



Our Mission:

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

Yahara Watershed Volunteer Gathering

Saturday, November 4, 2023

9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Dane County Land and Water Resources Department

5201 Fen Oak Drive, Madison, WI 53718

- 9:00 AM Check-in and equipment return.
- 9:30 AM Welcome and introductions.
- 9:45 AM **Monitoring Season Updates**
Becca Dymzarov, Executive Director, Rock River Coalition
- 10:15 AM **Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring of a Prairie Restoration: Early Results**
Michelle Probst, Land & Water Scientist, Dane County Land and Water Resources Department
Herb Garn, Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy, Watershed Committee Co-chair
- 10:45 AM 10 min Break
- 10:55 AM Stream monitor introductions
- 11:00 AM **Twenty-Three Years Up a Creek, with Janice Redford**
Janice Redford, Rock River Coalition Volunteer Stream Monitor, Retired teacher, farmer, Native of Madison
- 11:25 AM **Breakout Sessions**
- (1)** # Field Notes Social (Brooke Alexander, RRC)
Participants discuss and share field experiences with each other.
 - (2)** Using Database Tools (Ashley Beranek, WDNR)
*Participants learn what data is available and how to download it from different databases. *Laptop recommended.*
 - (3)** Thinking Critically about Data (Katy Bradford, WAV)
*Participants become more familiar with your stream by using your data and considering factors like habitat and land use. *Laptop recommended.*

- 12:00 PM Lunch: Gotham Bagels Deli and Catering
- 1:00 PM **Annual Yahara WINS Update**
Mike Gilbertson, Watershed Programs Coordinator, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District
- 1:30 PM **Update on Dane County Land & Water Department's Goals and Initiatives to Improve Water Quality and Community Resilience**
Michelle Probst, Land & Water Scientist, Dane County Land and Water Resources Department
- 2:00 PM **Water Quality of the Yahara Watershed Streams and Rivers**
Rachel Sabre, Water Resources Management Specialist, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources
- 2:30 PM Time to mingle!

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