

An outline map of the state of Wisconsin is shown in the background. Overlaid on the map is the text "2010 WISCONSIN LAKE STEWARDSHIP AWARDS" in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. The text is centered and arranged in five lines: "2010", "WISCONSIN", "LAKE", "STEWARDSHIP", and "AWARDS".

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Wisconsin Lakes Partnership*

*Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Awards Banquet
Wisconsin Lakes Convention
Green Bay, WI*



2010 AWARD WINNERS AND NOMINEES

New nominees this year and from the previous two years are considered in each category. The nominees and award winners in each category for 2010 are:

CITIZEN CATEGORY

2010 AWARD WINNER:

Earl Cook

NOMINEES:

Virginia Amerena

Al Baade

Mike Bader

Barry & Arlene Borman

Candis Chapman

Sandy Gillum

Jim Heim

Donald Hermes

Ted Ludwig

Donald Madden

Connie Muckelberg

Milt Stanze

AJ Theiler

Chuck Thier

Lee Wiesner

Lorna Wilson

GROUP CATEGORY

2010 AWARD WINNER:

**Florence County Lakes and Rivers
Association**

NOMINEES:

Bayfield County Lakes Forum

Clark Lake Advancement Association

Gibson Island Conservation Project
(Cloverleaf Lakes)

Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity
(Silver Lake)

Friends of Lake Wingra

Lake Puckaway Protection and
Rehabilitation District

Lake Wissota Improvement Association

Rock Lake Leadership Team

Rusk County Wildlife Restoration Association

PUBLIC SERVICE CATEGORY

2010 AWARD WINNER:

**Carolyn Scholl,
Vilas County Conservationist**

NOMINEES:

Heidi Bunk

Dave Ferris

Dale Hanson

Deborah Konkel

YOUTH CATEGORY

2010 AWARD WINNER:

Boy Scout Troop 1035

NOMINEES:

Girl Scout Troop 2724

Luke and Kyle Lenard,

Clean our Oneida Lakes Club



CITIZEN EARL COOK

Earl Cook is described by those who work with him as “an outstanding citizen with personal values of volunteerism, civic involvement and advocacy.” Earl lives on Bass Patterson Lake in Washburn County, where he’s been a volunteer for Wisconsin’s Citizen Lake Monitoring Network since 2001. A graduate of the Lake Leaders Institute Crew IV and Advanced Lake Leaders, Earl now attends the Institute as an instructor. Graduates of the program are expected to take on active citizen roles in their local lake, in county lake associations, on watershed management teams, and on statewide policy committees - a directive Earl has certainly taken to heart.

Earl is active in the leadership of the Bass Patterson Lake Association, and he serves on the board of the Washburn County Lakes and Rivers Association (WCLRA). Regularly involved in town and county government activities as well, he serves as the Town of Bass Lake’s Planning Commission Chair, guiding the development and adoption of their Comprehensive Plan. As both a board member and a former vice president of WCLRA, he has developed a thorough understanding of county zoning issues and developed a positive relationship with the county’s Zoning Department, Zoning Committee, and Board of Adjustment.

Earl is a keen observer of and diligent participant in local land-use decisions and shoreland zoning matters. He is a leader on WCLRA’s Government and Environment Committee, attending Washburn County Zoning meetings and Board of Adjustment hearings as an advocate for the waters of Washburn County, and is known for his fairness and his diligence in researching the facts before addressing an issue. Fellow organization leaders often look to Earl for his knowledge, insights, and recommendations.

Earl has served on several committees over the years, addressing an array of land use and lake-related matters. He played a key role on the Washburn County committee that recently drafted a campground ordinance, serving as the principal author of the final ordinance. He was also an advisory committee member for Washburn County's Land and Water Resource Management Plan and Aquatic Invasive Species Strategic Plan, and currently serves on the County's Strategic Planning Advisory Committee. Among others on the statewide level, Earl served on the NR 115 Advisory Committee to revise Wisconsin's shoreland development rules.



