

Wisconsin DNR Office of Great Waters 2017 AOC Grant Application: Project 5 of 15

Project Title: Lower Fox River Aesthetics Monitoring

AOC(s): Lower Fox River/Green Bay

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Project Location: 12 established monitoring sites in the Lower Green Bay and Fox River AOC

Problem Statement:

The Lower Green Bay and Fox River Area of Concern (AOC) has been classified as having Aesthetics Degradation as a beneficial use impairment. The Remedial Action Plan Update for the AOC dated December 2015 highlights the need for continued aesthetics monitoring.

“A priority outreach need in 2016 is continued aesthetics monitoring, including retaining existing volunteer monitors and recruiting new volunteer monitors.”

Proposed Work:

This is for the second year of an existing project that we have with the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance. FWWA would provide assistance in recruiting volunteers. Having a large pool of volunteers to complete the monitoring is necessary, in accordance with conditions that are outlined in the existing QAPP. FWWA will:

- Develop a volunteer base for the aesthetics monitoring program through strategic volunteer recruitment and ongoing engagement/support.
- Ensure that the 12 identified aesthetics monitoring sites are monitored multiple times throughout the designated monitoring season in 2017. FWWA will recruit volunteers, providing a minimum of 5 volunteers per site. Monitoring will be conducted and data form submitted on a regular basis and digital surveys are submitted to the DNR electronically after they are completed.
- Have each site monitored by unique volunteers. Unique volunteers may monitor more than one site (i.e. the same volunteer may monitor once at each of the 12 sites). If FWWA is unable to recruit enough unique volunteers multiple times during the monitoring season, volunteers may monitor the same site more than one time in the monitoring season but will

not be allowed to monitor the same site more than once during the month. The focus will be on finding as many different volunteers to monitor each of the sites.

- Volunteers will utilize the data collection form provided by WDNR (paper or electronic is acceptable). WDNR will provide the link to the electronic form for FWWA to distribute to volunteers.
- Upon completion, volunteer monitor will mail data form to WDNR Lower Fox River/Green Bay AOC Coordinator using pre-paid self-addressed envelope provided by WDNR or FWWA Outreach Coordinator will scan and send form electronically. All hard copies of the data sheets will be mailed to the WDNR.

Collaboration with Partners:

The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance will build upon partnerships with University of Wisconsin Green Bay (UWGB), Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC), Green Bay Conservation Partnership (GBCP), Time Warner Cable (TWC), and Brown County Volunteer Center to recruit volunteers.

Timetable:

Project duration: March 15, 2017 through Dec. 31, 2017

2017 Proposed Work												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Volunteer Recruitment/Program Promotion						X		X	X		X	
Volunteer Contact & Support during Monitoring times						X	X	X	X	X		
Track Volunteers and reports							X			X		

Deliverables:

Volunteer Contact Information

Names and contact information for all program volunteers

Number of Citizen Monitor Volunteers anticipated in 2017: 30

Site Monitoring Forms

Completed monitoring forms

Minimum number of completed forms per site in 2017: 15

- Minimum of 5 forms per site monitored in June-July
- Minimum of 5 forms per site monitored in August-September
- Minimum of 5 forms per site monitored in October

Quarterly Updates to DNR

Quarterly reports will include the following information:

- Amount of money spent that quarter,
- Deliverables and work accomplished during the quarter and any problems that were encountered and how they were resolved,
- Planned tasks/deliverables for the next quarter

Updates to DNR are due after reporting periods. Reporting periods, where applicable, are] Apr-June, July-Sept., Oct-Dec. Quarterly updates must be submitted to DNR within 10 days of the end of the previous reporting period. Invoices should also be sent as soon as possible, and should conform to the reporting periods cited here.

Project Budget:

Budget Table	Mar. 15- Dec. 31, 2017	2017 Actual
Personnel/Salaries (includes payroll tax)		
Outreach Coordinator (80 hours) (57.38)	\$1,637	\$1,089.41
AIS Coordinator (7.93)		\$162.17
Executive Director (10 hours) (7.98)	\$504	\$270.63
Finance & Operations Coordinator (10 hours) (9.9)	\$231	\$234.43
Travel	\$61.53	\$96.61
Equipment		
Supplies		
Contractual (FWWA):		
Total Direct Charges	\$2,433.53	\$1,853.25
Invoice #1391 PAID		\$551.74
Final 2017 Invoice # 1427 DUE		\$1,301.51
Total Program Cost	\$2,433.53	\$1,853.25

Other costs include sub-award to Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance to continue to provide assistance in recruiting volunteers.