

# Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources SWIMS Project Summary

## General Project Information

**Project ID:** GLRI\_00E00462

**Name:** Ashland/Chequamegon Bay Shoreland Restoration Project

**Type:** Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

**Subtype:** Habitat

**Status:** COMPLETE

**Start Date:** 10/1/2010

**End Date:** 12/31/2013

**Purpose:** In this project, we propose to restore 4,100 feet of public shoreland in the City of Ashland, WI, to native plant communities, eliminate invasive species, and measure the ecological benefits by quantifying wildlife population responses as well as changes in non-point nutrient loading to Lake Superior. Industrialization of Ashlands waterfront in the early 1900s significantly altered the natural environment of the shoreline. Lumber mills, wharves for handling coal, ore, limestone, logs, and pulpwood directly and negatively impacted the ecology of this once pristine environment. While much of the industrial activity has ended, significant amounts of debris still pollute Ashlands waterfront, including slab wood, large and small concrete sections with exposed rebar, and remnants of former dock facilities. What is now needed is restoration of these post-industrial lands to more natural shorelines to enhance scenic beauty, protect the regions ecology, and provide opportunities for recreation and tourism. This proposed work is an extension of ongoing Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) research on inland glacial lakes in Vilas County, WI (the Wisconsin Shoreland Restoration Project), and represents a partnership between WDNR Bureau of Science Services, Michigan Technological University, the City of Ashland, Ashland County Land and Water Conservation Department, the Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area, University of Wisconsin Extension, and Northland Colleges Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute, Ashland, WI. This partnership recognizes the ecological, economic and social values of a healthy shoreland habitat. The proposed project will merge with efforts coordinated through the Fish Creek Watershed Restoration and Management Plan funded through National Fish and Wildlife Foundations Great Lakes Watershed Restoration Program (GLWRP) to perform water quality assessments across the Citys waterfront, to minimize runoff entering the bay, and demonstrate the best management practices that protect or improve water quality.

**Objective:** This project will focus on native plant community plantings and invasive species abatement within a 75 foot riparian buffer along the 4,100 feet of public shore lands in the City of Ashland. Members of the Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area, experienced in invasive species abatement, will lead community volunteers to complete invasive species removal at all sites before native plant restorations occur. WDNR Science Services, with assistance from Ashland County Land and Water Conservation Department, will coordinate the native plant restorations. After factoring in the existing native vegetation for each site, planting plans and erosion control measures will be developed using the standards laid out in the Natural Resources Conservation Service 580 and 643A codes. Planting density guidelines for woodland shoreland habitat will be used as outlined in the Wisconsin Biology Technical Note 1: Shoreland Habitat (NRCS 2002). Plant numbers are calculated based on the area in square feet to be reestablished and the planting densities in the guidelines (see Table 1). The herbaceous cover layer will be comprised of a minimum of 30% native grasses (Poaceae) and/or sedges (Carex species). Sites that have significant amounts of established non-native turf grass will be smothered with tarps and black plastic for 4-8 weeks. Restoration plant species chosen will reflect the indigenous native plant community, but also will reflect hardiness, wildlife value, and propagation potential. Erosion control practices will include the installation of rain gardens and appropriate placement of erosion control materials such as EnviroLoc bags, sediment logs, and biologs. Two additional steps include temporary fencing and a careful watering regime for the plantings. The restoration team uses 8-foot plastic mesh fencing to protect the plantings following their installation and pumps, hoses and sprinklers will be installed to keep the restorations irrigated.

2013-2014 runoff collector study and a bio-retention basin study

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**Outcome:** This project will provide a state of the science Great Lakes shore land restoration project in Ashland, WI, a high profile recreation destination on the south shore of Lake Superior. Decades of post-industrial debris still lined the City Waterfront and this project will remove much of what remains. The National Park Service Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center is located 2 miles from the restoration and a display will be set up to direct visitors to the restorations. These restorations are designed to remove terrestrial invasive species that are common at these disturbed sites, and the plantings will return the vegetation community to that of undisturbed, natural shoreline in the Chequamegon Bay. This will improve the ecological functioning of the Ashland City Waterfront, improving wildlife and fish habitat, and improving water quality. The Final Report will provide a Template for Shoreline Restoration so the lessons learned and implemented at this site can be transferred to other Great Lake communities.