Earl joined the Wisconsin Association of Lakes Board of Directors in 2005 and was elected Vice President in 2006, elected President in 2008, and reelected President in 2009. As President and a member of Wisconsin Association of Lakes'

Legal and Legislative Committee, Earl closely follows and advocates for statewide legislation that promotes the protection and well-being of Wisconsin's water resources.

Earl is truly a guardian of our lakes. His interest, passion, and fortitude combined with his ability to learn, understand, and communicate complex lake issues is a benefit to all of us who are working for the betterment of Wisconsin's waters.

For his dedication to advancing lake protection initiatives, inspiring leadership, and his exemplary spirit of volunteerism and civic engagement—we are pleased to recognize Earl Cook with the Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Award in the Citizen category.



GROUP

FLORENCE COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ASSOCIATION

Members of the Florence County Lakes and Rivers Association (FCLARA) exhibit a strong commitment to preserving and enhancing the waters of Florence County and building relationships in their community. These dedicated stewards have generously donated their time, talents, and resources to advance many initiatives in Florence County.

Local elected officials realize and appreciate FCLARA's role in a partnership that has helped the county meet outreach goals in their Land and Water Resource Management Plan. FCLARA's achievements in this cooperative effort include: planning and delivering regularly published educational newsletters and healthy shoreland living packets to waterfront property owners, promoting shoreland restoration, presenting at workshops, assisting with Florence County's Youth Natural Resource Education Program, and monitoring area lakes and rivers.

FCLARA was instrumental in developing and maintaining a growing countywide Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program in Florence County. They provide the local match—literally hundreds of volunteer hours, valued at over \$53,500—to sustain two multi-year grant funded positions for the County: an invasive species program manager and a watercraft inspection coordinator. FCLARA members conducted a project to inventory and improve boat landing signs throughout the county, and continue to volunteer as Clean Boats, Clean Waters watercraft inspectors at public boat landings and monitor for AIS in the county's waters.

When shoreland zoning rules to limit development along the two Wild Rivers in Florence County (the Pine and Popple) were threatened, FCLARA spoke up for these pristine rivers to ensure that their unique protection remained. FCLARA disputed proposed changes that would have allowed excessive shoreland development along these rare legislatively-designated Wild Rivers. Because of FCLARA's persistent advocacy, the Pine and Popple Wild Rivers are still protected today.

FCLARA was also instrumental in the acquisition of the Wild Rivers Legacy Forest conservation easement, the Savage-Robago Wild Lakes Area, and the Woods Creek Fisheries Area in Florence County. Their support will preserve the natural and recreational values of these rare wild places for generations to come.



Other community activities that the group undertakes include fundraisers, field trips to introduce residents and visitors to the natural wonder of the Pine and Popple Rivers, plus educational outreach at the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center, County Fair, and area schools.

For their perseverance, enthusiastic outreach, willingness to play an active role in managing their community's natural resources, and for serving as an excellent model for other county-scale lakes and rivers projects— we are pleased to award the Florence County Lakes and Rivers Association the 2010 Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Award in the Group Category.



PUBLIC SERVICE
CAROLYN SCHOLL,
VILAS COUNTY
CONSERVATIONIST

Hired as Lakes Specialist for Vilas County's Land and Water Conservation Department in 2002, Carolyn Scholl "hit the water" with relish and inspired creativity as she has grown in and with the position. Carolyn was promoted to Vilas County Conservationist for the Land and Water Conservation Department in February, 2008.

She demonstrates unfailing enthusiasm in her work to provide educational outreach and technical assistance to the public on land and water resource management issues. Her energetic approach to helping local lake organizations, citizens, elected officials, conservation partners, agency personnel and others with an array of lake-related projects in a county with 1,324 lakes is impressive. A snapshot of her accomplishments follow.

