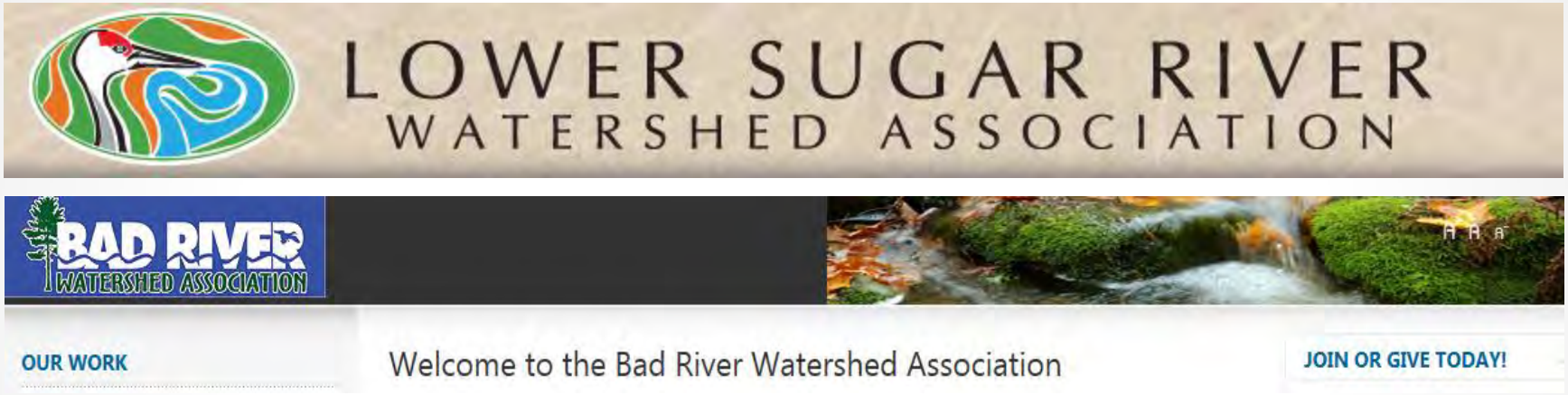
Sources of Funding for Road/Stream Crossing Projects

Tips for successful grant funding

- Partnerships
  - Cooperative efforts that align the priorities and utilize the expertise of municipalities and resource agencies
- Planning
  - Start with an inventory and assessment to identify top priorities.
  - Have a solid preliminary plan and preliminary project budget
- Early coordination with DNR and other stakeholders

Partnerships

Local Watershed Groups



Inventory, grant application and management, and cost share assistance.

Partnerships

Local Contact Information:

- **Michigan TU** www.michigantu.org
- **Wisconsin TU** www.wisconsintu.org
- **Minnesota TU** www.mntu.org

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Partnerships

The Nature Conservancy

Protecting nature. Preserving life.™

Partnerships

Watershed information, biological surveys, partnerships, permitting, etc.

For assistance training volunteers, contact:

- Southern WI: Bobbi Jo Fischer
- Northern WI: Jon Simonsen

Partnerships

Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Inc.

WLWCA.org

Partnerships

PREEMPTION CREEK ROAD-CULVERT ALIGNMENT

CULVERT INLET

CULVERT OUTLET

Sources of Funding

- Non-Governmental Organizations
- State
- Federal
- County

Where to find information

Funding for the Design and Replacement of Road Stream Crossing Barriers

This document summarizes sources of funding available in Wisconsin to assist in the design and replacement of high priority municipal road crossings that are barriers to stream connectivity. Opportunities that are now closed often have deadlines in a similar timeframe each year.

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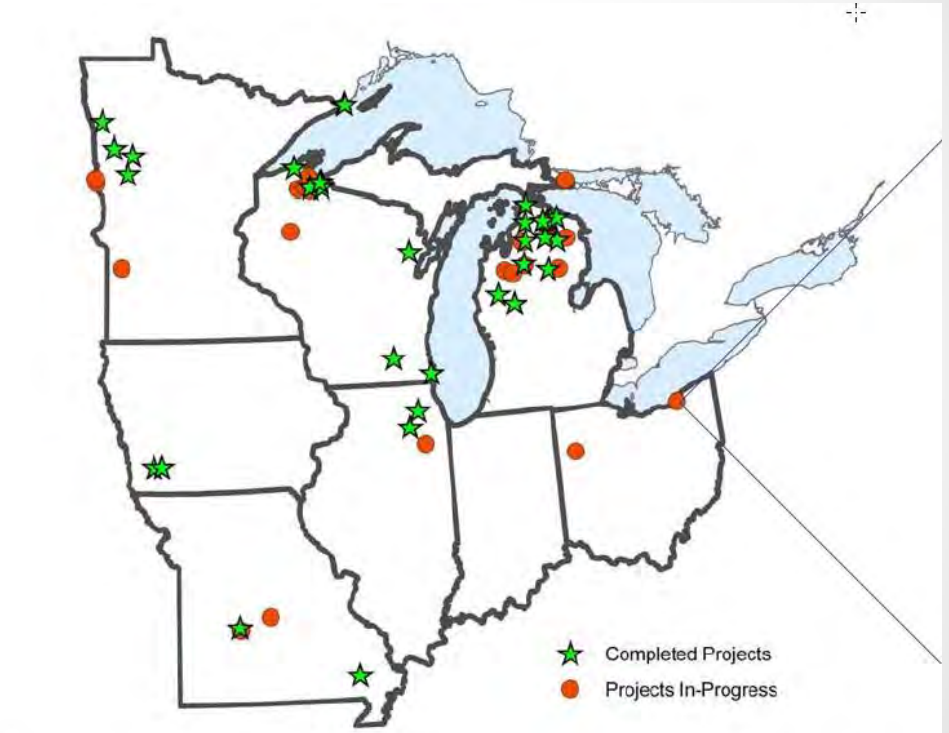
National Fish Passage Program

- Watershed-based approach to prioritizing projects
- Past projects included funding a watershed-wide road/stream crossing inventory
- Required match 1:1



Completed and in-progress Fish Passage Program projects in Region 3 (1999-2007). Projects include culvert renovations, dam removals, installations of fish passage structures or natural by-passes, and stream grade control structure modifications.

