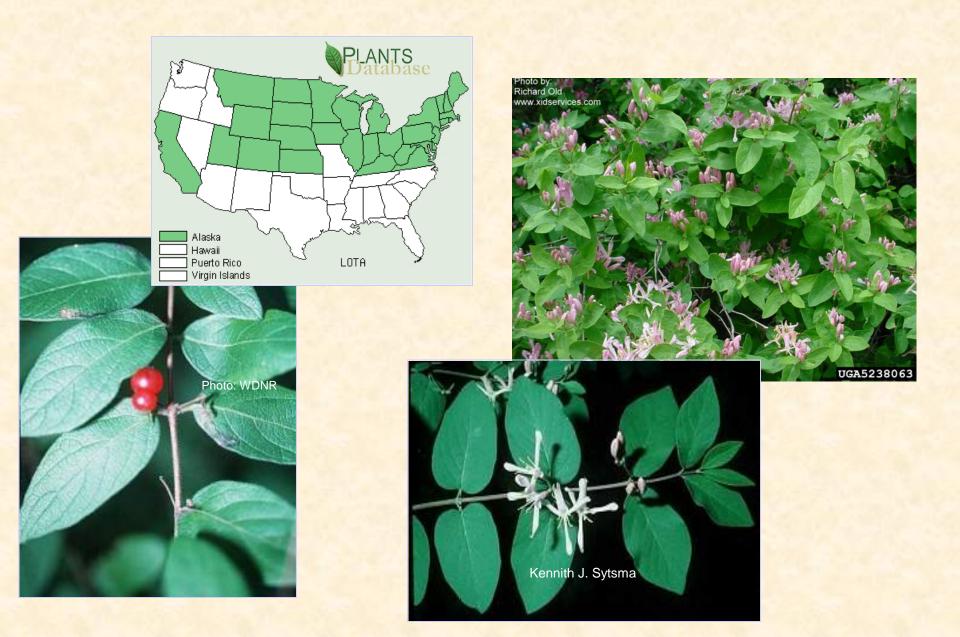
## Common Buckthorn Rhamnus cathartica

## PLANTS Database Alaska Hawaii RHCA3 Puerto Rico Virgin Islands

## Glossy Buckthorn Rhamnus frangula



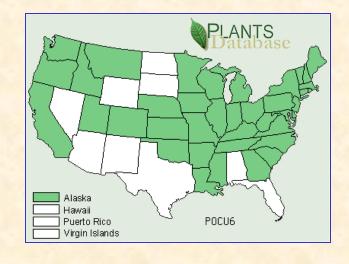
## Eurasian bush honeysuckles



## Phragmites and Japanese Knotweed





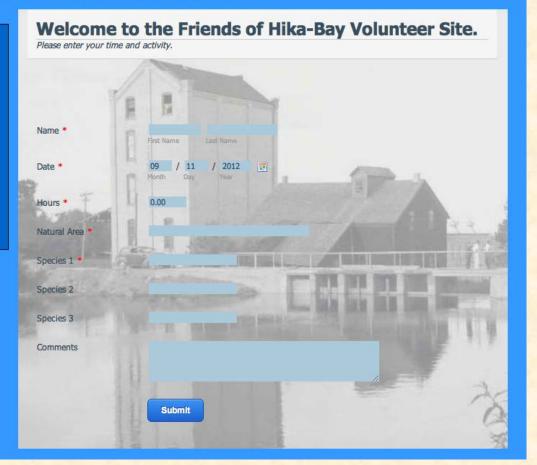


## Friends of Hika Bay Invasive Species

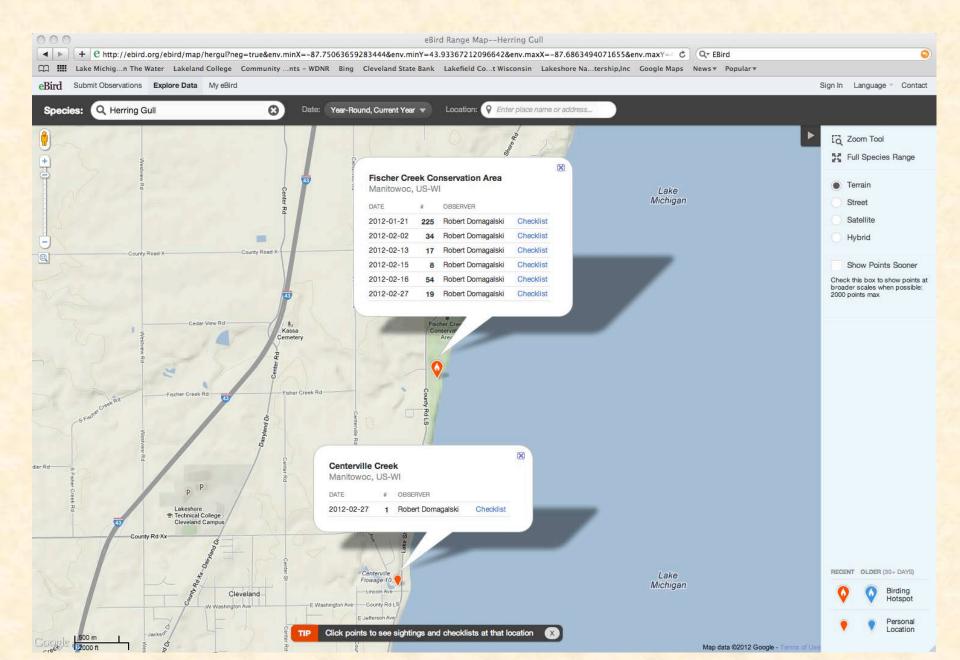
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#### Bird Surveys Comparing Fischer Creek and Centerville Creek



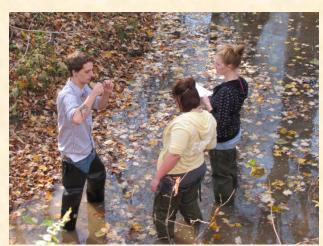
## Student involvement: A rewarding marriage of education and "real science"



















## Partnership - UW Manitowoc Three Years 2010 - 2012

## Student interns

- Baseline assessment
- 5 points in 2010, 7 points in 2011, 10 points in 2012
- Weekly measurements of physical, chemical, biological characteristics
  - pH, temperature, flow, turbidity, conductivity, dissolved oxygen, ammonia, phosphorus
  - E. coli