She is a trusted technical advisor to the Vilas County Lakes Association, the many individual lake groups throughout the county, local officials, and other citizens. Over the years she has advised on grants, lake management plans, and educational projects. She has also given countless presentations on lake matters to local governments, lake organizations, schools, and other community groups. For instance, she worked with the Town of Washington to bring an outdoor educational program to the area high school's classrooms. She's also developed and led student pontoon classrooms and other educational programs for kids.

Carolyn was instrumental in helping to build the unique Eagle River Chain of Lakes Unified Lakes Commission to address aquatic invasive species in this complex lake system. An intergovernmental, citizen-based committee was forged to unite the varied interests among multiple connected water bodies spanning several governmental units. She is diligent in aiding groups like these to attain the goals set forth in grant

projects and management plans, and encouraging them to be successful lake stewards.

Recognizing the need to provide lake communities with accessible lake management tools, Carolyn wrote a grant and authored the comprehensive, easy-to-use guide, *Aquatic Invasive Species— a Guide for Proactive and Reactive Management*. This terrific booklet contains a plethora of information and resources for people seeking to prevent or control AIS throughout the state. Building on a local need, she collaborated with DNR, UW-Extension and others around the state to create a guide that any lake citizen or manager can use to tackle this major threat to Wisconsin's lakes.



Carolyn has also built the Vilas County cost-share program, which provides state funding to landowners for conservation practices to control erosion, reduce runoff pollution, and improve water quality. She recommends management options to landowners, writes conservation plans,

guides installation efforts, and communicates with local officials about the programs' benefits and results. Her work also helps sustain ongoing research efforts for the long term Wisconsin Lakeshore Restoration Project by contributing thousands of cost share dollars each year. This important research, led by the DNR, is measuring the value of fish and wildlife habitat restoration, evaluating different shoreline erosion control methods and water quality changes over time.

For her tireless service to land and water resources, and enthusiastic commitment to helping citizens learn more about lakes and their natural world— we proudly designate Carolyn Scholl as the winner of the 2010 Wisconsin Lakes Stewardship award in the Public Service category.



YOUTH BOY SCOUT TROOP 1035, BERRY LAKE

Boy Scout Troop 1035 draws youth from the Underhill, Gillett and Suring areas in Oconto County. The Scouts have demonstrated a high degree of organization, team work, and genuine concern for the lakes in their communities. The scouts developed partnerships with the Berry Lake Association, other citizen groups, local agencies, businesses and others to advance understanding of aquatic invasive species (AIS) spread in the region and demonstrate shoreland habitat restoration along Berry Lake.

The Troop contributes to area lakes through projects primarily organized by the Scouts themselves via Eagle Scout Leadership Service Projects. Eagle Projects develop and test leadership skills of the older boys who are earning Eagle Ranks, but also require participation of the whole Troop. In Troop 1035, today's project worker is tomorrow's project leader. Older boys lead the younger boys in public service projects, with support from their Troop Leader, Rick Raatz. Troop 1035's prospective Eagle Scouts have an average of 80% of their fellow Scouts participating in area lake projects.

The Troop conducted two Eagle Projects, led by Tyler Raatz and Shane Anderson, in 2008 and 2009, to help the Berry Lake Association model AIS spread in Northeast Wisconsin and determine how to provide educational outreach and watercraft inspection benefits most effectively to a system of lakes. In both projects the Scouts conducted Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) volunteer watercraft inspections at area boat landings, which provided valuable public outreach about AIS prevention steps.



As part of their CBCW work, the Scouts also conducted a survey that was developed by Brian Ewart, Berry Lake Association Project Coordinator, to better understand boater movement among lakes in three counties and along the Oconto River. The Scouts used the survey results to strategically place CBCW teams at the most heavily used landings presenting the greatest risk of spreading AIS to uninfected waters in the region. By focusing their CBCW inspections on a system of water bodies instead of a single lake, the Scouts demonstrated their understanding that AIS do not follow political jurisdictions and solutions must be addressed regionally.

Another Eagle Project, led by Alex Wocking, removed phragmites and other invasive plants and restored a section of the Northern Grace Youth Camp's shoreland at Berry Lake in Fall 2008.



