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DRIFTLESS AREA LAND CONSERVANCY	Fishable, Swimmable, Drinkable: Phosphorus and the Pecatonica River	Unknown	SC	Jim Amrhein, 608-275-3280	\$10,000.00	\$3,840.00	<p>The Driftless Area Land Conservancy will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work with municipalities and their consultants in a series of meetings to discuss scale and tactics for reducing phosphorus in the Pecatonica River.</li> <li>2. In consultation with the Wisconsin DNR, county conservation staff in Iowa and Lafayette Counties, natural Resources Conservation Service, TNC, etc., identify 2 to 3 priority areas within the basin that address significant water impairment problems while offering significant aquatic habitat enhancement and cost-effective opportunities for phosphorus reduction.</li> <li>3. Craft a Delphi Survey instrument targeting landowners within priority sub-watersheds to better understand farmer perspectives on water quality programs and practices and identify potential champions that we can partner with in the future. DALC will submit the draft survey to Jordan Petchenik, Department of Natural Resources Science Services, for approval prior to using survey. Petchenik can be reached at 608-266-8523.</li> <li>4. Complete a 3-5 year plan for next steps within targeted sub-watersheds.</li> </ol> <p>Deliverables:</p> <p>Hold 3-5 meetings with municipalities. Write a summary document for each individual meeting that describes: who participated, the topics discussed, issues and concerns, possible solutions, conclusions and next steps.</p> <p>Identification of 2-3 targeted sub-watersheds within the Pecatonica basin to explore implementation of practices to reduce phosphorus loading and enhance habitat.</p> <p>Conduct a Delphi Survey within these priority watersheds. Provide a report summarizing the results from the Delphi Survey for each watershed. Share the results of the Delphi study with all participants and partners (e.g., landowners, agency staff, nonprofit partners, and municipalities).</p> <p>Provide a 3-5 year planning document focusing on future implementation efforts and share the document with our partners as a means to encourage future action and coordinate next steps.</p>

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HARRY & LAURA NOHR CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED	Six Mile Branch and Pompey Pillar Project 2015	Iowa	SC	Jean M Unmuth, 608-935-1926	\$33,918.64	\$122,781.36	<p>The Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter of TU will undertake a River Management Grant that protect and enhance water quality and fish habitat for brook and brown trout and forage fishes in mainly critical habitat segments of approximately 7,600 linear feet of Pompey Pillar Creek, and Six Mile Branch.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce soil erosion, stream siltation and thermal loading through stream bank sloping and stabilization practices using riprap and vegetation.</li> <li>2. Increase stream flow rates in the riffles to help increase oxygen for fish spawning using a variety of habitat BMP's such as weirs and log deflectors.</li> <li>3. Create protective instream habitat areas for trout and other aquatic organism using a variety of habitat BMP's such as cross logs, and deflection rocks and bank hiding areas.</li> </ol> <p>Deliverables: Improved habitat for fish, reductions in stream sediment in the substrate, and increased rock and gravel spawning habitat areas. Bank erosion control. Project final report cooperate effort between the chapter and UW-Platteville Biology Dept. intern. Will give narrative explanation of work completed, and pre- and post- project photographs showing stream and bank habitat. Report to WI TU councils, and newsletter.</p>

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KETTLE MORaine LAND TRUST	Watershed Protection Plan	Walworth	SE	Rachel Sabre, 262-574-2133	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	<p>The Kettle Moraine Land Trust will hire a consultant to use US EPA Region 5 spreadsheet tool for estimating pollutant Load (STEPL) to determine sediment and phosphorus baseline loads for six sub-basins. Obtain data needed for modeling load reductions and use STEPL to determine load reductions for multiple BMPs for six sub-basins. Field review current land use and cultural practices to identify priority sites for recommended measures. Compile data from USDA-NRCS's cost sharing rates and management measures estimates. Create budget estimates for recommended estimates for recommended riparian corridor protections and in stream improvements for priority recommended projects. Estimate costs of outreach and education activities and civic engagement strategy. Create evaluation matrices and milestones for each recommended management measure category. Define direct measurements or indirect indicators that water quality improvements and habitat protections are being achieved. If improvements and protections are not being achieved, determine whether the plan needs to be revised, data analysis needs to be updated or timeline and milestone criteria need to be reassessed.</p> <p>The product deliverable will be a report containing the following elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) documentation of work identified above;</li> <li>2) summary of outreach efforts including convening community open house to distribute plan, launch civic engagement programs, distribute copies to primary stakeholder organizations and libraries, post plan and map documents on websites and provide media outlets press releases; and</li> <li>3) summary of plan milestones and assigned responsibilities for plan implementation to local municipalities, agencies and organizations.</li> </ol> <p>Two paper copies and 1 electronic copy of the final plan should be provided to the Department upon project completion.</p>

