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ALDO LEOPOLD FOUNDATION, INC	Leopold-Pine Island Important Bird Area Public-Private Partnership along WI River	Monroe	SC	Andy Morton, 608-275-3311	\$10,000.00	\$3,333.33	The Aldo Leopold Foundation will sponsor a project in the Leopold-Pine Island Important Bird Area (IBA) that encompasses roughly 15,000 acres of public and private lands and 16 miles of Wisconsin River frontage, east of Wisconsin Dells and Portage. Project will include development of shared land management goals and objectives in care of bird and plant communities, including floodplains, forests and wetlands. Project deliverables include: 1.) creating vegetation/habitat/plant community map of IBA. 2.) In combination with 2011 bird survey, analyze and develop more prescriptive land management goals and objectives for IBA partners, neighboring lands through conservation delivery programs. 3.) Host two partner meetings to review opportunities/issues relevant to the partnership and/or local natural resources, share report findings and its relevance for the IBA and partners, 4.) Share the report and land management objectives with conservation partners, 5.) Communicate to general public audience about the IBA public-private partnership.
CITY OF EAU CLAIRE	Eau Claire Confluence	Eau Claire	WC	Dan Helsel, 715-284-1431	\$10,000.00	\$49,790.00	The City of Eau Claire proposes to develop a vision, partnership and implementation plan for restoration and redevelopment of water frontage on the Chippewa and Eau Claire Rivers. major project elements to include: 1) Creation of Project Advisory Committee, 2) Community listening sessions, 3) Meetings with commissions, land owners and agency staff, 4) Design and review of alternatives, 5) Plan development and distribution.
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON	Barrier Removal & Habitat Restoration, Sauk & Mineral Springs Creek	Ozaukee	SE	John Masterson, 414-229-0845	\$9,997.50	\$3,332.50	<p>The City of Port Washington proposes to improve the stream habitat and fish passage at the mouth of Sauk Creek and Mineral Springs Creek. This phase of the project would include the planning and design work to remove a concrete weir and nearby seawalls on the south side of Sauk Creek and the smaller tributary. The project area is the lower 435 feet of Sauk Creek and the lower 120 feet of Mineral Springs Creek.</p> <p>Details include developing a preliminary grading plan that identifies feasible utility routes and identifies design challenges relative to planned creek improvements, completing feasibility study of weir removal, including final design plans, and providing preliminary design plans for stream restoration.</p> <p>Deliverables will include a preliminary grading plan of the south bank of Sauk Creek, feasibility study and final design plans for weir removal and preliminary design plans (60% completion) for stream restoration. The total budget is \$13,330, with a requested grant award of \$9997.50.</p>

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FRIENDS OF BEAVER CREEK RESERVE, INC.	Eau Claire Mussel, Monitor	Eau Claire	WC	Dan Helsel, 715-284-1431	\$9,969.75	\$3,323.25	The Friends of Beaver Creek Reserve proposes to partner with resource professionals and train citizen volunteers to survey streams throughout Eau Claire County for the presence of mussel species. Major project elements to include: 1) Citizen recruitment and training, 2) Mussel surveys, 3) Water access identification, 4) GPS mapping, 5) Water quality sampling, 6) Data analysis and reporting.
FRIENDS OF THE MUKWONAGO RIVER, INC.	Organizational Capacity Building - Phase 2	Waukesha, Walworth	SE	John Masterson, 414-229-0845	\$10,000.00	\$14,590.00	<p>The Friend's of the Mukwonago River group proposes to hire part-time staff and institute a volunteer program. This project will support efforts to implement Phase 2 of their organizational capacity building plan. Goals and objectives will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement sustainable financial and organizational development practices - Institute youth camp watershed service learning program - Build comprehensive membership and volunteer program - Activate, educate, and engage general population and targeted organizations, business, and riparian populations in villages, towns, and counties <p>The project area includes the entire Mukwonago River watershed. A final project report will be submitted to the WDNR. The total project costs are \$24,590 with a proposed grant award of \$10,000.</p>
HARRY & LAURA NOHR CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITE	2011 Six Mile Creek Project	Grant	SC	Andy Morton, 608-275-3311	\$30,000.00	\$108,500.00	The Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter of Trout Unlimited will undertake a River Management project on the Six Mile Creek Branch. This project will stabilize the stream banks to improve water and substrate quality for brown and brook trout and other cold-water species. Project deliverables include: 1.) Tapering eroding banks with a goal of 8:1 where possible and armoring the toe, 2.) Installing habitat devices to enhance trout population size and structure, 3.) Using root wads to create structure where possible, 4.) building and installing bank hides/cribs/lunker structures in critical points, 5.) Increasing and improving gravel riffle areas where conditions allow, 6.) Seeding and mulching disturbed soil with grass mixes.