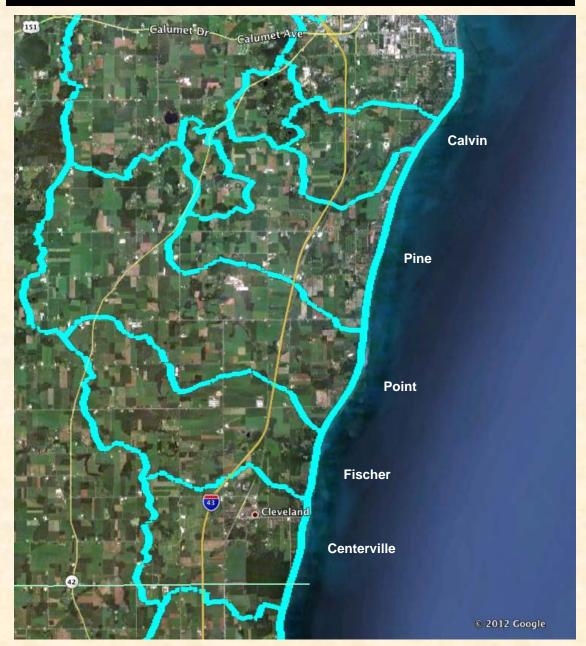
## Lab Courses

- Macroinvertebrate surveys
- Repeated Measures on Centerville,

Fischer, Point and this year on Pine & Calvin



## Frontal Watersheds of Southern Manitowoc County



### Initial Focus 2009-2011

Centerville Creek
Fischer Creek
Point Creek

## Additional Watersheds 2012

Pine Creek
Calvin Creek

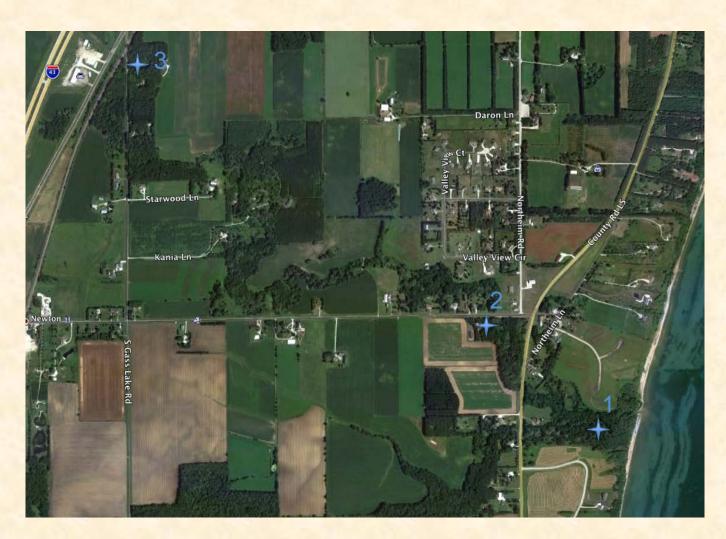
## 2012 Calvin Creek Sample Points

in Conservation Easement just east of Hwy LS (for class);
 on S. 26<sup>th</sup> Street;
 off of Hwy CR on Northeim Rd



