



LAKE SUPERIOR COLLABORATIVE

April 2021 News

Upcoming Collaborative Events

All Lake Superior Collaborative partners & interested parties are invited to attend these April events:

LSC Nearshore Monitoring Working Group Meeting

Wednesday, April 7, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM CT

2021 is a busy year for water quality and nearshore monitoring in Lake Superior. This meeting will include:

- Space & time for focused discussion and coordination of planned 2021 work in the Wisconsin Lake Superior Nearshore.
- Opportunities to give or hear lightning talks serving as updates on regional nearshore monitoring plans for 2021.
- Group discussion led by CSMI (Cooperative Science & Monitoring Initiative) subgroups with emphasis on nearshore and tributary work, remote sensing, and data integration. Much of the CSMI work will occur in nearshore waters in WI and will be focused on identifying drivers of recent algal blooms in Lake Superior.

No advanced registration required. [Join the meeting via Zoom](#) or by phone. To call in, dial 1-312-626-6799 & enter the meeting ID 912 7615 5897 followed by #.

Questions? Contact Matt Hudson at mhudson@northland.edu or Erin Burkett at erin.burkett@wisc.edu.

Wisconsin's Trumpeter Swan Recovery Program

Thursday, April 8, 7:00 PM CT

Speaker: **Sumner Matteson, Avian Ecologist, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources**



Sumner Matteson, WDNR conservation biologist and avian ecologist, has directed the Wisconsin Trumpeter swan recovery project for 25 years. Matteson's Zoom presentation will detail this most successful conservation recovery project in Wisconsin's history, which began reintroducing trumpeter swans in 1989 after their extirpation in the 1880's. This free event is hosted by the [Friends of the North Pikes Creek Wetlands](#), a partner organization of the Lake Superior Collaborative, and co-sponsored by the Chequamegon Audubon Society.

[Register in advance for this webinar.](#)

Science Communication Strategies for a Changing Lake Superior

WEBINAR: Sharing Climate Science: Lessons Learned from a Climate Change Communicator

3:00-4:00pm CT on Tuesday, April 6, 2021



Speaker: **Danielle Shannon, Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science**

In this presentation, Danielle Shannon from the Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science will share a basic recipe for creating meaningful messages and communications related to climate change, land management, and conservation practices in Northern Wisconsin. Attendees will learn how to make clear connections between the places we care about and the many potential climate related risks and impacts. [Register here.](#)

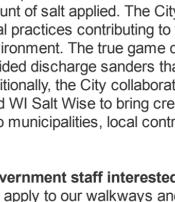
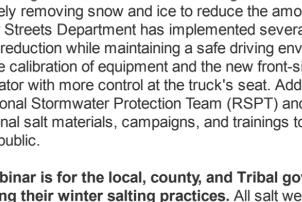
WORKSHOP: Social and Digital Media Strategies for Scientists

8:00am-12:00pm CT on Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Facilitator: the **American Geophysical Union's Sharing Science Program**

Communication to non-scientists is increasingly happening via social and digital media (i.e. on the internet). Even if you're not especially tech savvy or don't have an interest in becoming a social media maven, basic skills are necessary to navigate this new (and likely long-lasting) digital environment. In this workshop, attendees will learn how to communicate in a clear and compelling fashion via digital and social media. [Register by April 19.](#)

[View the full SciComm series.](#)



LSC April Brownbag Webinar

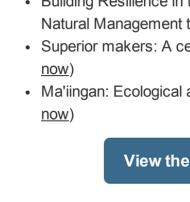
A City of Superior Salt Reduction Story | Tuesday, April 20, 11:30 AM CT

Speaker: **Megan Högföldt, Water Resources Specialist, City of Superior**

Over the years, the City of Superior's salting practices have changed dramatically. Initially, salting methods focused on "burning off" the compacted ice with salt rather than proactively removing snow and ice to reduce the amount of salt applied. The City of Superior Streets Department has implemented several practices contributing to the City's salt use reduction while maintaining a safe driving environment. The true game changers are in the calibration of equipment and the new front-sided discharge sanders that provide the operator with more control at the truck's seat. Additionally, the City collaborates with the Regional Stormwater Protection Team (RSPT) and WI Salt Wise to bring creative, educational salt materials, campaigns, and trainings to municipalities, local contractors, and the public.

This webinar is for the local, county, and Tribal government staff interested in improving their winter salting practices. All salt we apply to our walkways and roads ends up in our waterways. We have to work together to keep our freshwater fresh!

[Register in advance for this webinar.](#)



REPLAY: Did you miss Water Week?

All Lake Superior sessions from Thursday, March 11th of Wisconsin Water Week are now available on the [Lake Superior Collaborative YouTube page.](#)

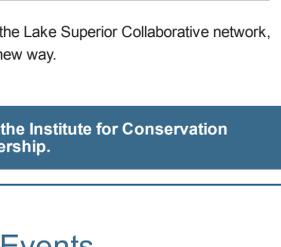
Looking for a specific session? Here's a summary of what's available:

- Cultivating Reciprocity: Growing Sustainably with our Water Resources ([Watch now](#))
- Friends of the Water: Citizen-Led Friends Groups in the Lake Superior Basin ([Watch now](#))
- Tourism futures: adapting outdoor recreation & tourism to climate change & changing visitation in Northern Wisconsin ([Watch now](#))
- Keynote by Dr. Nancy Langston - Sustaining Lake Superior: Hope for the Future in a Warming World ([Watch now](#))
- Building Resilience in the Lake Superior Basin: Using Green Infrastructure & Natural Management to Reduce Flood Impacts ([Watch now](#))
- Superior makers: A celebration of regional arts and water appreciation ([Watch now](#))
- Ma'iingan: Ecological and Cultural Importance of Lake Superior Wolves ([Watch now](#))

[View the complete Lake Superior playlist.](#)

Communicating for Collaboration

Shared understandings and identities determine the success of collaborations. This is true if your role is a network member, coordinator, or leader.