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KETTLE MORAIN LAND TRUST	Jackson Creek Watershed Protection Plan	Walworth	SE	John Masterson, 414-229-0845	\$10,000.00	\$5,500.00	<p>The project proposal is for the Kettle Moraine Land Trust to work with the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to develop a watershed protection plan for Jackson Creek in Walworth County. The goal is to improve the hydrology and water quality throughout the watershed, which will ultimately reduce the suspended solids and nutrients draining to Delevan Lake.</p> <p>Methods will include identifying strategic actions and interventions such as streambank stabilization, buffer implementation, and wetland restoration. Also, identify relevant agencies and cost, acquire data on channel width, depth, sinuosity, water quality, and discussion on implementing plan recommendations.</p> <p>Public meeting will be held to inform the public of the project. Educational materials will also be developed to work with and provide assistance to Delavan Lake WIN, municipalities, and landowners within the watershed.</p> <p>Deliverables will include a watershed protection plan in a SEWRPC Memorandum Report or equivalent document and communication of recommendations to citizens and local municipalities. A \$10,000 grant was requested for this project. Total project costs are \$15,500.</p>
LAKESHORE NATURAL RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP INC.	Building Capacity for the Friends of Hika Bay	Manitowoc	NE	Mary Gansberg, 920-662-5489	\$9,950.00	\$7,000.00	<p>The Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership, Inc., proposes to supplement and build on previous work by partners to raise public awareness and participation in water stewardship. Specifically, Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership will focus on building the capacity and membership of the Friends of the Hika Bay and Centerville Creek groups. Activities include two water seminars, an explore and restore event on the creek, a paint-out event with the Water's Edge Artists, three strategic planning meetings, aquatic invasive species control efforts and several news letters and newspaper article releases. The overall project goals are to build the capacity of the Friends of Hika group to protect and improve Centerville Creek. The project elements and deliverables will be completed as described in the project proposal submitted to the Department and dated April 28, 2011.</p>

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LAKESHORE NATURAL RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP INC.	Building Capacity for the Friends of the Branch & Twin Rivers	Manitowoc	NE	Mary Gansberg, 920-662-5489	\$9,950.00	\$3,600.00	The Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership , Inc. proposes to supplement and build on previous work by partners to raise public awareness and participation in water stewardship. Specificaly, Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership will focus on building the capacity and membership of the Friends of the Branch River and Friends of the East and West Twin River groups. Activities for each group include water seminar, an explore and restore river event, river walks, aquatic invasive species control efforts, a paint-out event with the Water's Edge Artists, and several newsletters and newspaper article releases. A strategic plan will be developed for each Friends group. The project elements and deliverables will be completed as described in the project proposal submitted to the Department and dated April 28, 2011.
MILWAUKEE RIVERKEEPER	Identifying Stream Passage Impediments in the Menomonee River	Ozaukee, Milwaukee, Waukesha	SE	John Masterson, 414-229-0845	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	<p>The project proposal is to identify and prioritize stream impediments for removal along the natural mainstream reaches of the Menomonee and Little Menomonee Rivers, including several major tributaries. This will be done by identifying and documenting barriers, analyzing impacts of each barrier, prioritizing barrier removals, educating/involving public, and working with local municipalities and counties to address impediments. The overall goal is to improve fish passage and public access.</p> <p>A GIS database will be developed to include, stream barrier locations, types and removal priority. A final report will be incorporated into a watershed restoration plan. Public outreach materials will also be created. The report and information will be shared with government agencies to make decisions on implementing best management practices to improve the targeted streams. Total project costs are \$50,000 with a grant award of \$10,000.</p>

