

2020 Outreach Summary

This document provides a summary of outreach events and activities led by Land & Water Resources Department staff. In addition to these events, we support park friends group's and other conservation group's events that are not reflected in this summary.

PROGRAMS/CAMPAIGNS/VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT

- [Continuous Cover Program](#)
- [Free Native Plants for Schools and Community Projects](#)
- [Storm Drain Mural Program](#)
- [Leaf-Free Streets](#)
- [Lussier Family Heritage Center StoryWalk®](#)
- Dane County Parks [newsletter sign up](#) (sent twice a month)
- [Conservation Corner Videos](#)
- [CamRock Shelter #2 Natural Playground Video](#) – featuring playground designer, ADA Consultant, and park planner
- [Drop Spreader Calibration Video](#)
- [Dog Park Safety Video](#) (Lael Pascual)
- www.danecountyparks.com/COVID19

January

Workshops and Training

- Jan 25 – Chainsaw Safety Training (Adam Alves)
- Jan 25 - Certified Land Manager Training (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)

Table/Display

- Jan 4 – Winter Now, Summer Later @ Monona Public Library (Brian Berkan/Susan Sandford)
- Jan 8 – Wisconsin Salt Wise @ Frozen Assets (Christal Campbell/Susan Sandford)
- Jan 8 – Streambank Restoration and Easement display @ Badger Fly Fishers Spring Opener (Curt Diehl and Sara Rigelman)

Kids/Families

- Jan 27 – Get Outside with Bridge Lakepoint Waunona Neighborhood Center (Lael Pascual/ Michelle TeStrake)

Volunteer Events

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- Jan 1 - Tree and brush removal at Pheasant Branch Conservancy (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- Jan 16 - Prairie Seeding with New Century School at Anderson Farm County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- Jan 17 - Tree and brush removal at Pheasant Branch Conservancy (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- Jan 24 - Tree and brush removal at Festge County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- Jan 31 - Tree and brush removal at Lake View Hill County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)

February

Tables and Displays

- Feb 8-9 – Garden Expo (Rhea Stangel-Maier/Rangers/Park Staff)
- Feb 23 - Badger Rock Community Market – park mapping activity (Susan Sandford/ Sarah Desch, UW Intern)

Presentations

- Feb 5 - NASECA Annual Conference “Improving Flood Resiliency in the Yahara Chain of Lakes” (Theresa Nelson)
- Feb 6 - NASECA Annual Conference “Stormwater Basin Successes and Failures” (Jeremy Balousek)
- Feb 6 – UW arboretum Winter Enrichment Series “Managing Stormwater for Environmental Health and Community Well-Being” (John Reimer and Christal Campbell)
- Feb 20 - Cover Crop Conference “Cover Crops in Dane County” (Marie Raboin)
- Feb 28 – MOSES “Grazing Cover Crops” (Marie Raboin)

Workshops and Training

- Feb 6 - Certified Land Manager Training (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- Feb 14 – Cover Crop Workshop (Marie Raboin)
- Feb 26 – Paoli University Training on Cost Share/Manure Management (Marie Raboin)
- Feb 29 – Rain Garden Workshop (Christal Campbell)

Youth/Family Activities

- Feb 6 – Operation Fresh Start Ice Fishing Day (Pete Jopke/Chris James/Shane Otto)
- Feb 22 - Explore Nature @ Cap Springs Hoo's Woods Raptor Program & Kestrel Nest Box Building (Clare Carlson/ Lael Pascual)

- Feb 24 – Get Outside with Bridge Lakepoint Waunona Neighborhood Center (Lael Pascual/Michelle TeStrake)

Volunteer Events

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- Feb 7 - Tree and brush removal at Yahara Heights County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- Feb 11 - Volunteer Restoration Workday at Walking Iron County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- Feb 14 - Tree and brush removal at McCarthy County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- Feb 25 - Volunteer Restoration Workday at Walking Iron County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- Feb 28 - Tree and brush removal at Silverwood County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)

