SOGL – Wisconsin's Lake Michigan Watershed

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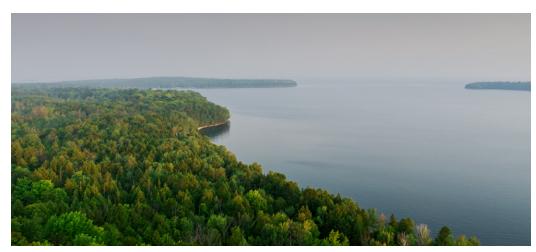
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- Caerus Foundation
- Crown Family Philanthropies
- Milwaukee Metropolitan
 Sewerage District
- Walder Foundation
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

ABOUT NFWF

Chartered by Congress in 1984, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores the nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. Working with federal, corporate and individual partners, NFWF has funded more than 6,000 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of \$7.4 billion.

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Lake Michigan coast in Wisconsin

OVERVIEW

Sustain Our Great Lakes (SOGL) is a public–private partnership that supports habitat restoration in the Great Lakes basin. In 2020, a new partnership formed under the SOGL program to support projects in Wisconsin's Lake Michigan Watershed. The additional funding is administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and supported by Caerus Foundation, Crown Family Philanthropies, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, Walder Foundation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with additional support this

year from the Bezos Earth Fund. In 2022, eight grants totaling \$1.8 million were awarded, leveraging approximately \$2.2 million in grantee matching contributions and generating a total on-the-ground conservation impact of \$4 million.

These grants will support projects across Wisconsin's Lake Michigan watershed to restore and preserve habitats and natural landscapes and improve water quality. The projects will enhance the quality and connectivity of streams habitat, control invasive species, restore wetland habitat, and improve nearshore health and water quality through green stormwater infrastructure to enhance biodiversity and safeguard habitat for critical species.

Collectively, the eight projects receiving grants will:

- Control invasive species on 400 ACRES of wetland, upland and riparian habitat
- Add **18 MILLION GALLONS** of stormwater storage capacity
- Install more than **46,000 SQUARE FEET** of green stormwater infrastructure
 - Create or improve 45 ACRES of green space
- Plant more than **4,700** trees for green infrastructure and habitat benefits





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Brook trout
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2022 GRANTS

The following projects seek to restore and preserve of a wide variety of habitats and natural landscapes in the region, including but not limited to prairies, grasslands, oak savannas, upland and lowland forests, wetlands and ephemeral ponds, beaches and dune systems. Projects will protect, restore and support both urban biodiversity and habitat quality in Wisconsin's Lake Michigan Watershed.

Renewing Urban Canopy to Improve Community Health and Climate Resiliency (WI)

Grantee: Milwaukee Water Commons

Improving Bird Habitat, Water Quality and Research in Diverse Lake Michigan Communities (WI)

Facilitating Biodiversity and Education at Mequon Nature Preserve through Wetland Restoration (WI)

Grantee: Mequon Nature Preserve Grant Amount:......\$160,900 Matching Funds:.....\$80,100 Total Project Amount:.....\$241,000 Restore agricultural fields to historic wetlands and prairies, control non-native, invasive plant species threatening highquality native habitat, and educate Milwaukee Metropolitan youth at Mequon Nature Preserve. Project will restore roughly 10 acres of wetland and 25 acres of upland habitat, reduce the coverage invasive plant species across 358 acres, engage various local school groups in restoration and monitoring, and increase stormwater storage.

Increasing Green Infrastructure throughout Milwaukee's 30th Street Corridor (WI)

Grantee: Clean Wisconsin

FACT SHEET AND 2022 GRANT SLATE



Green heron

Restoring Reclaimed Urban Parks and Access to Green Space Across Milwaukee (WI)

Grantee: Urban Ecology Center

Improving Wetland Habitat and Stormwater Storage in Shagbark Recreational Area (WI)

Rehabilitating a Bioretention Facility to Improve Water Quality in the Menomonee River (WI)

Grantee: City of Milwaukee

Transforming an Urban Lot into an Educational Community Greenspace in Sheboygan (WI) Grantee: Visit Sheboygan STEAM