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LAKE WISCONSIN ALLIANCE	Education and Awareness		SC	Jean M Unmuth, 608-935-1926	\$4,851.00	\$1,617.00	<p>Lake Wisconsin Alliance will undertake a River Planning Grant project that will expand outreach and education of Lake Wisconsin natural and recreational resources, and lake water quality issues. The goal is to increase membership, provide identity to the LWA, and inform citizens living within the Lake Wisconsin watershed.</p> <p>Deliverables: 1. The Lake Wisconsin Alliance technical advisory team will provide action items to LWA members to help attain goals and objectives to protect and enhance L. Wisconsin. 2. Communicate the LWA mission and organizational roles through brochures and website development. 3. Develop a logo to give the alliance identity. 4. Website membership development to assist in expansion of membership, and develop a calendar of activities hosted by the alliance. 5. Host workshops and seminars to educate the public on lake water quality and strategies that help protect/enhance lake water quality.</p>
LAKESHORE NATURAL RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP INC.	E&W Twin River Project Priority Program	Manitowoc	NE	Mary Gansberg, 920-662-5489	\$9,562.50	\$3,187.50	<p>Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership (LNRP) proposes to build upon past efforts and further develop the newly formed Friends of the Twin Rivers group by 1) providing targeted watershed education and outreach to local community members including directly engaging high school students, 2) expanding the network of student and community volunteers collecting water quality data throughout the watershed at strategic locations following the Water Action Volunteers monitoring protocols, and 3) leading a strategic planning process for the Friends of the Twin Rivers group. LNRP will facilitate at least two community education events, one symposium for high school students, and quarterly community meetings. LNRP will submit a final report summarizing the project to the Department. The project elements and deliverables will be completed as described in the project proposal submitted to the Department and dated December 8, 2014.</p>
LAKESHORE NATURAL RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP INC.	Implementing Friends Of Hika Bay Action Plan	Manitowoc	NE	Mary Gansberg, 920-662-5489	\$10,000.00	\$3,500.00	<p>Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership (LNRP) proposes to support developing the membership and capacity of the Friends of Hika Bay group and implement the 5-year work plan. The project will 1) monitor five streams with two interns from UW-Manitowoc, 2) map and control invasive species, 3) conduct habitat monitoring and restoration work on Centerville Creek and Hika Shores, 4) do watershed planning, and 5) hold four seminars and develop reports and articles for the LNRP newsletter. LNRP will submit a final report summarizing the project to the Department. The project elements and deliverables will be completed as described in the project proposal submitted to the Department and dated December 8, 2014.</p>

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LAKESHORE NATURAL RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP INC.	LNRP Lower Manitowoc Watershed Plan	Manitowoc	NE	Mary Gansberg, 920-662-5489	\$9,562.50	\$3,187.50	Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership (LNRP) proposes to continue to build capacity for educating the community about issues impacting the Lower Manitowoc River Watershed by 1) holding three seminars and one week long Watershed Ambassador Camp, 2) holding two Lake Michigan Beach and one Manitowoc River cleanup events, 3) write a state of Lower Schuette Park report, 4) hold at least one river paddle and one Project RED event, 5) map locations of invasive species and develop plans for removal, and 6) release at least six newspaper articles, along with fliers and other forms of advertising and outreach for all events. LNRP will submit a final report summarizing the project to the Department. The project elements and deliverables will be completed as described in the project proposal submitted to the Department and dated December 8, 2014

