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## **Governor Doyle Nominates St. Louis River Estuary as a National Estuarine Research Reserve Site**

### ***Also Announces \$1.73 Million in Grants for Wisconsin's Coastal Communities***

SUPERIOR – Governor Jim Doyle announced today the nomination of the St. Louis River as a National Estuarine Research Reserve. The nomination paves the way for a federal designation that will raise the national profile of Wisconsin's Great Lakes resources and capture additional federal funds to study and provide community outreach.

"Today, we are taking another step towards the long term protection of our Great Lakes," Governor Doyle said. "This designation promotes the appreciation, understanding, and protection of the unique freshwater estuary systems of Lake Superior, North America's largest freshwater resource."

The St. Louis River was one of 35 sites evaluated by the state and its nomination is the result of several years of hard work and support from citizens, local and tribal governments, organizations and conservation agencies. The designation would include the development of a research center on Lake Superior's south shore dedicated to making the area a regional leader in research and educational outreach related to freshwater estuaries.

It would join a national system of 27 research reserves, building on existing private, local, state and federal investments in natural resource protection, research and education. The St. Louis River is the largest U.S. tributary to Lake Superior and forms the headwaters of the entire Great Lakes system. Its waters and wetlands are nationally significant and provide critical habitat for birds, fish and plants.

Governor Jim Doyle also announced today more than \$1.73 million in grants to help protect and enhance Wisconsin's coastal communities. Administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration's Coastal Management Program, the 38 grants will be used by local and state governments, as well as non-profit and educational organizations to assist with coastal projects totaling over \$4.2 million.

The intergovernmental and private sector collaborations aided by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Grants advance the Council of Great Lakes Governors' mission to protect and restore the largest single source of fresh water in the United States—the Great Lakes. As chair of the council, Governor Doyle is working with his Great Lakes colleagues, federal cabinet agencies, tribes, the International Association of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Mayors and the Canadian Great Lakes Provinces to ensure that the Great Lakes region is economically sound and environmentally conscious in addressing today's problems and facing tomorrow's challenges.

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The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program balances natural resource protection and sustainable economic development along Wisconsin's Great Lakes coasts. The program awards federal funds from the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management and U.S. Department of Commerce, to local governments and other entities for innovative coastal initiatives.

Additional information about the Coastal Management program can be found at:

<http://coastal.wisconsin.gov>

For a complete list of grants please visit:

<http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us//docview.asp?docid=13779>



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## 2008-2009 Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant Recipients

A complete list of 2008-2009 Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant recipients follows:

### Coastwide

**Project Name:** A Local Decision-Maker's Guide to Wetland Protection  
**Applicant:** Wisconsin Wetlands Association  
**Grant Amount:** \$12,000.00  
**Category:** Great Lakes Education  
**Contact:** Becky Abel (608) 250-9971

This project will develop and distribute a brochure titled "Local Decision-Maker's Guide to Wetland Protection," to educate local officials on how to reduce the impacts of development on wetlands in their communities.

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**Project Name:** Coastal Wetland Inventory  
**Applicant:** Department of Natural Resources  
**Grant Amount:** \$88,715.00  
**Category:** Technical Assistance/Outreach  
**Contact:** Lois Simon (608) 266-8852

This project will update the Wisconsin Wetland Inventory for all coastal counties, and convert aerial photographs to digital files for Southeastern Wisconsin and Sheboygan County.

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**Project Name:** Technical Assistance to Local Governments  
**Applicant:** Department of Natural Resources  
**Grant Amount:** \$378,802.00  
**Category:** Technical Assistance/Outreach  
**Contact:** Lois Simon (608) 266-8852

This project will provide support for four Water Management Specialists at the Department of Natural Resources. They will provide technical assistance to local units of government and administer wetland regulations throughout the coastal regions.

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**Project Name:** Sustainable Wisconsin Harbor Towns  
Applicant: Wisconsin Harbor Towns Association  
Grant Amount: \$39,400.00  
Category: Great Lakes Education  
Contact: Adam Smith (262) 884-2463

This project will support the implementation of sustainable practices at marinas coastwide through the creation of a Marina Association, harbor clean-up events, redesigning and printing of the Wisconsin Harbor Towns Guide, and implementing a Clean Marina Initiative.

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**Project Name:** Bringing the Great Lakes into our Classrooms  
Applicant: Alliance for the Great Lakes  
Grant Amount: \$21,830.00  
Category: Great Lakes Education  
Contact: Stephanie Smith (312) 939-0838

This project will encourage the integration of Great Lakes education into classrooms in Wisconsin by recruiting a network of educators to use a web-based clearinghouse of curricular and training information and by conducting educator trainings.

