

The Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Presents



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Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Awards Banquet
Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention

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Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Awards

The Wisconsin Lakes Partnership presents these 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.

2018 Award Nominees

New nominees this year and those from the previous two years are considered in each category.

New nominees for 2018 are listed below in **bold**.

Citizen

Nate & Jessica Rice
Waldo Peterson
Tom Schroeder
Michael Backus
Fritz Funk
Valerie Stabenow

Business

Lakescape Solutions LLC

Public Service

Heather Palmquist & Zach Wilson (Iron County LCD)
Sandy Wickman
Derek Kavanaugh
Bradley Steckart

Group

Beaver Dam Lake Management District (Barron Cty)
Manitowoc County Lakes Association
North Lakeland Discovery Center
Clean Lakes Alliance
Lake Association of White Lake
Silver Lake PRD (Washington Cty)

Youth/ Educator

Oshkosh North High School Communities Program Class
Harold Resch

Lowell Klessig Memorial Prize
Dr. Stephen Carpenter

The Wisconsin Lake Partnership thanks its Sponsors of the Lakes Convention. Their donations helped defray the costs for the Lake Stewardship Awards Banquet and the Welcome Reception.



Applied Biochemists/Lonza

Clarke

Onterra LLC
Lake Management Planning

UPI Aquatics

Schmidt Aquatics

2018 Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Award Winners

Lake Association of White Lake ~ Group (Single Lake)

Formed in 1999, the Lake Association of White Lake is an exemplar of how to bring their entire community into the important work of protecting and preserving the lake that serves as a centerpiece of the community. Nearly entirely membership funded, the Lake Association of White Lake's list of accomplishments is impressive--and too long to list here. They participate in shoreland restoration projects, aquatic invasive species monitoring and eradication, water monitoring, advocate for ordinances benefiting their lake, and various educational projects, including Clean Boats, Clean Waters and their very successful Adopt-a-Lake program.

Harold Resch ~ Youth/Educator

Soon after purchasing property on Lake Metonga in 2004, it became crystal clear to Harold that the future health and well-being of Lake Metonga was dependent on the youth of the area, so he set about educating them on the importance of environmental stewardship and the dangers that threaten a lake's ecosystem. In 2004, he created an essay contest for 5th and 6th graders in area school districts, asking them to write about their experiences with lakes and rivers in Forest County. He also organizes the Environmental Day Field Trip, giving area high school students a hands-on learning opportunity, teaching them about aquatic invasive species, fish population management, and boating safety.

Lakescape Solutions LLC/Nick Homan ~ Business

Since its inception, Lakescape Solutions, LLC and its owner/founder Nick Homan have been focused on finding shoreland restoration and landscape solutions for lake homeowners that both protect lakes and enhance the home's beauty. Nick exhibits at, helps plan, and offers assistance to students wishing to attend the Lakes Convention. In 2014 Lakescape Solutions, LLC completed the Lakeshore Habitat Restoration Program. One of Lakescape Solutions first goals is to share with the public the public the fragility of our water ecosystems, and the importance of protecting our lakes and waterways through thoughtful design and installation of restoration projects.

Manitowoc County Lakes Association ~ Group (Multiple Lakes/Regional)

Formed in 1997, the various founding stakeholders adopted this mission: "The Manitowoc County Lakes Association will protect and enhance the quality of area lakes and watersheds for the benefit of all." Over two decades, MCLA has provided a voice for all the water resources large and small in the county, and provided an important conduit between property owners and lake users. They partnered with county sportsman clubs, led shoreline restoration projects, and worked to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Perhaps their most important work, though, is the work they do to inform their fellow county residents about the importance of sound stewardship of their lakes.



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Derek Kavanaugh ~ Public Service

As the soil conservation and lake specialist for Green Lake County Land Conservation Department, Derek is a passionate partner for various lake organizations and associations in Green Lake County as they work to improve lake quality. Derek's knowledge and enthusiasm while serving on the Green Lake County Lake Management Planning Team has helped the county secure multiple grants for the county. More than only an advisor, Derek's technical knowledge has been crucial in protecting county waterways for phosphorus pollution. In addition, he is a long time board member of Wisconsin Lakes, and a graduate of the Lake Leader Institute.

Waldo Peterson ~ Citizen

Waldo Peterson's family has been a fixture on Mirror Lake since 1922, and since 1985 Waldo has been a fixture in the efforts to preserve and protect it. In 1986, after leading an effort to oppose a marina being built on the lake, Waldo helped found the Mirror Lake Association, serving as its vice-president until 1992, when he moved into the role of president. When the Mirror Lake Management District was formed in 2006, his fellow district property owners elected Waldo to the commissioner position he still holds today. He has worked tirelessly in the effort to improve Mirror Lake and surrounding water bodies, forging partnerships with Lake Delton, Mirror Lake State Park, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on projects that have brought multimillion dollars in grant funding to the Mirror Lake area, enhancing the area's tourism potential while improving the water quality of Mirror Lake, Lake Delton, and Dell Creek.

Dr. Stephen Carpenter ~ Lowell Klessig Memorial Prize

Stephen Carpenter's career has exemplified the interdisciplinary approach to science and natural resource management that Lowell Klessig felt was so important. Dr. Carpenter has steadily pushed the envelope for new thinking and different approaches to problem solving, whether exploring ways to bring the concepts of ecological resiliency to human communities around lakes, or advocating for the inclusion of arts in the National Science Foundation's Long Term Ecological Research sites. His legacy has further ensconced Wisconsin as the premier place to study inland lake problems and future generations will benefit from not only Stephen's work, but also the work of many researchers and managers he has influenced.

The Wisconsin Lakes Partnership

Since its genesis in the early 1970's, the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership has been recognized as a national model of collaboration, bringing science, education, and citizens together to empower people to work together to care for our lakes. The core partners of the Partnership are:

- Wisconsin Lakes (Citizens)
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Government)
- UW-Extension Lakes Program (Academics)