### Study Design:

### QA Measures:

### People

Name	Role	Status	Start Date	End Date	Organization	Comments
DINSMORE, DONALEA	COORDINATOR	ACTIVE	12/20/2010		Wisconsin DNR	
FEVOLD, BRICK M	COORDINATOR	ACTIVE	10/1/2010	9/30/2011	Wisconsin DNR	
MEYER, MICHAEL W	PROJECT_LEAD	ACTIVE	10/1/2010	9/30/2011	Wisconsin DNR	

### Project Statuses

Date	Reported By	Status	Comments
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### Project Status Detail

Answer Set: DEFAULT

#### Question

#### Answer

1. Reporting Timeframe (Q1) (Q2) (Q3) (Q4):
2. Amount expended this reporting period:
3. Subcontracts or subgrants awarded this reporting period:
4. QAPP (Project Plan) status:
5. Local services and/or products purchased this reporting period:
6. Number of jobs created this reporting period:
7. Work accomplished this reporting period:
8. Work goals for coming reporting period:
1. Reporting Timeframe Month/Year to Month/Year (Oct-Mar or Apr-Sept):
2. Quality Documentation status (respond NA if not required):
3. Describe work performed during this reporting period relating to the activities from the grant workplan (Previous 6 months):
4. GLRI Action Plan metric(s) accomplished and numerical progress during this reporting period:
5. GLRI Action Plan metric(s) accomplished and numerical progress since project start (total complete to date):
6. Percentage (estimate) of project work completed during this reporting period:
7. Percentage (estimate) of project work completed since the project start (total complete to date):
8. Is project work on schedule? If no, please explain.
9. If a problem was encountered, describe the problem and action(s) taken to correct it.
10. What work is projected during the next reporting period? (Next 6 months):
11. Will the project take longer than the approved project period? If so, have you requested an extension in writing to the grant coordinator?
12. Amount expended this reporting period (can be approximate) If no amount expended, explain why.
13. Is project invoicing/expenditures up to date? If invoicing is more than 3 months overdue, explain why.
14. Were any significant changes (>10% of the total project amount) made to the project budget? If so, have you notified the grant coordinator in writing?

### Actions

Action	Detailed Description	Start Date	End Date	Status
Habitat Restoration - Upland	Native vegetation cover Baseline: <50% Value at Grant Completion: >90% Long-term Value: restores native plant community Year Long-term Value will be Achieved:2011	10/1/2010	9/30/2011	IN_PROGRESS

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Details: Parameter	Value/Amount	Units	Comments		
Native vegetation cover	90	%			
Grant Awarded	Restore 4,100 feet of public shoreland in the City of Ashland, WI	10/1/2010	9/30/2011	IN_PROGRESS	
Restore Riparian Habitat	Shoreline feet restored/enhanced Baseline: 0 feet Value at Grant Completion: 4100 feet Long-term Value: restores natural plant and wildlife community Year Long-term Value will be Achieved:2011	10/1/2010	9/30/2011	IN_PROGRESS	
Details: Parameter	Value/Amount	Units	Comments		
Monitoring		FT			
Aquatic Plant Monitoring or Survey	Area infested by invasive species Baseline: 4100 feet Value at Grant Completion: 0 feet Long-term Value: enhances recovery of native plant community Year Long-term Value will be Achieved:2011	10/1/2010	9/30/2011	IN_PROGRESS	
Details: Parameter	Value/Amount	Units	Comments		
Monitoring		FT			