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NORTHWOODS LAND TRUST, INC.	Florence County River Conservation Project	Vilas	NO	James Kreitlow, 715-365-8947	\$10,000.00	\$4,000.00	<p>Northwood's Land Trust, Inc. proposes to conduct a direct mail education campaign with all property owners on the priority river and stream segments in Florence County that were identified by the DNR Northern Rivers Initiative. An information packet will be provided highlighting voluntary conservation options those property owners can utilize to protect the priority stream corridors. Those options include conservation easements, land donation, land registry and conservation buyer programs. Individual on site property assessments and conservation planning will be conducted with any landowners who express interest.</p> <p>The project includes the following goals: 1) Direct mail information packets describing voluntary conservation options private landowners can utilize to protect their properties. This information will include how the options can protect land while also providing income, estate and other tax benefits to landowners. The mailing will include all private property owners with at least 500 feet of natural shoreline on these priority river segments; 2) Conduct on-site follow-up contacts with interested landowners as generated by mailing and media publicity; 3) Encourage interested landowners to voluntarily enter into perpetual land protection agreements or utilize other land protection tools to protect their priority river/stream segments.</p> <p>Project deliverables include: 1) Copies of color GIS maps of each of the towns with digitized parcel maps will be provided to illustrate the parcels/landowners identified within 500 + feet of existing natural shoreline frontage; 2) A generalized listing of Florence County landowner follow-up contacts by program type will be provided.</p> <p>The WDNR will be provided electronic and hard copies of all data and or reports/plans generated as a result of this project.</p>

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ROCK RIVER COALITION, INC	Rock River/Horicon Marsh Sampling Project Pt. 3	Jefferson	SC	Jim Congdon, 920-387-7872	\$10,000.00	\$9,331.20	The Rock River Coalition, Inc. will sponsor a River Planning project to collect data and to provide information that demonstrate that the installation of conservation practices in the watershed results in improved water quality. Project deliverables include: 1.) summary of water quality findings, 2.) compare concentration and loads of suspended sediments and nutrients between sites and data collected in 1998-2000. The data that is being collected will be used to compare with previous data. The water quality data, along with future biological data, will be used to determine if the impaired waters have improved and if so to an extent where the water bodies can be removed from the 303d list. 3.) Summary of implemented point and nonpoint practices. The project includes a tracking component using GIS mapping that tracks all practices implemented in the watershed. These maps, along with the data comparison information will show where practices have been installed and whether or not the project has been successful. 4.) The project includes an education effort to inform landowners and other stakeholders that the installation of ag nonpoint practices to reduce nutrient and sediment inputs to the Horicon marsh watershed does improve water quality and the quality of the River. The improved water quality data that is collected will be presented through various meetings and media to show that practices installed were successful.
ROOT-PIKE WATERSHED INITIATIVE NETWORK	Pike River Watershed Restoration Planning	Racine, Kenosha	SE	John Masterson, 414-229-0845	\$10,000.00	\$95,000.00	<p>Root Pike WIN is proposing the development of a watershed protection plan for the Pike River. The purpose is to improve the water quality and biological integrity of the watershed. Phase 1 involves recruiting and developing a stakeholders group. This group will attend six (6) educational meetings throughout the year to learn about watershed topics relating to pollution, flooding improvement opportunities, etc.</p> <p>Phase 2 will include stakeholders will work with a consultant to develop the Pike River Watershed Restoration Plan. Public information and education will be a big part of this project, including the development of a web site. The watershed protection plan and other material will be shared with local and state agencies to assist in the development and implementation of best management practices.</p> <p>The strategic plan will be included with the final project report to the WDNR. Total project costs are \$105,000 which includes a \$10,000 grant award from the WDNR.</p>