National Fish Passage Program

- Types of projects funded:
  - Small dam removal, culvert replacements, fishways, etc.
  - Culvert inventories
- Applications accepted year round

Wisconsin--River Planning & Protection grants

- Planning grants
  - $10,000 maximum, 75% cost share
  - Planning and assessment
  - December 10th deadline
- Management grants
  - $50,000 maximum, 75% cost share
  - Restoration and protection
  - February 1st deadline
- WI local gov’ts and non-profits eligible to apply

Wisconsin—DATCP

- Technical design assistance and cost share of culvert replacements
- Needs to be sponsored and coordinated through the local County Land and Water Conservation Department.
- Also requires a water quality resource concern to reduce sediment loads.

Flood Damage Aid

WI DOT Flood Disaster Damage Aids: Financial assistance to local governments to repair any highway that has had significant damage due to a disaster event.

FEMA: funding for roads, culverts, and bridges when a disaster declaration has been issued.

Embrace-A-Stream

- **TU's Grassroots Program**
  - Chapters and Councils apply
  - Require significant TU volunteer involvement
  - Up to $10,000 with 1:1 match required
    - September – Applications Available

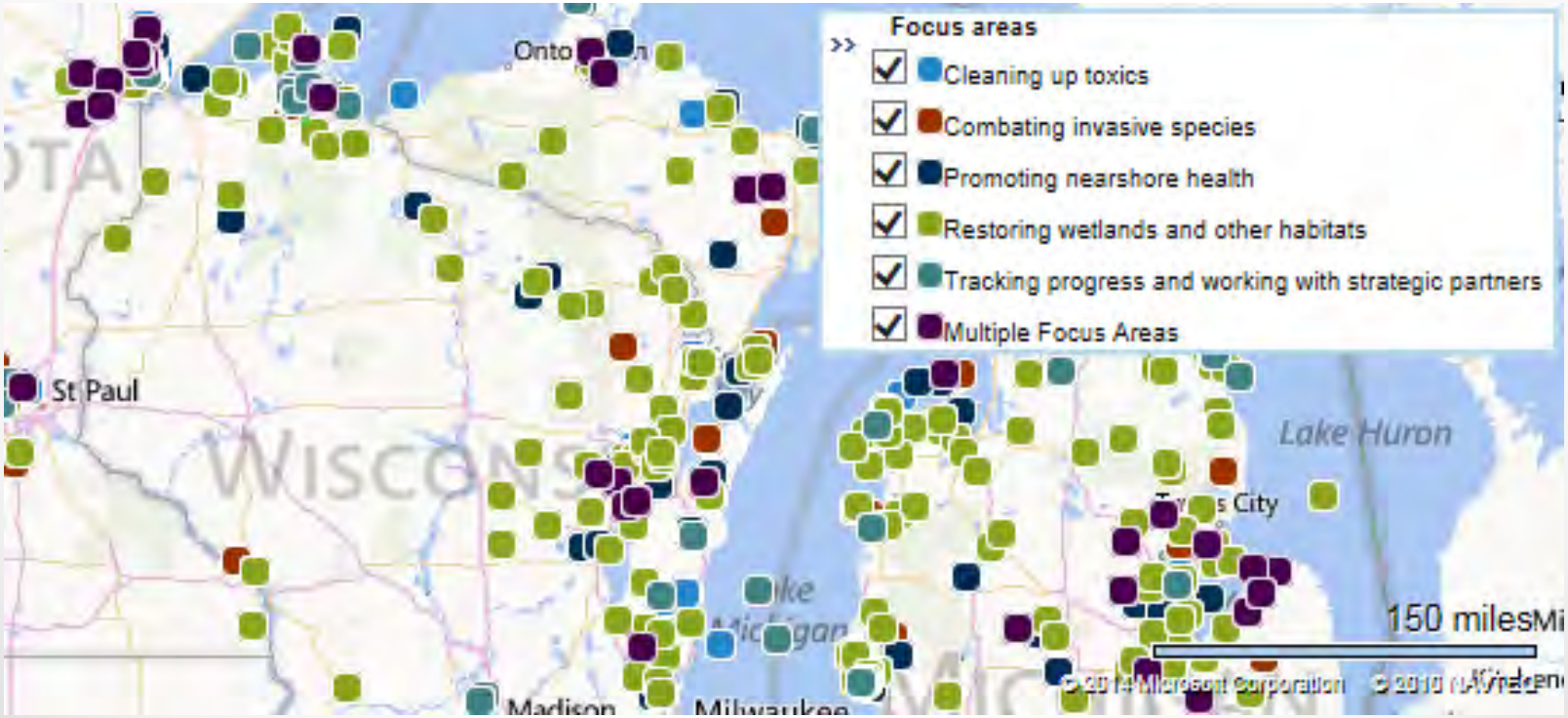
- Orvis TU Partnership
  - Goal of re-connecting 1,000 stream miles

Great Lakes

WI Coastal Management

- Habitat restoration ($1.5 million)
- 50% match required
- Applications due in November

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)



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