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### Rock River Coalition Financial Summary

For the fiscal year ending 12/31/2012

#### Support and Revenue

Memberships/Donations	\$ 14,141
Interest/Program Income	\$ 1,254
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 15,395</b>

#### Expenses

Programs & Projects	\$ 22,135
Management & Operations	\$ 12,095
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 34,230</b>

#### Net Assets

Beginning of the Year	\$ 34,365
End of the Year	\$ 15,530
<b>Change in Assets</b>	<b>\$ 18,835</b>

# Rock River Coalition 2012 Annual Report



These excited kids were just two of the more than twenty people who helped survey Zeloski Marsh during 2012.



### 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 in Wisconsin.*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has certainly been an event filled year for the Rock River Coalition! Not only have we strengthened our Stream and Wetland Monitoring Programs (due in very large part to Nancy Sheehan and Jeanne Scherer), but we continue to forge partnerships with groups throughout the Rock Basin.

We are grateful for our citizen stream and wetland monitors! More citizens have joined the effort to monitor the quality of more streams in the basin.

The water quality, plants, and critters in the Zeloski Marsh have been well documented in the past year and this effort is culminating in the BioBlitz that is being held the same weekend as our Annual Membership meeting.

An exciting new effort is the Yahara WINs pilot project to reduce phosphorus delivery to the water by installing conservation practices. Our role will be to recruit, train, and support citizen stream monitors in the Madison lakes watershed. This project will be one to watch given the phosphorus reductions required by basin municipalities. We think that there is an important role for citizens to play in this effort!

On behalf of the Rock River Coalition, I would like to especially recognize all of our members and donors. Their support is the backbone and inspiration of the Coalition.



Here's to another event filled year!

Patricia Cicero, 2012 RRC President

## 2012 Rock River Coalition Highlights

### Rock River Basin Monitoring

#### Stream Monitoring Efforts

2012 Saw us celebrating ten years of monitoring with an expansion of the program and a celebration at our biennial Confluence attended by volunteer lake, wetland and stream monitors, county coordinators and WDNR staff. We added nine new monitors in 2012. UWW faculty and students created a digital map of current and adoptable stream monitoring sites complete with stories from monitors. The coordinator examined the role of volunteers within the Rock River Recovery plan (Rock River TMDL) discussing options with various staff from wastewater treatment plants (Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District and WalCoMet), municipalities (Rock River Stormwater Group), USGS, and WDNR.

#### Wetland Monitoring

A 2012-2013 Citizen-based Monitoring Partnership Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources provided funds to conduct post-restoration surveys of birds, dragonflies and damselflies, frogs and toads, and plants at Zeloski Marsh. Twenty-eight people participated in studying the wetland during 2012. Planning is underway for a 2013 BioBlitz to culminate the restoration surveys.

### RRC Chapters

**The Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed** continue to expand collaborations with Dane and Rock county committees, city, village and township boards along with landowners and organizations. A five-year Strategic Plan, the annual Status Report, and our Badfish Creek Watershed User Survey will be used to determine current and future directions. Grants from the Dane County Environmental Council (\$176) and Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (\$425) was used to update Friends' broadly distributed educational materials. Chapter projects include stream monitoring, Japanese knotweed eradication and garlic mustard control at Riley Road. Wild parsnip control at Old Stone Road (Badfish Creek Wildlife Area) will be a focus in 2013. The Friends will continue partnering with Dane County now that a portion of the watershed has been deemed a Natural Resource Area.

### RRC Special Projects

#### Send Your Legislator Down the River

Forty participants enjoyed a successful trip from the City of Monona into Lake Waubesa.

#### Rock River Recovery Effort

The RRC is a member of the education planning team and is committed to continuing to work with basin stakeholders on this important project to reduce sediment and phosphorus inputs into the Rock River and its tributaries.

#### Water Star Community Program

The RRC took a lead role in the development of this robust state program designed to inspire, guide and recognize municipalities for exemplary work in groundwater and surface water. New Water Star Communities in the Rock River Basin since December 2011 include Watertown, Monona and Oconomowoc. State-wide 27 municipalities are Water Stars Communities. In 2012 the RRC helped with eight Water Star webinars. Info at [www.waterstarwisconsin.org](http://www.waterstarwisconsin.org).



## A special thanks to our 2012 Members, Donors and Grantors!

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