# RRC Membership

Memberships are critical in accomplishing our work. We thank you for your support!
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Annual tax-deductible membership fees  \$25 Individual \$35 Family \$15 Student/Senior Citizen \$25 Classroom \$50 Affiliates*  *Includes small businesses, organizations, lake districts, small municipalities and municipal departments.
\$125 Municipal**  **Provides membership for all municipal departments including discounts at member events and workshops.
□ \$200 Corporate
Additional tax deductible donation  \$ Donations are greatly appreciated and can be targeted towards specific projects:  ☐ Please use my donation for Please use where it is needed most.
Chapter member I am a member of the: Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed

- Johnson Creek Watershed Alliance
- Maunesha River Alliance

Please mail this completed form, with check, to:

**Rock River Coalition** 864 Collins Road Jefferson, WI 53549

Or pay using PayPal at www.rockrivercoalition.org



# Membership Benefits

#### **Newsletter:**

All members and donors receive our Rock River



Reflections newsletter containing informative articles and organizational updates.

**Discounts:** Members receive advanced discounts, to events and activities.

Your Donation Supports Our Citizen Stream Monitoring Program: Plus you receive the following Benefits

#### Donations/Memberships of \$150 - \$249

- Logo and link on our website
- One ticket to Annual Meeting or other event

#### Donations/Memberships of \$250 - \$499

- Logo and link on our website
- 2 tickets to Annual Meeting or other event

#### Donations/Memberships of \$500 - \$999

- Logo and link on our website
- Business card sized ad in one issue of our newsletter
- 2 tickets to Annual Meeting or other event

#### Donors at the \$1,000 level and above

- Logo and link on our website
- Business card sized ad in all issues of our newsletter
- 2 tickets to Annual Meeting or other event



Volunteers at one of our stream monitoring trainings.

## Our Rock River Basin





The Rock River Basin covers nearly 3,800 square miles in south central Wisconsin.

Within its

boundaries are 45 lakes and 2,932 miles of streams.

The Horicon Marsh, an internationally recognized wetland and bird sanctuary, is near its headwaters.

The basin stretches across ten Wisconsin counties and includes 26 cities and 36 villages with more than 800,000 residents.

The quality of the Rock River and its tributaries directly effects the quality of life for the area's inhabitants: plants, animals, birds, and you!

# **RRC Chapters**

Chapters of the RRC are groups of people working on local actions for local water resources. The Chapters are governed under the RRC by-laws and Board but are selfdirected.



FBCW kiosk guides canoeists along the Badfish Creek.

Chapters benefit

from having a fiscal agent and coverage under the RRC's insurance.

If a RRC member is a Chapter member, then 25% of their RRC membership dues is set aside for the Chapter's use.

Funds raised through targeted efforts of the Chapter are held in an account for their use, and only a nominal fee is charged for administration.

To inquire about how your group can become a chapter or other ways to partner, please contact the RRC at info@rockrivercolation.org.

## **RRC Chapters**

Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed is based in the Oregon area. The group has worked to protect and promote the creek as a recreational resources by improving access and clearing areas for easier navigation.

Johnson Creek Watershed Alliance focuses on Johnson Creek through monitoring and events. In 2018, they collaborated with the local school on a clean-up and creating a school garden.

Maunesha River Alliance in the Waterloo -Marshall area, hosts an annual stream cleanup. They are working towards developing and implementing a restoration plan and are looking into renting kayaks.

# Working Together to Improve Water Quality

#### Citizen Stream Monitors

Citizens across the Rock River Basin help to protect our streams and rivers by collecting

critical information about stream health.

Together, the RRC and our partners supported 176 citizen volunteers who monitored stream health at 114 different sites.

Individuals, natural resource groups, county land and water conservation departments, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources use this

information to make science-based watershed management decisions.

The RRC recruits, trains and equips our volunteer citizen scientists. Your membership and donations help to fund these trainings and to purchase monitoring equipment.

Become a member today so that RRC and our volunteers can continue to protect our streams and rivers. With close to 3,000 stream miles in the Rock River Basin, the need is great – but with your help we can make our waters clearer in 2019.



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#### Wetland Restoration

The Rock River Coalition obtained funding from the Department of Natural Resources to identify the potentially restorable wetlands that are within single ownership in the Rock River Basin.

These wetlands, which have the highest potential for actual restoration, have been mapped and will be shared with our partners, including Wisconsin Waterfowl Association, Ducks Unlimited, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Natural Resource Conservation Service, who specialize in wetland restoration. The maps will be available by the end of 2018.

The increase in wetland acreage that could result from our work would play a role in reducing nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment loading to water bodies and meeting the goal of the Rock River Recovery Plan. Increasing wetland acreage can also lead to reductions in flooding.

### Contact Us

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## The Rock River Coalition

The Rock River Coalition (RRC), a non-profit group founded in 1994, is dedicated to preserving and improving Rock River Basin resources. All of our funding is self-generated with our basic programming from memberships and donations. The Coalition only exists through the annual financial support from members, donors and partners like you.

As a basin-wide organization, the RRC is uniquely situated to effectively work on complex basin issues.

We bring together people with different ideas in order to make positive steps. Major activities are highlighted inside this brochure.

The RRC's priorities are guided by its member's interests. The RRC is actively interested in protecting our natural resources, open spaces and agriculture; promoting tourism and outdoor recreation; preserving the historical and cultural character of the basin; and promoting riverfront revitalization.

<u>It takes people like you to join us as a member or volunteer to accomplish our mission!</u>

#### **Excellence Shows**

The Rock River Coalition is proud of our many awards and recognitions. Over the years we have been honored with awards from:

- · River Alliance of Wisconsin
- University or Wisconsin Extension
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association
- Wisconsin Rural Partnership
- Groundwater Guardians
- National Association for Natural Resource Extension Professionals





# Preserving and Improving Our Shared Resources

## 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.