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LOWER SUGAR RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION	LSRWA: Org Capacity Bldg, Ed/Outreach, Website and Fundraising	Green	SC	Jim Amrhein, 608-275-3280	\$10,000.00	\$9,265.00	<p>The LSRWA will:</p> <p>Program Director will: communicate regularly w/ team/project leads and volunteers; organize volunteers gathered by team/project leads for grant funded projects/events; streamline record keeping, reporting, and project deliverables utilizing/maintaining laptop/software, cloud storage, data forms; attend/report at regular board meetings/work sessions.</p> <p>Refine fundraising/membership plan in a minimum of two workshops in the 1st 1/4 quarter of 2015, assess outcomes of 2014 programming and alignment with strategic and fundraising/membership plan; review programming for 2015/2016 using lessons learned in first workshop; conduct critical analysis at the end of 2015.</p> <p>Conduct 3 website training sessions for the maintenance team; contract for 2 or more web page upgrades/repairs; cover quarterly web hosting fees; conduct critical review of website function.</p> <p>Deliverables:</p> <p>Project Director will average 8 hrs/wk/68.5 weeks (total of 547 hours);</p> <p>Update membership; prepare/execute Fundraising &amp; Membership Workshop; refine/ update fundraising and membership plan; apply fundraising plan goals, objectives, &amp; strategies to all 2015/16 events; complete a critical analysis of 2015 events -provide a summary to WDNR.</p> <p>Work session w/ mentor, teacher, and partners to structure in-class project activities, develop curriculum, identify state ed standards, and develop the student survey/questionnaire; acquire topo map of Searles Creek Basin adjusted to scale for student design session, use in model construction, student research and design, construction, testing of 3-D watershed model. Demonstrate model to all class levels in Brodhead School District and at community venues outside of the school setting</p> <p>Conduct three website training sessions with the LSRWA Web Maintenance Team; minimum of two web page upgrades/repairs; quarterly web-hosting fees; critical review of website functionality. Provide summary to WDNR of upgrades, functionality and usage.</p>

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NE WISCONSIN LAND TRUST	Strategic Coservation for Green Bay Tribs	Outagamie, Calumet	NE	Mary Gansberg, 920-662-5489	\$10,000.00	\$4,180.00	Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust (NEWLT) proposes to continue an ongoing campaign targeting privately-owned, high-quality, remaining and restorable wetlands along the west shore region of Green Bay and target the best remaining natural lands in riparian corridors along the tributaries to Green Bay. NEWLT will 1) finalize and implement a strategic conservation plan, 2) conduct GIS mapping and conservation value analysis, 3) develop public and landowner outreach materials including landowner survey, new landowner packet, newsletters and host outreach events, 4) meet with prospective partners and stakeholders, and 5) provide a final report summarizing the project to the Department. The project elements and deliverables will be completed as described in the project proposal submitted to the Department and dated December 9, 2014.
NORTH CENTRAL CONSERVANCY TRUST, INC.	Plover Plan, Outreach	Portage, Langlade, Marathon	WC	Scott Provost, 715-421-7881	\$9,911.25	\$3,303.75	The North Central Conservancy Trust, Inc. proposes to provide education on voluntary conservation measures to land owners within priority areas identified in the Plover River Watershed. Major project elements to include: a) GPS mapping of parcels, b) identification of property owners, c) development and distribution of info/edu. packet, d) presentations and educational displays, e) site visits and technical assistance to interested land owners, f) mapping of public waterway access within towns of Reid, Guenther, Plover, and Bevent, and g) final report.
OZAUKEE CO., PLANNING & PARKS DEPT.	Habitat & Impediment Inventory	Ozaukee	SE	Craig Helker, 262-884-2357	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00	The Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department will undertake the following activities relating to stream impediment removal under the Lake Michigan Tributary Habitat and Impediment Inventory Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inventory aquatic life passage impediments on 10 streams.</li> <li>- Assess riparian and in-stream habitat on 10 project streams.</li> <li>- Compile and add GIS data on identified impediments within the 10 streams onto the County GIS mapping database.</li> <li>- Produce a prioritized aquatic life passage impediment list for removal or remediation, with cost estimates for the 10 streams.</li> <li>- Provide DNR two copies of: the final prioritized impediment list, a summary of the in-stream/riparian habitat data and scores, summaries of Tier 1 and Tier 2 assessments where performed, and the GIS impediment project geo-database.</li> </ul> <p>DNR to receive both paper and electronic .pdf copies of the final report along with, or prior to submission of grantee's final payment request.</p>