March

Presentations

- March 5 – WI Land + Water Conference “Tech Bytes” (Seth Ebel)
- March 5 – WI Land + Water Conference “What Wikipedia Can’t Tell You about Crop and Tillage Surveys” (Amy Piaget)
- March 6 – WI Land + Water Conference “Farmer Engagement” (Marie Raboin)

Workshops and Training

- March 7 – Parks Volunteer Networking Summit (Rhea Stangel-Maier/Lars Higdon/Shane Otto/Adam Alves)

Youth/Family Activities

- March 2 - Nature Explorers: Family Fun Night at the Monona Public Library (Lael Pascual/Michelle TeStrake)
- March 15 - Conservation Art Contest Judging Ceremony (public portion canceled due to COVID-19) (Shane Otto/Lael Pascual)

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- March 6 - Tree and brush removal at Anderson Farm County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- All other events in March were canceled due to COVID-19

Virtual Engagement

- [Dog Park Safety Video](#) (Lael Pascual)
- #danecountyparks tag challenge on Facebook and Instagram

April

Kids/Families

- April 22 – Earth Day Webinar on Stewardship for Girl Scouts (Lael Pascual)

Other Virtual Engagement

- [Conservation Corner Videos](#) (Lael Pascual w/. other staff)
- #danecountyparks tag challenge on Facebook and Instagram – April and May

May

Youth/Family Activities

- May 13 – Elevjem Elementary Storm Drain Mural Zoom Presentation (Christal Campbell)

Other Virtual Engagement

- [Conservation Corner Videos](#) (Lael Pascual w/. other staff)
- #danecountyparks tag challenge on Facebook and Instagram – April and May

June

Presentations

- June 12 – “Fundamental concepts on water quality of the Yahara lakes” presentation to the Yahara CLEAN Steering Committee (Matt Diebel)

Volunteer Events

- June 12 - Sustain Dane Volunteers at the Lussier Family Heritage Center
- A few small, physically distanced parks volunteer events

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Other Virtual Engagement

- [Conservation Corner Videos](#) (Lael Pascual w/. other staff)

July

Kids/Families

- July 6 – Get Outside at the Lussier Family Heritage Center with the Bridge Lake Point Waunona Neighborhood Center (Lael Pascual and Clare Carlson)
- July 7 – Get Outside at the Lussier Family Heritage Center with the Goodman Community Center (Lael Pascual and Clare Carlson)

- July 9 – Get Outside at the Lussier Family Heritage Center with the Bridge Lake Point Waunona Neighborhood Center (Lael Pascual and Clare Carlson)
- July 20 – Get Outside at the Lussier Family Heritage Center with the Bridge Lake Point Waunona Neighborhood Center (Lael Pascual and Clare Carlson)
- July 21 – Get Outside at the Lussier Family Heritage Center with the Goodman Community Center (Lael Pascual and Clare Carlson)
- July 27 – Get Outside at the Lussier Family Heritage Center with the Bridge Lake Point Waunona Neighborhood Center (Lael Pascual and Clare Carlson)
- July 30 – Get Outside at the Lussier Family Heritage Center with the Bridge Lake Point Waunona Neighborhood Center (Lael Pascual and Clare Carlson)

Volunteer Events

- July 6 – Prairie Seed Collection along the Ice Age Trail (Shane Otto)
- July 10 – Prairie Seed Collection at Schoenberg Marsh (Shane Otto)
- July 16 – Prairie Seed Collection at Holy Wisdom Monastery (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)

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Presentations/Virtual Engagement

- July 7 – “Adapting to the Challenges of an All-Hands-On-Deck Crisis” presentation at the County Conservationist Meeting - Wisconsin Land + Water (Amy Piaget)
- July 15 – “Clean the Lakes” [NextGen Wisconsin Facebook Live Video](#) (Amy Piaget)
- July 28 – “Land & Water Resources Department Updates” presentation for CLA Community Board (Laura Hicklin)

