



# GATHERING WATERS

WISCONSIN'S ALLIANCE FOR LAND TRUSTS

A photograph of a rocky forest landscape. The foreground and middle ground are dominated by large, layered rock formations, likely sandstone or limestone, with some green moss or lichen growing on them. The background shows a dense forest of green trees under a bright sky. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing text.

# OUR MISSION

is to help land trusts,  
landowners, and communities  
protect the places that make  
Wisconsin special.

# KEY PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

- Land Conservation Law Program
- Geographic Information Services (GIS)
- Land Conservation Leadership Awards
- Wisconsin Land Trust Conference
- Land Trust Days
- Public Policy Advocacy





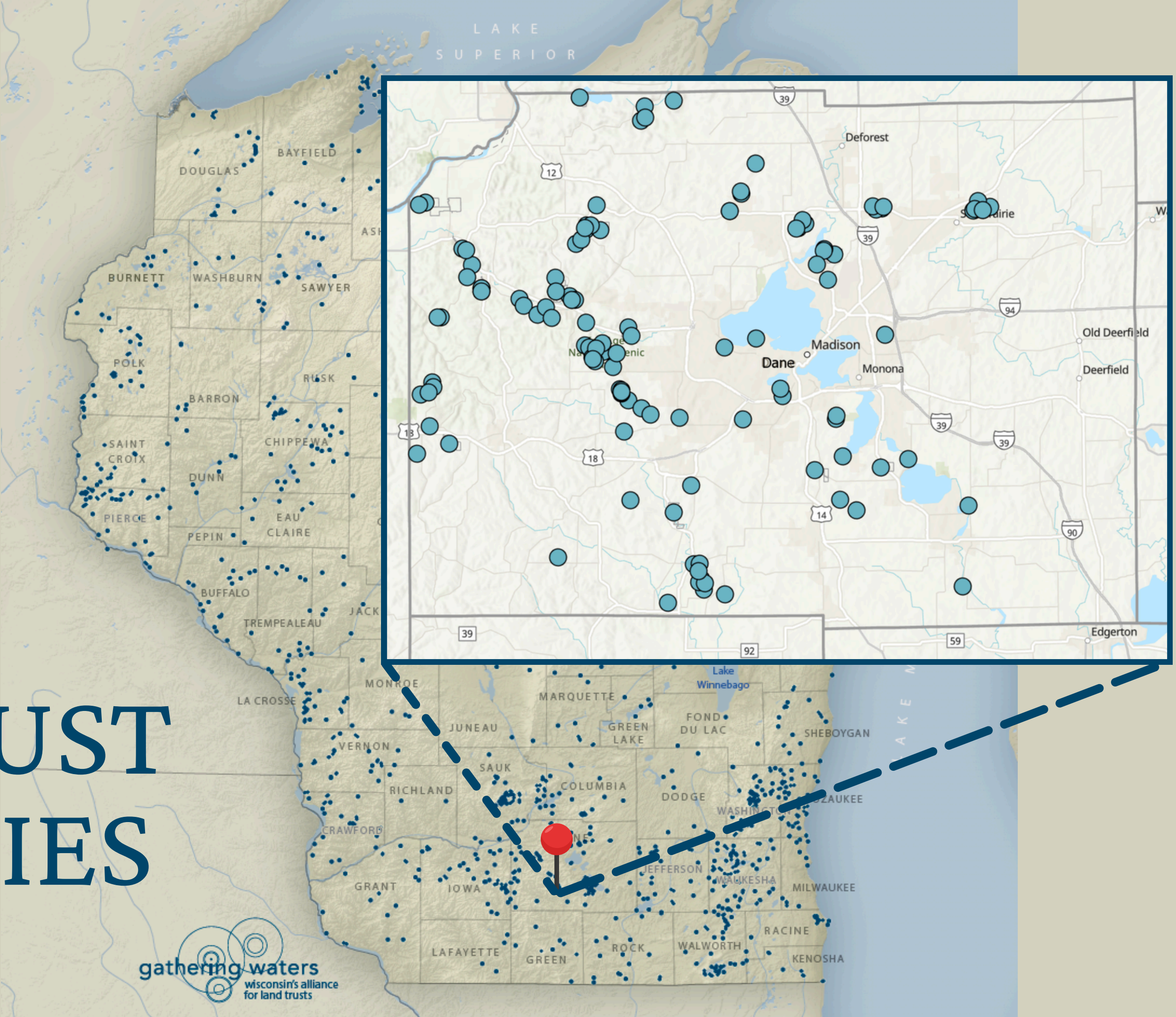
# WHAT IS A LAND TRUST?



Wisconsin has over 40 land trusts that work to protect vital land and water resources around the state.

In Dane County, land trusts have protected **more than 200 sites** and permanently conserved **more than 15,000 acres**

# LAND TRUST PROPERTIES



# LAND CONSERVATION IS CLIMATE ACTION

## NATURE KNOWS BEST

when we work for nature, nature works for us.



### LET THE TREES GROW

Trees are carbon-absorbing superheroes, and Wisconsin has billions of them. Healthy, well-managed forests can support the forest products industry and store carbon better than any technology.



### CARE FOR WETLANDS

Wetlands protect our communities from floods. And they act as a filter and a sponge, cleaning water as it passes through and soaking up pollution. Land trusts work to protect intact wetlands and restore those that have been harmed.



### CONNECT WILDLIFE CORRIDORS

Too many vital wildlife habitats are isolated from one another, islands of conservation. Land trusts protect habitat corridors that support wildlife migrations and allow plant and animal populations to shift as the climate changes.



### FARM FOR TOMORROW

Regenerative agriculture restores the land and provides food for the dinner table. Wisconsin has more than 15 million acres of farmland. Rotational grazing, cover crops, and less frequent tilling all help to make farming a climate solution.



### RESTORE GRASSLANDS

98% of our native prairies have been lost. Land trusts work to protect what's left and to restore grasslands where we can. Prairies support impressive populations of wildlife and their deep root systems store tremendous amounts of carbon.



### KEEP IT WILD

Our wild places can be a powerful defense against the effects of climate change. Undisturbed land absorbs more carbon from the atmosphere, supports a wider array of plants and wildlife, and offers natural protection from threats like flooding, erosion, and pollution.