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OZAUKEE CO., PLANNING & PARKS DEPT.	Mineral Springs Creek - Park Street Fish Passage Restoration	Ozaukee	SE	Craig Helker, 262-884-2357	\$49,999.50	\$16,666.50	Ozaukee Co. will replace a four barrel culvert crossing, which is a low-flow fish passage barrier, with a full culvert replacement. Project outcomes include: (1) one fish passage impediment removed, (2) finished installation of new passable culvert, (3) 0.72 miles of upstream channel opened to fish passage, (4) aquatic life access to 25.3 acres of wetlands, (5) aquatic life access to 11.0 acres of floodplain/floodway and (6) 7.6 acres of potentially restorable wetlands reconnected directly to Lake Michigan. The project deliverable will be a final report which documents: (1) detailed project information posted under the Ozaukee Co. Planning & Parks Department Fish Passage Program website, (2) examples of public relations outreach of project activities in print, radio and television media, (3) County presentations and project tours to educate public officials and watershed patrons on the effects of stream impediments and (4) articles on the project in County, community and NCO newsletters.
PRICE COUNTY	Weger Streambank Protection, Elk River	Price	NO	James Kreitlow, 715- 365-8947	\$50,000.00	\$28,700.00	<p>Price County is sponsoring a project to restore 250 feet of shoreline habitat along the Elk River. There is an unstable 25 foot face that is actively eroding and needs to be stabilized. Fish, wildlife habitat and water quality will be improved.</p> <p>Project goals: 1) Reduce sediment and nutrient delivery; 2) Reduce instream sedimentation to improve fish spawning habitat; 3) Restore shore land habitat for wildlife; 4) Improve water quality; 5) Protect existing resources.</p> <p>Project deliverables is a final report that includes: 1) Documentation that the project was completed; 2) Copies of final engineering plans; 3) Before and after photo documentation.</p> <p>Specific conditions for this Project: The WDNR will be provided electronic and hard copies of all data and or reports/plans generated as a result of this project.</p>

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ROCK RIVER COALITION, INC	Linking Communities to the Waters of the Rock River Basin	Jefferson	SC	Daniel R Heim, 920-387-7865	\$5,172.00	\$4,288.00	<p>The Rock River Coalition plans to use 2 different groups to collect water quality data using probes and canoes along the entire length of the Rock River. The data will be presented to various civic groups and organizations to increase public awareness of water quality issues in the Rock River Basin. By connecting the public with the River, the goal is to increase public participation in the actions necessary to improve water quality throughout the Basin.</p> <p>Project deliverables are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop presentation on the Rock River water quality issues, the upcoming paddle event, the DNR Rock River Recovery effort and the efforts of the sponsoring organizations.</li> <li>2. Give presentations at 15 community organizations in a variety of locations along the proposed route.</li> <li>3. Develop sponsor placard</li> <li>4. Purchase items for probe assembly</li> <li>5. Test probe by paddling in various situations</li> <li>6. Develop visual methods of displaying water quality probe data with a GIS application, in conjunction with UW-Whitewater staff.</li> <li>7. Develop at least two different media releases/newsletter articles about the project.</li> <li>8. Finalize plans for the paddle event to be held in spring 2016</li> </ol>