August

Kids/Families

- August 16 – September 14: Over in the Meadow by Jane Cabrera is the featured StoryWalk® at the Lussier Family Heritage Center (Lael Pascual and Korinne Pollison)
- Aug 3 – Get Outside at the Lussier Family Heritage Center with the Bridge Lake Point Waunona Neighborhood Center (Lael Pascual and Clare Carlson)
- Aug 6 – Get Outside at the Lussier Family Heritage Center with the Bridge Lake Point Waunona Neighborhood Center (Lael Pascual and Clare Carlson)
- Aug 10 – Get Outside at the Lussier Family Heritage Center with the Bridge Lake Point Waunona Neighborhood Center (Lael Pascual and Clare Carlson)
- Aug 13 – Get Outside at the Lussier Family Heritage Center with the Bridge Lake Point Waunona Neighborhood Center (Lael Pascual and Clare Carlson)

Volunteer Events

- Aug 11 – Volunteer Restoration Workday at Walking Iron County Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Aug 20 – Prairie Seed Collection at Capital Springs (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Aug 25 – Volunteer Restoration Workday at Walking Iron County Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Aug 27 – Prairie Seed Collection at Schumacher Farm County Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)

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Presentations/Virtual Engagement

- Aug 12 – “Pheasant Branch Conservancy: Protect, Restore, Preserve” presentation at the Yahara Lakes 101 (Laura Hicklin)
- Aug 18 – “Prairie Restoration” presentation with the Madison Area Master Gardeners (Lars Higdon)
- Aug 25 – “Lake Management and AIS” presentation to the Monona Eco Team (Pete Jopke)

September

Kids/Families

- September 15 - October 14: Black is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy is the featured StoryWalk® at the Lussier Family Heritage Center (Lael Pascual and Korinne Pollison)
- Sept 16 - Teen Seed Collection event at Holy Wisdom Monastery (Micah Kloppenburg, Susan Sandford and Korinne Pollison)
- Sept 23 - Teen Seed Collection event at Festge County Park (Micah Kloppenburg)
- Sept 30 - Teen Seed Collection event at Lunney Lake Farm County Park (Shane Otto)
- Sept 30 – Storm Drain Mural Presentation with elementary students at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center (Christal Campbell)

Presentations

- Sept 8 – “LWRD Updates: Dredging, harvesters, pier pickup, fish species ” presentation at the Yahara Lakes Association annual meeting (John Reimer and Pete Jopke)

Volunteer Events

- Sept 3- Volunteer Seed Collection with CLA and Sprinkman Real Estate at Lunney Lake Farm County Park (Shane Otto)
- Sept 4 – Prairie Seed Collection at Festge County Park County Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 4 – Prairie Seed Collection at Indian Lake County Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 8 – Volunteer Restoration Workday at Walking Iron County Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)

- Sept 11 – Prairie Seed Collection at CamRock County Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 11 – Prairie Seed Collection at Ice Age Junction-Reddan Unit (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 15 – Prairie Seed Cleaning at Libby Road facility (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 16 – Prairie Seed Collection at Holy Wisdom Monastery (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 16 – Prairie Seed Collection at North Mendota Wildlife Area (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 18 – Prairie Seed Collection at Badger Prairie Country Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 18 – Prairie Seed Collection at Pheasant Branch Conservancy with Humana Insurance Volunteers (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 19 – Party for the Planet – Individual clean up event around the county (41 total volunteers) (Christal Campbell and Susan Sandford in partnership with Henry Vilas Zoo staff)
- Sept 19 – Pollinator garden planting at McCarthy County Park with Exact Sciences volunteers (Rhea Stangel-Maier)
- Sept 22 – Volunteer Restoration Workday at Walking Iron County Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 23 – Prairie Seed Collection at Festge County Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 23 – Prairie Seed Collection at Swamp Lovers Preserve (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 23 – Pollinator garden planting at McCarthy County Park with Sun Prairie High School science students (Rhea Stangel-Maier)
- Sept 25 – Prairie Seed Collection at Donald County Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 25 – Prairie Seed Collection at Indian Lake County Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 29 – Prairie Seed Cleaning at Libby Road facility (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 30 – Prairie Seed Collection at Lunney Lake Farm County Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Sept 30 – Prairie Seed Collection at Yahara Heights County Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)