## 2012 Pine Creek Sample Points East of Hwy I-43

1) in Conservation Easement just east of Hwy LS off of Sea Gull Drive (for class); 2) on Hwy U just west of Hwy LS; 3) off of Hwy CR on S. Gass Lake Road



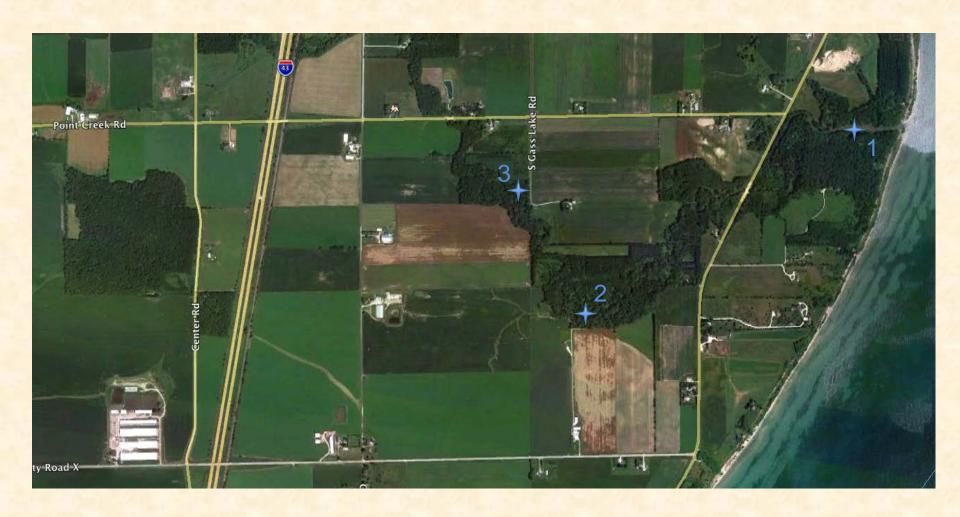
## 2012 Pine Creek Sample Points West of Hwy 43

4) On Center Road; 5) Lake Discharge on Sonnenburg Ln. 6) in Carsten's Lake; 7) Inlet on Carstens Road East on north side of road; 8) Inlet on Carstens Road West on south side of road.



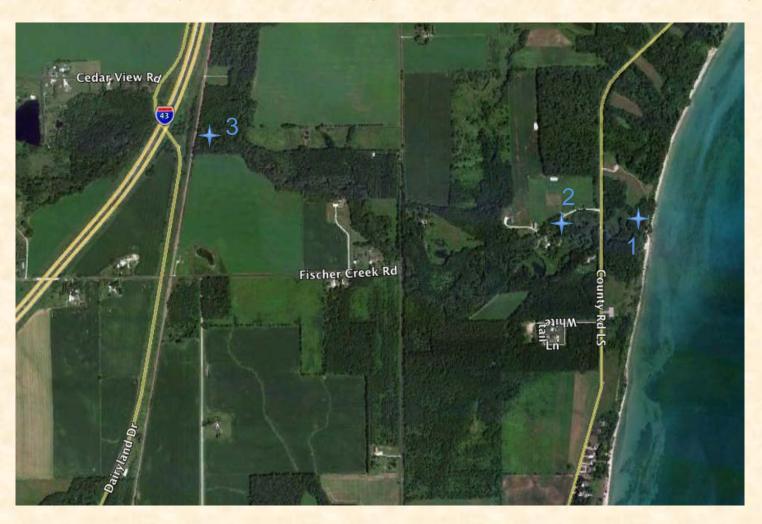
## **2012 Point Creek Sample Points**

1) Near mouth, just east of Hwy LS (for class); 2) on Wayne Schuette's property off of Hwy X; 3) off of Point Creek Road at end of S. Gass Lake Road



