



Hi Friend,

As always, I hope you and your organization are doing well. With spring returning, I hope you are out listening to the migrating birds that made it north and enjoying the flowers that are blooming.

For organizations that conduct water quality monitoring and other field work, this is usually the start of your busy season. Some groups have continued this work, but with new safety protocols, such as having staff or volunteers work alone or with members of their households, and working close to home to minimize travel.

If your organization has received DNR funding or other grants to do this work, we highly recommend you contact them before continuing. Please make sure they approve of your modifications and will still reimburse you for this work.

We know DNR and UW-Extension are working hard to provide their staff and partners with updated guidance to continue monitoring and field work in new ways.

Please continue to stay safe.

For our waters,
Allison Werner
Policy and Advocacy Director, River Alliance of Wisconsin



Fishing & Invasive Species

Many anglers are out enjoying some social distancing time on rivers and streams. We'd like your organization's help with promoting clean angling practices to help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species.

We are especially concerned about New Zealand Mudsnaills. [Read our blog post to learn more.](#)

Contact Ellen Voss (evoss@wisconsinrivers.org), our AIS Manager, if you have questions about AIS management.



Local Watershed Groups Executive Director Chats!

We've been gathering every other week with executive directors from watershed groups around the state. This group has found strength in sharing approaches and strategies to issues faced during COVID-19 for staffed organizations.

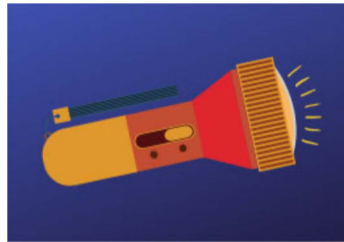
If your organization has issues you'd like to discuss, please contact Allison at awerner@wisconsinrivers.org.

**Featured Organization:
Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network (Root-Pike WIN)**

Have you used video to share your organization's story and accomplishments? Local group Root-Pike WIN [created a video using drone footage](#) from partners to show the restoration work that the Village of Mt. Pleasant accomplished along the North Branch of the Pike River.

Root-Pike WIN stated, "In addition to controlling flooding, the project restored natural stream features, enhanced the aquatic habitat, improved water quality, and reversed the progressive deterioration of this urbanizing stream. Native prairie vegetation and trees have been planted and have begun to thrive throughout the project area, creating a place where people (and fish) want to be."

We'd love to share videos your organization has made.
Reply to this email or email them to info@wisconsinrivers.org.



SPOTLIGHT on YOUR GROUP!

River Alliance would like to put the spotlight on your group.

Share more about your group, projects you are working on, and successes you've had. If you are interested, please **reply to this email**.

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