The positive example set by the Scouts' and Northern Grace Youth Camp's restoration work led several property owners to begin their own shoreland restorations. The partnerships that the Scouts developed in the community to complete this restoration project proved to be an inspiration to many Berry Lake property owners and advanced local stewardship of this lake.

For their hard work, creative ideas, and enthusiastic commitment to caring for the lakes in their community, we designate the boy scouts of Troop 1035 winner of the 2010 Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Award in the Youth category.

PREVIOUS LAKE STEWARDSHIP AWARD WINNERS



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

2007	Richard Wedepohl	1992	City of Tomah Lake Committee/ District
2005	Elmer Goetsch	1991	Black Otter Lake District
2003	Dr. William Genthe	1990	Bullhead Lake Advancement Association
2000	Lowell Klessig Sandy Engel	1989	Town of Delavan Lake Committee

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2009	Town of Barnes Eurasian Water Milfoil Committee & Town Clerk	1988	Lake Puckaway District/ Association
2008	Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission and Office of Lakes and Watersheds	1987	Rolling Stone Lake District

2007	Lauderdale Lakes Partnership
2006	Green Lake Association
2005	Pike Lake Chain Lakes Association, Inc.
2004	Lake Hallie Lake Association
2003	Pigeon River Watershed Stakeholders Group
2002	Whitefish Lake Conservation Organization
2001	Legend Lake LPRD
2000	Green Lake Sanitary District
1999	Rock Lake Improvement Association
1998	Sheboygan County Conservation Association
1997	Lake Redstone Protection District
1996	Loon Lake-Wescott Management District
1995	Lake Ripley Management District
1994	Balsam Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
1993	Long Lake Fishing Club

CITIZEN

2009	Les Schramm
2008	June Schmaal
2007	Dave Pozorski
2006	Kay Scharpf
2005	Sandy & Fred Anderson
2005	Wayne Towne
2004	Tom Arnison
2003	Yvonne Feavel
2002	Pauline Kelly
2001	Jim Brakken
2000	Robert & Fran Dauffenbach
1999	Charlie Shong
1998	Mary Platner
1997	Fred Ellerman
1996	Mary Bierman
1995	John Seibel
1994	John Avery
1993	Alice Clausing
1992	Mary Danoski
1991	Lloyd Christenson
1990	Jim Holperin
1989	Lisa Conley
1988	Kathy Aron
1987	Elmer Goetsch



PUBLIC SERVICE

2009 Marinette County Land & Water Conservation Dept.
2008 Mark Sesing
2007 Kevin MacKinnon
2006 John Molinaro
2005 Patrick "Buzz" Sorge
2004 Thomas Ward
2003 Robert Korth
2002 Dr. Jeffrey Thornton
2001 William P. O'Connor
2000 Bryan Pierce
1999 Mike Dresen
1998 Jeff Bode
1997 Northwoods Lake Fair Planning Committee
1996 Steve Field
1995 Tom Wilson
1994 Harvey Stower
1993 Les Aspin
1992 Carolyn Rumery Betz

YOUTH

2009 University Lake School students
2008 Lakes Studies Students, Green Lake School District
2007 New Auburn High School Lake Leaders
2006 Girl Scout Troop 724
2005 Liberty Go-Getters 4-H Club
2004 White Lake Adopt-a-Lake Milfoil Masters (Special Recognition)
2003 "Lake Watchers" Adopt-a-Lake Team
2002 Phelps School District & the North and South Twin Lakes Riparian Association
2001 Hartford Union High School
2000 Montello School District (Montello Lake)

1999 Lake Holcombe High School Future Farmers of America
1998 New Auburn High School (Round Lake)
1997 Cambridge High School (Lake Ripley)
1997 Asa Clark Middle School (Pewaukee)
1997 Three Lakes High School & FWIABS
1997 Wood River Beavers 4-H Club
1996 Rice Lake Middle School (Rice Lake)
1996 Lucky Hills 4-H Club (Lakes Kathryn & Esca)
1996 August High School (Eau Claire Lake)
1996 North Lakeland Elementary (Carlin Lake)
1996 Lake Tomah School District (Lake Tomah)
1996 Dodge County 4-H (Fox Lake)

