

January – March 2020 Outreach Summary

This document provides a summary of outreach events and activities led by Land & Water Resources Department staff. In addition to these events, we support park friends group's and other conservation group's events that are not reflected in this summary.

PROGRAMS/CAMPAIGNS

- [Continuous Cover Program](#) – applications due February 28, 2020
- [Free Native Plants for Schools and Community Projects](#) – spring cycle applications due February 1, 2020
- [Storm Drain Mural Program](#) – applications due February 15, 2020

New webpages created during COVID-19 to help educate and engage the public:

- www.danecountyparks.com/COVID19
- www.danecountyparks.com/Explore

January

Workshops and Training

- Jan 25 – Chainsaw Safety Training (Adam Alves)
- Jan 25 - Certified Land Manager Training (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)

Table/Display

- Jan 4 – Winter Now, Summer Later @ Monona Public Library (Brian Berkan/Susan Sandford)
- Jan 8 – Wisconsin Salt Wise @ Frozen Assets (Christal Campbell/Susan Sandford)
- Jan 8 – Streambank Restoration and Easement display @ Badger Fly Fishers Spring Opener (Curt Diehl and Sara Rigelman)

Kids/Families

- Jan 27 – Get Outside with Bridge Lakepoint Waunona Neighborhood Center (Lael Pascual/Michelle TeStrake)

Volunteer Events

This includes events hosted or supported heavily by staff but is not a complete list of events hosted by parks friends groups or other conservation groups in the county.

- Jan 1 - Tree and brush removal at Pheasant Branch Conservancy (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)

- Jan 16 - Prairie Seeding with New Century School at Anderson Farm County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- Jan 17 - Tree and brush removal at Pheasant Branch Conservancy (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- Jan 24 - Tree and brush removal at Festge County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- Jan 31 - Tree and brush removal at Lake View Hill County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)

February

Tables and Displays

- Feb 8-9 – Garden Expo (Rhea Stangel-Maier/Rangers/Park Staff)
- Feb 23 - Badger Rock Community Market – park mapping activity (Susan Sanford/ Sarah Desch, UW Intern)

Presentations

- Feb 5 - NASECA Annual Conference “Improving Flood Resiliency in the Yahara Chain of Lakes” (Theresa Nelson)
- Feb 6 - NASECA Annual Conference “Stormwater Basin Successes and Failures” (Jeremy Balousek)
- Feb 6 – UW arboretum Winter Enrichment Series “Managing Stormwater for Environmental Health and Community Well-Being” (John Reimer and Christal Campbell)

Workshops and Training

- Feb 6 - Certified Land Manager Training (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- Feb 29 – Rain Garden Workshop (Christal Campbell)

Youth/Family Activities

- Feb 6 – Operation Fresh Start Ice Fishing Day (Pete Jopke/Chris James/Shane Otto)
- Feb 22 - Explore Nature @ Cap Springs Hoo's Woods Raptor Program & Kestrel Nest Box Building (Clare Carlson/ Lael Pascual)
- Feb 24 – Get Outside with Bridge Lakepoint Waunona Neighborhood Center (Lael Pascual/ Michelle TeStrake)

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- Feb 7 - Tree and brush removal at Yahara Heights County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- Feb 11 - Volunteer Restoration Workday at Walking Iron County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- Feb 14 - Tree and brush removal at McCarthy County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- Feb 25 - Volunteer Restoration Workday at Walking Iron County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- Feb 28 - Tree and brush removal at Silverwood County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)

March

Presentations

- March 5 – WI Land + Water Conference “Tech Bytes” (Seth Ebel)
- March 5 – WI Land + Water Conference “What Wikipedia Can't Tell You about Crop and Tillage Surveys” (Amy Piaget)

Workshops and Training

- March 7 – Parks Volunteer Networking Summit (Rhea Stangel-Maier/Lars Higdon/Shane Otto/Adam Alves)

Youth/Family Activities

- March 2 - Nature Explorers: Family Fun Night at the Monona Public Library (Lael Pascual/Michelle TeStrake)
- March 15 - Conservation Art Contest Judging Ceremony (public portion canceled due to COVID-19) (Shane Otto/Lael Pascual)

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- March 6 - Tree and brush removal at Anderson Farm County Park (Lars Higdon/Shane Otto)
- All other events in March were canceled due to COVID-19

Virtual Engagement

- [Dog Park Safety Video](#) (Lael Pascual)
- #danecountyparks tag challenge on Facebook and Instagram