### Monitoring Stations

Station ID	Name	Comments
10041350	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-BIO-1	
10041351	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-BIO-2	
10041352	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-BIO-3	
10041353	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-BIO-4	
10041354	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-BIO-5	
10041355	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-BIO-6	
10041337	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-RCB-1	
10041346	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-RCB-10	
10041347	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-RCB-11	
10041348	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-RCB-12	
10041338	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-RCB-2	
10041339	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-RCB-3	
10041340	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-RCB-4	
10041341	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-RCB-5	
10041342	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-RCB-6	
10041343	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-RCB-7	
10041344	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-RCB-8	
10041345	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-RCB-9	

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10041349	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-RCB-LAKE	
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### Assessment Units

WBIC	Segment	Local Name	Official Name
2751220	1	Lake Superior	Lake Superior

### Lab Account Codes

Account Code	Description	Start Date	End Date
GL009	ASHLAND CBSRP	5/31/2011	6/30/2012
SS084	ASHLAND CBSRP	6/26/2013	12/31/2014

### Forms

Form Code	Form Name
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### Methods

Method Code	Method Description
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### Fieldwork Events

Start Date	Status	Field ID	Station ID	Station Name
6/6/2013	COMPLETE	MP-LAKE	10041349	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-RCB-LAKE
6/6/2013	COMPLETE	MP-LAKE	10041349	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-RCB-LAKE
8/27/2013 17:00	COMPLETE	MP-OF-A	10041350	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-BIO-1
8/27/2013 17:00	COMPLETE	MP-BIO-A	10041353	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-BIO-4
8/27/2013 17:00	COMPLETE	MP-BIO-B	10041354	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-BIO-5
8/27/2013 17:00	COMPLETE	MP-OF-B	10041351	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-BIO-2
8/27/2013 17:00	COMPLETE	MP-OF-C	10041352	Chequamegon Bay Runoff MP-BIO-3

### Documents

Title	Description	Author	Published	Comments
Ashland GLRI Shoreline Restoration Proposal 2010	Ashland GLRI Shoreline Restoration 2010	Meyer, Mike	10/1/2010	
Ashland/Chequamegon Bay Shoreland Restoration QAPP	Zip file of QAPP and attachments signed by DNR and Ashland	Michael Meyer	10/31/2011	
Chequamegon Bay History Website	<a href="http://www.chequamegonbay-history.com/">http://www.chequamegonbay-history.com/</a>		5/4/2011	
Chequamegon Bay Map, Lars Larson PhD Website			5/4/2011	
QAPP Addendum - Response to EPA Comments	QAPP Addendum - to be incorporated into QAPP	Brick Fevold	10/25/2012	Summary of discussion from teleconference to resolve QAPP issues.

### Budget

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**Budget Description:** Budget for Ashland/Chequamegon Bay Shoreland Restoration Project

**Start Date:** 10/1/2010

**End Date:** 9/30/2011

Code	Description	Quantity	Units	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Comments
FTE	FTE Hours		Hours	\$0.00	\$0.00	
LTE SAL	LTE Salary		Hours	\$13.00	\$0.00	
LTE FR	LTE Fringe				\$0.00	
LTE IND	LTE Indirect				\$0.00	
LTE TOT	LTE Total Cost				\$0.00	
SUPPLY	Supplies				\$0.00	
MILEAGE	Mileage		Miles	\$0.72	\$0.00	
MEAL	Meals		Meals	\$9.00	\$0.00	
LODGE	Lodging				\$0.00	
TRAVEL	Travel Total				\$0.00	
BUG	Bug Contracts				\$0.00	
OTHER	Other Contracts				\$0.00	
EQUIP	Equipment				\$0.00	
USGS	USGS Costs				\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Total Cost (excludes SLOH)</b>				<b>\$0.00</b>	

**Total WSLH Lab Costs:** \$0.00

**Total Budget:** \$0.00

**Combined Budgets:** \$0.00

**Combined WSLH:** \$0.00

**Combined Total:** \$0.00

Funding					
Organization	Source	Type	Amount	Start Date	End Date
Great Lakes National Program Office	Federal	Other type of funding	\$222,491.00		