EDUCATOR

2008 Jill Graf
2007 Susan Knight
2006 John Haack

BUSINESS

2004 NES Ecological Services
2003 Eco Building and Forestry LLC
2002 Aquarius Systems

ABOUT THE WISCONSIN LAKE STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

The Wisconsin Lakes Partnership presents the Wisconsin Lakes Stewardship awards each year in celebration of the extraordinary volunteer and professional efforts made to protect and improve lakes in Wisconsin. The Stewardship Awards represent our best collective effort to honor and celebrate all the incredible work that goes into ensuring the future of our state's Legacy of Lakes.

This is our 22nd year of celebrating Wisconsin's outstanding lake stewards. All nominees have performed outstanding service for lakes, which makes the selection of winners in each category a difficult task.

STEWARDSHIP AWARD CATEGORIES

There are four Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Award categories to recognize outstanding contributions of time and effort to the future of our lakes.

CITIZEN

This category recognizes the many individuals whose actions help protect our lakes and encourage others to do the same. Dedicated local volunteers are helping monitor and learn more about our lakes, working with local governments to ensure that land use decisions consider the health of lakes, and extending a helping hand to neighbors interested in protecting their lake.

ORGANIZED GROUP

Many groups—including lake associations, lake districts, countywide associations, and other collaborative efforts—are working to make their lakes clean, safe, and healthy for everyone. This category recognizes groups who have organized their members to make positive contributions to lake quality by starting local education or restoration programs, participating in local government decision making, working collaboratively with other organizations, or other activities.

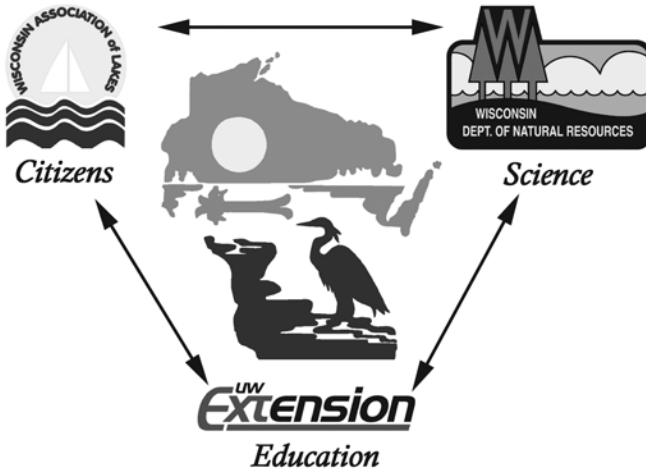
YOUTH

This category recognizes young lake leaders or youth groups showing local or regional leadership getting their peers excited about lakes, monitoring and studying lakes, and doing lake related projects.

PUBLIC SERVICE

This category recognizes public officials and employees who are dedicated and committed to helping others learn more about our lakes and making sound lake management decisions.

Wisconsin Lakes Partnership



Wisconsin has an incredible team working for the continued well-being of our lakes. With 15,000+ lakes, no one entity can do the job alone. The Wisconsin Lakes Partnership brings science, education, and citizens together to empower people to work together to care for our lakes.

Since its genesis in the early 1970s, the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership has been recognized as a national model of collaboration.

The Wisconsin Lakes Partnership is comprised of three partners: the Department of Natural Resources (which supplies the technical expertise and regulatory authority), the UW-Extension Lakes Program (provides supporting educational materials and programs), and the Wisconsin Association of Lakes (mobilizing citizens to be advocates for lakes).

Support our lake stewards through a business sponsorship of the 2011 Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Awards. For more information, contact Wisconsin Association of Lakes at wal@wisconsinlakes.org or call 608.661.4313.

