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Friends of the 14 Mile Creek Watershed,

The week of March 8-12 is the annual Wisconsin Water Week sponsored by the Wisconsin Lakes Organization. Listed below are five virtual events that may be of special interest to you, including an event on March 12 presented by your own 14 Mile Watershed Alliance.

The NEW 14 Mile Watershed Alliance free local event at 1:00 on March 12th, 2021

In 2016, pets died and people were sickened following outbreaks of Blue-Green algae in the Rome lakes within the 14 Mile Creek Watershed. Citizens formed a 14 Mile committee to identify the cause and find a solution. As they say, the rest is history. With the announcement of the Wisconsin DNR Secretary's Director award, and the EPA approval of the 10-year plan for reduction of pollutants in the 14 Mile Watershed, we've expanded to meet the challenge.

Join us to learn about the NEW 14 Mile Watershed Alliance, open to all stakeholders in the entire watershed, from Plainfield all the way down to Lake Petenwell. If you drink the water or use it for agriculture or recreation, you have a stake in the solution to preserve the watershed for generations to come. Learn how we'll all be involved in the process to improve our watershed for the benefit of us all.

Time: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

To register: (you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the meeting.)

https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0lf-igrDgiG9x3tGeKjaRTF5X_q4C18Rj_

You can join us by Zoom, or by phoning in. 14milewatershed@gmail.com for further information

The 14 Mile Watershed Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement of surface and groundwater in the 14 Mile Creek Watershed in central Wisconsin. See us at 14milewatershed.org or https://www.facebook.com/14MileWatershed

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Portage County Lakes and Rivers free local event at 2:00 on March 12th, 2021 (free local event)

Connect with other lake/river groups and interested citizens. Share information and learn about projects and resources to improve your waters. Discuss the formation of a Portage County Lakes and Rivers Group.

Time: 2-3:00 p.m.

To register: https://tinyurl.com/yxsakuby

For more information, contact Tracy Arnold, Portage County Land and Water Conservation: arnoldt@co.portage.wi.us

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The three events below are paid events. All three events are on Thursday, March 11. A single registration fee of $20 will allow you to view all three events.

To Register: https://wisconsinwaterweek.swoogo.com/wisconsinwaterweek/873597

Thursday, March 11th events

Landscape-scale Restoration in the Little Plover River Watershed 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Tracy Hames and Erin O'Brien will discuss the development and implementation of a landscape-level restoration effort being conducted in the Little Plover River watershed. A diverse partnership representing village, county, and state agencies along with agricultural and conservation organizations has been working for several years, addressing the health of this Central Wisconsin watershed. The presentation will highlight the development of the partnership, the science-based approach to restoring health to the Little Plover River watershed, the results of the partnership's initial work, and how this approach can be incorporated into action in other watersheds.

Improving Water Quality in the Wisconsin River Basin: Past, Present and Future Thursday, March 11, 2021, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

DNR's Pat Oldenburg and Scott Provost discuss the many targeted activities in the Wisconsin River basin over the years, the Wisconsin River Basin Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for phosphorus is just one example, and though it provides a framework for water quality improvement, it is only one element in the process. Just as the development of the TMDL required the involvement of citizens, continued improvement of water quality needs citizen leadership. We will discuss some of history and improvements we've seen on Lake Petenwell, as well as ongoing locally led water quality improvement efforts and the

opportunities the Department has available to help initiate new efforts.

Meeting the Farmers Thursday, March 11, 2021, 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM

Rick Georgeson shares the story of how PACRS successfully developed a highly respected relationship with farmers in the Wisconsin River basin watershed. A very comfortable friendship with area farmers still exists today, sharing with each other new methods of cover crop use, and no till and the lake folks are included in the gatherings. Come join the conversation and learn how PACRS and area farmers have established a working relationship that is now in it's 5th year.

The citizen-led 14 Mile Creek Joint Watershed Alliance is an organization of volunteers focused on improving water quality in the watershed, with advisors from the DNR, Adams County

Conservation, TriLakes and the Town of Rome. Follow us on Facebook
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