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SWEET WATER - SE WI WATERSHED TRUST INC	Stormwater Pollution Outreach Campaign	Ozaukee, Washington, Milwaukee	SE	John Masterson, 414-229-0845	\$10,000.00	\$3,334.00	<p>The Sweet Water Trust proposes to develop and implement a public education effort based on their past public water quality survey. This media campaign includes 2 radio spots, 2 television advertisements, 2 outdoor billboard advertisements, 2 newspaper display advertisements, 3 feature stories, 2 published feature stories, 2 radio interviews, 10 newsletter stories, and 10 web-based stories.</p> <p>The targeted audience is the general public within the Milwaukee Metropolitan Area and others within the Milwaukee, Menomonee, Kinnickinnic, Oak Creek, and Root River Watersheds. Sweet Water will track when advertisements and other mass media messages go out and the visits to a website that will be devoted to providing information to listeners/readers/viewers that are prompted by the media campaign to visit the website. Information will be shared with state and local agencies.</p> <p>A final report will be submitted to the WDNR when the project is complete. A \$10,000 grant is requested and total project costs are \$34,000.</p>
TROUT UNLIMITED-ALDO LEOPOLD CHAPTER	Bear Creek Habitat Improvement Project	Dodge	SC	Andy Morton, 608-275-3311	\$50,000.00	\$213,354.00	<p>The Aldo Leopold Chapter of Trout Unlimited will participate in River Management grant program by implementing a stream restoration plan on Bear Creek. Project deliverables include: 1.) Implementing stream-restoration plans for two miles of stream length (it is likely that the Wadeable Stream Qualitative Fish Habitat Rating will be significantly raised, 2.) Improving water quality and in-stream habitat for existing native brook and naturalized brown trout populations within Bear Creek, 3.) Improving size structure of trout within the project area as measured by the IBI, 4.) Providing an improved, high quality fishing and outdoor experience.</p>

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UPPER SUGAR RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION	Lower Sugar River Watershed Assoc. Capacity Building	Dane	SC	Bob Hansis, 608-275-3304	\$10,000.00	\$9,900.00	The USRWA will participate in the River Planning Grant program by establishing a Lower Sugar River Watershed organization. Project deliverables include the following: 1.) Organize and develop the governance structure of LWRWA, including forming a 401c3 organization 2.) Collect, organize and develop open web access to existing resource data, 3.) Develop a Citizen Science-based network and education program and deploy a series of "Acquainting with Your Watershed" events to engage volunteers, 4.) Collect, assimilate, prepare and present online the collected data, 5.) Design an online "live map" to allow participants to post and share observations in the LSRWA area, 6.) Further develop the "live map" to allow for sharing of a variety of annual events and observations, 7.) Create an adaptable, expandable engagement strategy around a comprehensive program to engage, educate, and inspire people in the LSRW area.
VALLEY STEWARDSHIP NETWORK	VSN Outreach, Monitoring	Monroe, Vernon, Crawford	WC	Dan Helsel, 715-284-1431	\$10,000.00	\$3,337.00	The Valley Stewardship Network proposes to prepare an assessment of the Kickapoo River Watershed addressing historic watershed conditions, identifying gaps in monitoring data and forming the basis for future monitoring and outreach planning. Key project elements to include: 1) Draft and print Watershed Assessment, 2) Public and school presentations, 3) Web site enhancement, 4) Recruit, assist and train citizen monitors, 5) Water quality sampling and non-SLOH analysis, 6) Partner coordination.
VILLAGE OF CROSS PLAINS	Black Earth Creek Monitoring	Dane	SC	Andy Morton, 608-275-3311	\$5,437.50	\$1,812.50	The Village of Cross Plains will participate in the River Planning Grant Program by partnering with USGS to conduct a water quantity and quality monitoring on the Black Earth Creek within the Village limits. Project deliverables include: 1.) Supporting the collection of water quality and quantity data at USGS monitoring station(s) along the Creek. 2.) Preparing a summary report of the findings. 3.) Raising awareness of the important work that continues in the watershed to improve this critical natural resource by sharing findings with stakeholder groups through a public meeting (s) and other venues and means, posting the results on the Village's website, and including an article (s) in the quarterly Village newsletter and/or other media.

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WOODLAND DUNES NATURE CENTER	Expore & Restore our Waters in Manitowoc Co.	Manitowoc	NE	Mary Gansberg, 920-662-5489	\$9,996.00	\$5,786.96	Woodland Dunes Nature Center proposes to supplement and build on previous work by partners to raise public awareness and participation in water stewardship. Specifically, Woodland Dunes will create the "Explore and Restore our Waters of Manitowoc County" booklet for 4-H clubs which will include listings for river related fieldtrips, programs, lesson plans, and resources. The project will also offer educational programs and action projects including a rain barrel workshop, WAV training, storm drain marking, and river clean-up events. Fliers, newsletters, website, and newspaper articles will advertise the events. The project elements and deliverables will be completed as described in the project proposal submitted to the department and dated April 28,2011.
Total Awards: 19		Total \$ awarded in time period listed above:			\$245,300.75		