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October

Kids/Families

- October 5 – Prairie Seed Collection at William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park with homeschool group (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Oct 7 – Prairie Seed Collection with high school students (Micah Kloppenburg)
- Oct 13 – Prairie Seed Collection with Vera Court (Micah Kloppenburg and Korinne Pollison)
- Oct 14 – Prairie Seed Collection with high school students (Micah Kloppenburg)
- Oct 21 – Get Outside: Fall Colors Bike Ride with BLW Community Center (Lael Pascual and Korinne Pollison)
- Oct 21 – Prairie Seed Collection with high school students (Micah Kloppenburg)

Volunteer Events

- October 6 – Prairie Seed Cleaning (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)

- October 7 – Prairie Seed Collection at Brigham County Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- October 7 – Prairie Seed Collection at Stewart Lake County Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- October 9 – Prairie Seed Collection at CamRock County Park (Claire Lamberg)
- October 9 – Prairie Seed Collection at Donald County Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- October 10 – Prairie Seed Collection at Lake View Hill County Park (Rhea Stangel-Maier/Nelson Eisman)
- October 10 - Volunteer Restoration Workday at Walking Iron County Park (Lars Higdon)
- October 12 – Prairie Plug Installation at Anderson Farm County Park (Claire Lamberg)
- October 14 – Prairie Seed Collection at Holy Wisdom Monastery (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- October 14 – Prairie Seed Collection at North Mendota Wildlife Area (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- October 15 – Prairie Plug Installation at Anderson Farm County Park (Claire Lamberg)
- October 16 – Prairie Seed Collection at Ice Age Junction--Co Hwy M (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- October 16 – Prairie Seed Collection at Ice Age Junction--Co Hwy PD (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- October 19 – Prairie Seed Collection at Walking Iron County Park (Claire Lamberg)
- October 20 – Prairie Seed Cleaning (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- October 21 – Prairie Seed Collection at Ice Age Junction--Co Hwy PD (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- October 21 – Prairie Seed Collection at Ice Age Junction—Reddan Unit (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- October 22 – Prairie Seed Cleaning (Shane Otto)
- October 26 – Prairie Seed Cleaning (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- October 27 - Volunteer Restoration Workday at Walking Iron County Park (Lars Higdon)
- October 28 – Prairie Seed Cleaning (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
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Presentations/Virtual Engagement

- Oct 26 – “Ecological Restoration and Our Human Community” presentation for Middleton High School Students at William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park (Micah Kloppenburg)

November

Kids/Families

- Nov 3- Get Outside: Biking and Virtual School with BLW (Lael Pascual)

- Nov 4 – Get Outside: Migration Game and Hiking with Vera Court (Lael Pascual and Korinne Pollison)

Workshop/Training/Field Day

- Nov 11 – Salt Wise Equipment Demo at MMSD (Christal Campbell)
- Nov 16 – Seed Cleaning Equipment Training for volunteers (Claire Lamberg)

Volunteer Events

- Nov 2 – Prairie Seed Cleaning (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Nov 3 – Prairie Seed Cleaning (Claire Lamberg)
- Nov 4 – Prairie Seed Cleaning (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Nov 5 – Prairie Seed Collection at Holy Wisdom Holy Wisdom Monastery (Claire Lamberg)
- Nov 9 – Prairie Seed Cleaning (Claire Lamberg)

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December

Kids/Families

- Month of December – Winter Solstice Scavenger Hunt (Korinne Pollison)
- Dec 9 – Seed cleaning with high school students (Micah Kloppenburg)

Presentations

- Dec 4 – “Ch. 49 Ag Performance Standards and Manure Management” presentation at the Wisconsin Land + Water County Conservationist Meeting (Amy Piaget)

Volunteer Events

- Dec 2 - Volunteer Tree and Brush Removal at Morton Forest (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Dec 4 - Volunteer Tree and Brush Removal at Indian Lake (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Dec 8 - Volunteer Restoration Workday at Walking Iron County Park (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Dec 11 - Volunteer Tree and Brush Removal at Indian Lake (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Dec 16 - Volunteer Tree and Brush Removal at Prairie Moraine (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Dec 18 - Volunteer Tree and Brush Removal at Silverwood (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)
- Dec 29 - Volunteer Tree and Brush Removal at Schumacher Farm (Shane Otto and Lars Higdon)

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