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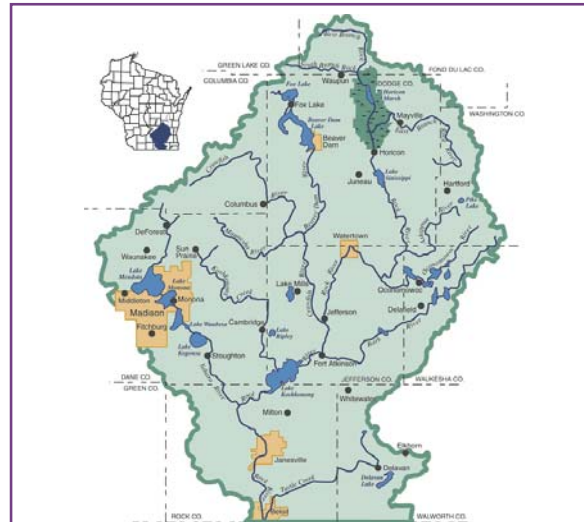
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## 2014 Annual Report



Signing of the Mauneshia River Alliance Chapter at the RRC Annual Meeting, Matt Ziaja and RRC President Patricia Cicero



### Mission

*To educate and provide opportunities for people of diverse interests to work together to improve the environmental, economic, cultural and recreational resources of the Rock River Basin.*

*These are the donations, memberships and grants to the RRC and its Chapters from 1/1/14 - 12/31/14  
FBCW = Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed, MRA = Mauneshia River Alliance, JCWA = Johnson Creek Watershed Alliance*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2014 was a momentous year for the Rock River Coalition because we celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! In addition to marking this milestone throughout the year at special events, the Board decided to have a celebration in November 2014. It was a fun evening at Koshkonong Mounds Country Club where we reminisced about the beginning of the Coalition, recognized the multitude of people who have been instrumental in building the organization, and looked toward the future. You can view a photographic history of the last 20 years on our website: <http://rockrivercoalition.org/>.

Thanks to a grant from the Quirk Foundation, the Coalition worked with two new river groups to assist them in developing work plans to benefit the Mauneshia River and Johnson Creek. Among other things, their local efforts will educate citizens about the rivers, collect water quality data through our Citizen Stream Monitoring Program, and take steps to improve the rivers. In May 2014, the Rock River Coalition welcomed the Mauneshia River Alliance and the Johnson Creek Watershed Alliance as Chapters of the Coalition.

The Rock River Coalition is very proud of our three Chapters (our first Chapter is the Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed) and is excited to support the great work being done by these local resource groups!

I'm looking forward to another 20 years of successful partnerships and action to protect the Rock River Basin!

Patricia Cicero, 2014 RRC President

## 2014 Board and Staff

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**Stream Monitoring Coordinator:** Nancy Sheehan

**Administrative Assistant:** RoxAnne Witte

## 2014 RRC Highlights



### Stream Monitoring Efforts

More volunteers monitored more streams in 2014. 75 volunteers monitored 71 stream sites across the Rock River Basin (excluding Waukesha County that runs its own program). Generally volunteers measured dissolved oxygen, temperature, clarity, velocity and identified aquatic insects to assess stream health. This volunteer effort provides important information on the status of streams in the Rock River Basin.

The RRC stream monitoring program received a grant from the Yahara WINS to continue our work in the Yahara River Watershed. In addition to collecting baseline water quality data, nutrient samples were collected at 19 stream sites.

The RRC stream monitoring program partnered with the Kettle Moraine Land Trust to educate future generations of stream ecologists from Whitewater High School.

### Basin Story Map

A 2013 grant from the Quirk Foundation allowed us to complete the first draft of a Basin story map. This map shows places in the basin where the RRC has completed raingardens, shorelines and other projects, and shows monitoring locations and sites where monitors are needed. You'll find it on our website under Accomplishments.

### Community Shares of Wisconsin

The RRC was accepted into the membership of Community Shares of Wisconsin (CSW). Together with its donors and member nonprofits, CSW addresses social, economic, and environmental problems through grassroots activities, advocacy, research & education.

## RRC Chapters

### The Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed

A donation of a canoe by Jim Danke, that was then sold will allow the FBCW to help with the installation of a canoe launch on the Badfish in 2015.

The chapter monitors the creek, hosts events including "Wheel Against the Weeds" and is just completing an extensive Japanese knotweed eradication project. During the fall the FBCW also completed the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) grant project by planting native grass plugs at the Riley Road site.

The FBCW had membership and donations of \$1041 in 2014.

### Mauneshia River Alliance

A May clean-up of the river and monthly stream monitoring were the main activities of the Mauneshia River Alliance. The MRA had membership and donations of \$927 in 2014.

### Johnson Creek Watershed Alliance

The JCWA received training in monitoring during 2014 and is working on establishing a web presence and designing a logo.

The JCWA had membership income of \$23 in 2014.



## Rock River Coalition Financial Summary For the fiscal year ending 12/31/2014 includes carryover from 2013

### Support and Revenue

Memberships/Donations	\$ 33,850
Project and Programs	\$ 50,507
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$83,647</b>

### Expenses

Programs & Projects	\$ 7,006
Management & Operations	\$ 57,866
Accounts Receivable	\$ 2,564 (Grant Expenses)

**Total Expenses** **\$64,872**

**Revenue over expenses = \$16,211**

### Net Assets - Unrestricted Funds

Beginning of the Year	\$ 13,525
End of the Year	\$ 2,404

### Net Assets - Project Funds

Beginning of the Year	\$ 14,947
End of the Year	\$ 13,806

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