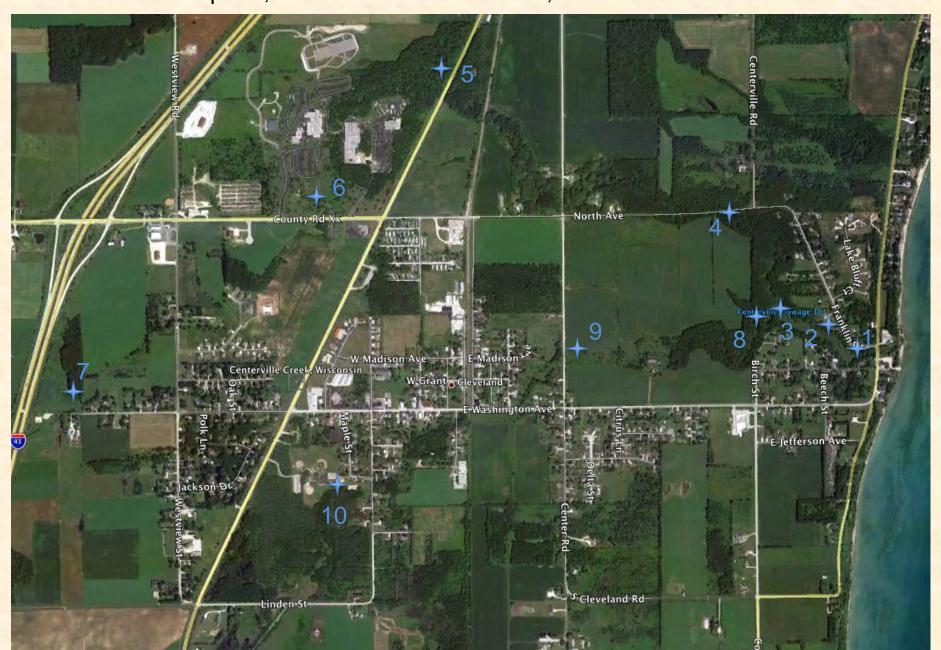
## **2012 Fischer Creek Sample Points**

1) Near mouth, just east of Hwy LS (for class); 2) off of Fischer Creek Road just west of Hwy LS; 3) off of Dairyland Road near Lutheran Cemetery



## 2012 Centerville Creek Sample Points

#1-3 in Millpond; #4-7 on the North Branch; #8-10 on the South Branch



## Friends of Hika Bay Water Quality Data

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Linking restoration of Centerville Creek and an enhanced Hika Park to better water quality in Lake Michigan. Welcome to the Friends of Hika-Bay Creek Monitoring Site.

This is a collaborative effort between LNRP and UW-Manitowoc providing water quality information for southeastern Manitowoc County. Summer information is the result of 4 sponsored UW-Manitowoc student interns. Fall and winter information is a summary of data taken by all students in the introductory biology classes.

For the summer of 2012, sampling for nutrient content and pathogens is done every Tuesday morning from over 25 locations. The site map details these locations. The information is an important component to the Centerville Creek Restoration Project. Year to year comparisons will be made in an effort to detail water quality improvements due to the restoration. The wide area sampling information enables a comparison of how the different land practices in each watershed impact water quality.

#### 2012 Creek Monitoring

- Site Map
- Intern Observations

#### 2011 Creek Monitoring

- . Site Sampling and Map
- . Site Observations and Map
- . Sampling Standards and Map
- Site Pictures

#### 2010 Creek Monitoring

- UW-Manitowoc Perspective
- UW-Manitowoc Student Report
- DNR Survey Report
- Current Sampling Spreadsheet
- Summer Intern Comments



## Natural Corridors

Point Creek Natural Area and Kingfisher Farm – Management by UW Green Bay

Fischer Creek Conservation Area – Management by Manitowoc County

Old Growth Forest – Management by the Lakeshore Technical College

Centerville Creek and Hika Park – Management by Village of Cleveland

Cleveland Swamp – Management by Manitowoc Fish and Game



# Recreational Opportunities

Lake Michigan Water Trail: a new 450 mile water trail along the shoreline of Lake Michigan. This will become the second longest trail in Wisconsin.

Hika Park is the only lake-level access point between Manitowoc and Sheboygan

## Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership - Outreach

Quarterly Newsletter: The Source

Websites: www.LNRP.org and www.hika-bay.org

Regional Outreach: Lake Michigan Stakeholders





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