The Institute for Conservation Leadership recently shared three skills we can practice and model for others:

1. Be Open and Open-Minded
2. Practice Active Listening
3. Foster Creativity and Enthusiasm

"With the shift to virtual, it is especially important that we hone all our communication skills and awareness of how our words impact others."

Next time you meet with someone else in the Lake Superior Collaborative network, be intentional and try communicating in a new way.

[Read the full blog post from the Institute for Conservation Leadership.](#)

Other Events

Indigenous Knowledge & Western Science: Collaboration, Relationship, and Climate Solutions | April 7, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM CT

Learning from one another, creating deeper understanding, and building relationships between western science and Indigenous knowledge is an ongoing journey. In this series, participants will be invited to widen the lens through which they view science, decision-making and climate solutions. [Register for this free session.](#)

Using iNaturalist & the Great Lakes BioBlitz to Enhance Your Curriculum | April 7 & April 14 from 4:00-5:30PM CT

Join Minnesota and Wisconsin Sea Grant for a two-session workshop series that explores ways to use iNaturalist to enhance your curriculum across a variety of subjects. Each session will feature a guest speaker to help show these concepts in action, hands on activities, suggestions for classroom applications and a chance to share and network with other education professionals. **The workshop series is open to any formal, non-formal, or informal educator in Minnesota or Wisconsin. Registration is required so a Zoom link can be sent.**

Coastal Hazards of Superior | April 15, 10:00-11:30 AM CT

The [April meeting of the Coastal Hazards of Superior \(CHAOS\) community of practice](#) will feature a panel of regulatory and engineering experts who will share their insights about how to successfully prepare for shoreline work on your property or in your community. We'll also talk about the new Great Lakes Coastal Adaptation Menu as a tool that can help you identify steps to take to adapt your property for changing conditions.

Stormwater Workshop | April 20-21

This two-morning webinar for stormwater professionals includes experts sharing their experiences in: maintaining a variety of BMPs in a diverse array of urban settings, helping CAFOs, TMDL compliance plans, water quality training, and designing green infrastructure. [Register in advance.](#)

Great Lakes Regional Sediment Management Webinar Series | Tuesday's in April, 1:00-3:00 PM CT

Join the Great Lakes Regional Sediment Management Team for virtual workshops in 2021. This series covers different sediment, water quality, and nutrient-related topics:

- Tuesday, April 6: Urban Stormwater and Green Infrastructure
- Tuesday, April 13: Coastal Systems
- Tuesday, April 20: Habitat and Restoration
- Tuesday, April 27: Agricultural Nonpoint Source Runoff

Each webinar will include the opportunity for discussions and questions. [Register in advance.](#)

A National Network of Climate Adaptation Support for Native Nations | April 28, 12:00-1:00 PM CT

From the creation of invasive species to wildfire, from drought to sea-level rise, climate change creates new and evolving challenges for ecosystems across the nation. At this event, tribal resilience liaisons from several Climate Adaptation Science Centers (CASCs) will lead an introduction to the CASCs and the tribal resilience liaison network. They will share some examples of cultural resource projects and efforts, and share insights on how to engage with CASCs for support. [Register in advance.](#)

Job Opportunities

Water Resources Management Specialist, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - Application deadline April 5. [Position description.](#)

Seasonal Piping Plover Monitor, St. Louis River Alliance. [Position description.](#)

Stewardship Intern - Bayfield, Landmark Conservancy. [Position description.](#)

Civil Engineer or Engineering Technician, City of Ashland. [Position description.](#)

Funding

Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant Program - Great Lakes Commission [Applications are due April 16.](#)

Conservation Innovation Grants - Wisconsin NRCS [Project proposals are due May 7, 2021.](#)

Wisconsin DNR - Multiple Grant Opportunities [Applications for the following grants will be accepted through May 1, 2021](#)

Survey of Coastal Management Needs for Local Governments & Tribal Authorities

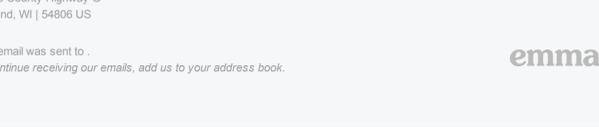
Local elected officials and staff are encouraged to fill out a survey to help guide future coastal protection efforts in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River. The survey results will guide efforts to help communities safeguard resources in coastal areas. [Multiple respondents from a single jurisdiction are encouraged to take the survey by Friday, April 30.](#)



The Lake Superior Collaborative is a network of organizations working in partnership to coordinate protection, restoration, & climate resilience efforts in the Wisconsin portion of the Lake Superior watershed.

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