Agency Updates: WWA



Kyle Magyera Local Government Outreach Specialist WCCA Spring Conference 2015



Land Use & Wetlands Advisory Group

12 Members

- Mix of land use and conservation staff
- WCCA reps: Dan Bowers and Chris Mrdutt

Main Tasks

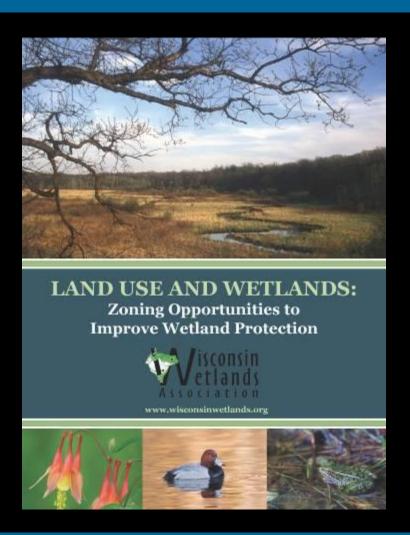
- Review Model Wetland Ordinance
- Review publication for local officials

Vision

Keep the group active long-term



Model Wetland Ordinance



Supplement to Wetland Zoning Guidebook

- Lead author: Brian Ohm
- Input from Land Use and Wetland Advisory Group
- Strong, solution-oriented policy options
- Additional research into county, municipal and tribal approaches to wetland protection

Available ~ June 2015



New Publication

Designed for local officials

- Update to LDMG
- Use in CLUE Plan Commission and BOA workshops
- Input from Land Use and Wetland Advisory Group
- Focus → development review w/ some emphasis on community planning and plan implementation

Available ~June 2015

LAND USE AND WETLANDS:

A Local Decision Makers Guide to Wetland Conservation

All local decision makers, whether an elected or appointed official, infortune committee member, or staff, face difficult questions about here to meet community needs for housing, public infrastructure, and economic development while also protecting sensitive natural resources. Land use conflicts are common, and in Wisconsins wetland-schlandscape some of the most difficult cases involve wetlands.

Though wetlands were arror perceived as watelands, today the return functions and public benefits of wetlands are well understood by both scientists and land managers. Wetlands new receive special persections under both date and federal law and public support for wetland preservation has increased trenversionally in recent decades.

Despite these gains, large gaps still exist in the public's understanding of what and where wetlands are; why they marties and how they are protected. These gaps fall public controversies over wetland development proposals, and sometimes result in land use decisions being made without full or accitate information about the economic and ecological consequences of wetland loss.

The purpose of this publication is to improve worked conservation and viduoe wetland controversies by providing town, village, city and covery land use decision makers with toxic information about Wivconsin's wetland heritage (p. 2) the various community benefits of wetlands (pp. 3-8); wetland permit requirements (pp. 4-5); and practical steps that will help local land use officials consider wetland oncerns in their decision making (pp. 6-2).

Thank you for your interest in protecting Wisconsin's wetland heritage. For more information on the wetlands of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Wetlands Association's outstach and solley programs, please visit were with consin

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Land Use Decision Makers of Youn, Williams, City or County.

- Mounts of Supervisors

-Board) of Adjustments or Appeals

- Planning, Zuning and Land Conservation Commissions or Committee

Town, William, City or County Administrature and Staff Morebers









Wetland/Watershed Planning Symposium









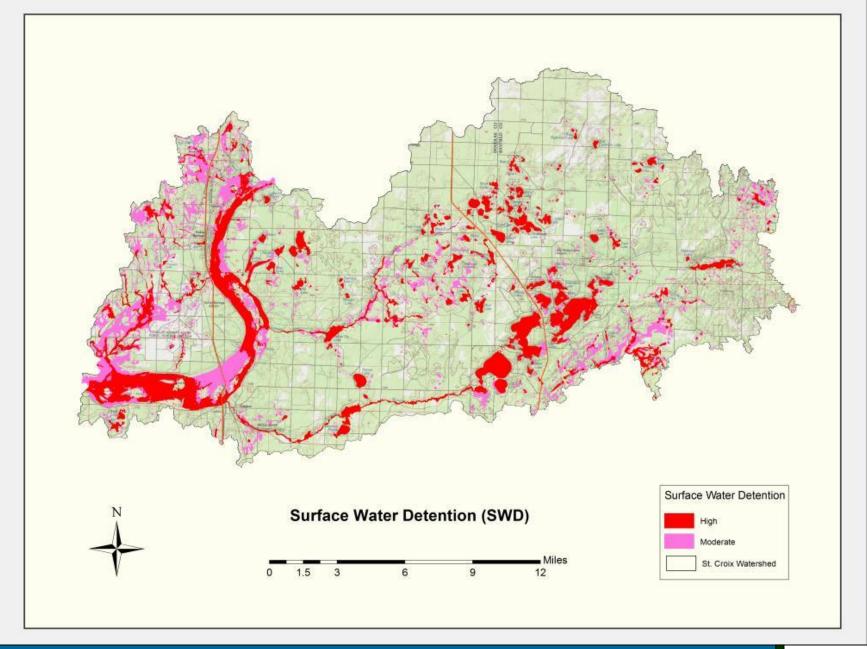
Discussed barriers and opportunities for watershed-scale assessments.

WCCA reps in attendance

These projects help you to:

- 1. Evaluate/rank/model wetland functions or potential functions (NWI+)
- 2. Prioritize protection or restoration to meet various objectives







Field-Based Workshops

Trained 160 from ~50 counties

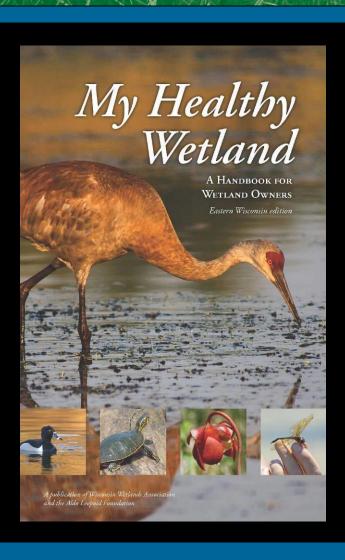
Advanced Reading the Wetland Landscape Workshops

- Early June: Lincoln Co.
- June 30: Green Bay Duck-Pensaukee Watershed
- September: Eau Claire area





Private Landowner Outreach



My Healthy Wetlands Handbook

Available for order online - \$5

Landowner Workshops

- Sheboygan/Ozaukee Co.
- Door County



Advocacy Priorities

State Budget

- Cuts to DNR Science Services
- Cuts to UWEX Natural Resources Educators
- Cuts to County Land & Water Conservation Depts

EPA WOTUS Rule

Clarifications to federal wetland jurisdiction

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