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SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN WATERSHEDS TRUST, INC.



YOUR MONTHLY UPDATE FOR STORMWATER
PROJECTS, ISSUES & EVENTS IN SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Happy New Year from Sweet Water!

We've got a lot to be excited about, between 2019 accomplishments and 2020 expectations!



Jacob Fincher Acting Director

2019 Highlight

We had a very successful [Clean Rivers, Clean Lake Conference](#) in 2019! For the fifteenth year running, we were able to convene actors from many sectors to learn about the great work being done to improve the health of our watersheds and find new opportunities to collaborate.

2020 Expectation

Sweet Water has been going through quite a bit of transition. We acknowledge that and are looking forward to providing more clarity and honest conversations with our partners. I am especially looking forward to meeting new people, strengthening current partnerships, and learning how SWWT can support your great work!

Ali Woodruff Project Manager

2019 Highlight

In the fall we had a teacher and her class table at the Shorewood Farmers Market to promote the [Adopt A Storm Drain](#) program and they were able to sign up 80 new storm drain adopters!

2020 Expectation

We are introducing some updates to the Adopt Your Drain program this spring and I am really excited to see where that takes us.





Kristin Schoenecker Watershed Coordination Manager

2019 Highlight

In September, we coordinated a [Clean-Up Collaboration](#) between MillerCoors volunteers and the Village of Bayside. In one afternoon we removed over 6 tons of debris from a creek with chronic flooding issues!

2020 Expectation

The [Water Quality Improvement Plan](#) will be completed in March. I'm excited to see how the framework for implementing integrated watershed management projects will be used throughout the Greater Milwaukee Watersheds!

Sweet Stories

Congratulations to SWWT Board Member, Karen Sands!

Karen Sands of Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District was recently named one of the Top 10 Influential Women of Water at Mazars Women of Water Summit.

WOMEN OF WATER AWARD HONOREE

"Karen has evolved as a national leader on water sustainability. She is a national speaker on the implementation of sustainable initiatives to reduce flood potential, improve water quality, and enhance climate resilience."

-- Kevin Shafer

KAREN SANDS
MANAGER OF PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND
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M A Z A R S



Touring restoration sites on the Milwaukee River in Ozaukee County

Check out this article from Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department, published on [A Wealth of Naure's Blog](#) with an introduction and photography by Eddee Daniel!

[Read the Article](#)



Interest in PAHs increases at State Level

Sweet Water's Science Advisory Committee researched PAHs. Now they are a statewide interest.

[Learn More](#)

Sweet Opportunities

Municipal GI Workshop

Learn how you can incorporate green



infrastructure practices into your work and hear about local success stories. If you're involved in municipal stormwater, engineering, and/or public works projects and want to do more with green stormwater infrastructure, this workshop is for you!

When: 7:30 am - 10:00 am, Wed, January 22

Where: UWM School of Freshwater Sciences

RSVP: gjworkshops@cleanwisconsin.org

[More Information](#)

January Grant Opportunities

Each month Sweet Water compiles a list of local, regional, and national funding opportunities. These grants and scholarships are available for environmental and water quality projects in our region and are intended to support a range of needs, from organizational capacity building to water quality monitoring. We encourage our partner organizations and community members to take a closer look!



[More Information](#)



RIVER TALK SERIES: State of Milwaukee's Rivers

Join Milwaukee Riverkeeper and Friends of the Domes for an afternoon discussing the current state of Milwaukee's three rivers. Dive into water quality trends and restoration efforts happening throughout the Milwaukee River Basin. The afternoon will include a walk into one of the Domes for a demonstration on how water quality data is collected.

When: 1 - 2:30 pm, Saturday, Jan 25

Where: Mitchell Park Domes

[Learn More](#)



Community Rivers Program: Fish and Wildlife of Ozaukee County

Join the CRP and Ozaukee County in a presentation on the County's efforts to improve the fish and wildlife habitat in the Milwaukee River Watershed and Lake Michigan Basin in addition to associated environmental monitoring activities and results.

When: 6 - 7:30 pm Wednesday, Feb 12

Where: USS Liberty Memorial Public Library

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