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ROCK RIVER COALITION, INC	Rock River Basin Volunteer Stream Monitoring Report Card	Jefferson	SC	Daniel R Heim, 920-387-7865	\$9,495.00	\$3,165.00	<p>The Rock River Coalition will undertake a River Planning grant to compile and analyze water quality data collected over the last 12 years. The RRC will then produce a basin wide summary of the information. This summary of water quality data will be made available to the public through the RRC website. The information will be used to build an advisory team which will create goals for the monitoring teams. The report card will help to focus monitoring efforts where they are needed most and provide information on the status of water quality throughout the basin.</p> <p>Project deliverables are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Determine the new "strategic membership" of the Stream Monitoring Advisory Committee (SMAC), from a wide range of partners and interests.</li> <li>2. Hold two meetings of the newly rejuvenated stream monitoring advisory steering committee will have been held in first year of project.</li> <li>3. Have SMAC establish focus areas for monitoring and determine the goals and objectives of the use of the monitoring data.</li> <li>4. SMAC will create proposal to submit to the consultant to determine best methods for data analysis and ranking criteria for "Report Card".</li> <li>5. 20 copies will be printed and distributed to key locations. A pdf of the Report Card will also appear on the Rock River Coalition web site.</li> </ol>

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ROOT RIVER COUNCIL INC	Continuity & Revitalization Program	Racine	SE	Craig Helker, 262-884-2357	\$10,000.00	\$7,550.00	<p>The Root River Council will undertake the following activities relating to Horlick Dam and the Root River under the Root River Continuity and Revitalization Project:</p> <p><b>Horlick Dam</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct a minimum of four public workshops relating to the Horlick Dam.</li> <li>- Convene nine monthly meetings of the ad-hoc project committee.</li> <li>- Develop final recommendations and printed plan for the disposition of Horlick Dam.</li> <li>- Develop website for public comment regarding the Horlick Dam.</li> <li>- Provide DNR two copies of the Horlick Dam recommendation and written documentation of the workshops and monthly meetings, as described above.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parklands</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Host/conduct two community-wide river clean-up events.</li> <li>- Host three public canoe outings.</li> <li>- Host one river-focused festival.</li> <li>- Partner with Parks and Public Works on restoration of 300 feet of river bank.</li> <li>- Provide DNR written documentation of the clean-up events, canoe outings and festival.</li> </ul> <p><b>Connections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilitate installation of Root River Pathway road markers, street level Pathway markers and City park identifiers along the Pathway.</li> <li>- Facilitate installation of Root River Pathway key at the Racine Transit Center.</li> <li>- Facilitate either mural or on-street Pathway markings on Pathway route.</li> <li>- Provide DNR documentation (including photos where appropriate) of the above, including numbers of installed items and markings.</li> </ul> <p><b>Machinery Row</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure that the Low Impact Development concepts from RootWorks Plan are incorporated into final Machinery Row redevelopment design.</li> <li>- Ensure Root River Pathway expansion as outlined in the Back to the Root Plan are incorporated into final Machinery Row redevelopment design.</li> <li>- Assist in education efforts towards brownfield redevelopment along the Root River.</li> <li>- Provide DNR documentation of the outcome of the efforts described above.</li> </ul>

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VILLAGE OF WILLIAMS BAY	Southwick Creek Restoration	Walworth	SE	Rachel Sabre, 262-574-2133	\$10,000.00	\$14,000.00	<p>The Village of Williams Bay will hire a consultant to conduct a planning study, coordinate, educate and obtain input of stakeholders at planning meetings and prepare a preliminary design to remove a fish passage impediment from Southwick Creek.</p> <p>The product deliverable will be a report containing the following elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) planning study report documenting existing conditions, coordination efforts, alternatives review and identification of preferred alternative to eliminate the fish passage barrier;</li> <li>2) meeting minutes, notes/educational materials from educational and outreach efforts to both stakeholders and schools, through the Water Action Volunteers (WAV) program on monitoring streams, and</li> <li>3) preliminary engineering plan.</li> </ol> <p>If consultant is to provide final report, it is recommended that Grantee provide DNR River Coordinator with a draft for comment on report adequacy prior to making final payment to the consultant. DNR to receive both paper and electronic .pdf copies of the final report along with, or prior to submission of grantee's final payment request.</p>
<b>Total Awards: 17</b>		<b>Total \$ awarded in time period listed above:</b>			<b>\$258,472.39</b>		