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### DNR Award Presented to 14 Mile Watershed group



Don Ystad accepts the DNR Secretary's Director Award from Dan Baumann of the DNR

It's a real honor to accept the DNR Secretary's Director award from Dan Bauman, DNR West-Central Region Director. COVID protocols had delayed the formal presentation of the 2019 award, but it's made the wait all the more worthwhile to us.

The plaque reads: ***"In recognition of your tireless work to address water quality issues in the 14 Mile Watershed and work with a vast group of stakeholders to improve communication, educate the public and build consensus around actions to enhance the natural resources of the watershed. Your leadership, commitment and partnership have been the keys to finding success in changing how we work together to solve natural resource issues."***

Scott Provost, our 14 Mile group DNR advisor nominated us for this award. He's one of many DNR staff who have provided guidance since we first formed this volunteer citizen committee in 2016 to address our water quality issues in the Rome area lakes. We've also received guidance from DNR's Patrick Oldenburg, Mark Hazuga, Jennifer Bergman, Taylor Hasz, and many others, including Dan Bauman who presented the plaque.

The award recognizes the hard work of our volunteer committee members, and also the all-important support of our Town of Rome and Tri-Lakes Management District. This solid foundation has been important as we begin building bridges with all our fellow stakeholders throughout the watershed with an expansion as the 14 Mile Watershed Alliance.

Thank you to all who've been a part of this process and to the many of you who will help move us forward.

Don Ystad  
President 14 Mile Watershed Alliance

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**Join the 14 Mile Watershed Alliance Meeting Monday, June 14th at 2:00 p.m.**

The next 14-mile Watershed Alliance meeting is Monday, June 14th at 2:00 p.m. Visit our website at [14milewatershed.org](http://14milewatershed.org) for meeting agenda and Zoom link.

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*The 14 Mile Watershed Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the improvement of surface and groundwater in the 14 Mile Creek Watershed in central Wisconsin. See us at [14milewatershed.org](http://14milewatershed.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/14MileWatershed>*

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