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**Project Name:** Establishing a Clean Marina Program  
Applicant: University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute  
Grant Amount: \$29,975.00  
Category: Cumulative & Secondary Impacts:Nonpoint  
Contact: Victoria Harris (920) 465-2795

This project will develop a Wisconsin Clean Marina Program, a voluntary program that will encourage marina operators to protect coastal water quality by engaging in environmentally sound operating and maintenance procedures.

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**Project Name:** Evaluating the Effectiveness of Forestry Buffers to Control Nonpoint Pollution  
Applicant: Department of Natural Resources  
Grant Amount: \$23,265.00  
Category: Cumulative & Secondary Impacts:Nonpoint  
Contact: Carmen Wagner (608) 266-1667

This project will evaluate the effectiveness of forestry buffers at controlling nonpoint source pollution and will empirically evaluate forestry buffers resulting in recommendations for improving management measures to control nonpoint source pollution from forestry-related activities.

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## **Ashland County**

**Project Name:** North Shore of Madeline Island Public Access  
Applicant: Town of La Pointe  
Grant Amount: \$18,568.00  
Category: Public Access

Contact: Greg Nelson (715) 747-6913

This project will construct a trail and a rock crib pier to provide public access from the north shore of Madeline Island to Lake Superior.

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## **Bayfield County**

**Project Name: Estimating the Effects of Land Use and Land Cover Change on Lake Superior Tributary Streams**

Applicant: Board of Regents of University of Wisconsin System: UW-Madison  
Grant Amount: \$22,314.00  
Category: Cumulative & Secondary Impacts:Nonpoint  
Contact: David Mladenoff (608) 262-1992

This project is the third of a three-phase project analyzing forest composition and stream flows in the Northern Great Lakes region. The hydrological link between forest type and snowmelt will be incorporated into the LANDIS-II framework and results will be published.

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**Project Name: Historic Bayfield Courthouse Stormwater Management Project**

Applicant: City of Bayfield  
Grant Amount: \$10,000.00  
Category: Cumulative & Secondary Impacts:Nonpoint  
Contact: Billie Hoopman (715) 779-5712

This project will develop improvements to the turf areas and landscaping at the Historic Bayfield Courthouse to reduce run-off to the City of Bayfield's storm sewers.

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**Project Name: Flood Flow and Sediment Erosion Reduction in North Fish Creek from Upland Runoff Attenuation**

Applicant: Board of Regents of University of Wisconsin System: UW-Madison  
Grant Amount: \$22,421.00  
Category: Cumulative & Secondary Impacts:Nonpoint  
Contact: John Hoopes (608) 262-2977

This project will develop and implement a methodology and a model for controlling and simulating the volume and rate of upland runoff from ditches that drain uplands adjacent to North Fish Creek.

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**Project Name: City of Bayfield Washington Avenue Ice Road Improvement**

Applicant: City of Bayfield  
Grant Amount: \$21,531.00  
Category: Public Access  
Contact: Larry MacDonald (715) 779-5712

This is a joint City of Bayfield, Town of La Pointe application to improve the winter ice road approach from the City of Bayfield's to Madeline Island. This project will provide safer access, improved water quality, and more summer recreational benefits.

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**Project Name: Development of a Real-time Wave Climate Observation System in the Apostle Islands**

Applicant: University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Grant Amount: \$29,995.00  
Category: Public Access  
Contact: Chin Wu (608) 263-3078

This project is for a Real-time Wave Climate Observation System for the Meyers Beach area of the Apostle Island National Lakeshore, located on Lake Superior.

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**Project Name: Bayfield County Elevation Data Collection**

Applicant: Bayfield County  
Grant Amount: \$30,000.00  
Category: Land Use & Community Planning  
Contact: Scott Galetka (715) 373-6156

This project is for the use of Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) to gather elevation data along 86 miles of shoreline in Bayfield County. The information will be used for setback calculations to determine shoreline setbacks for construction in a manner that protects the shoreline.

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## **Bay-Lake Region**

**Project Name: Technical Assistance**

Applicant: Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission  
Grant Amount: \$20,000.00  
Category: Technical Assistance/Outreach  
Contact: Mark Walter (920) 448-2820

This project will provide funding for technical assistance, including wetland delineations and zoning variances, and public outreach efforts in the Bay-Lake region.

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**Project Name: Road-End & Public Access Inventory, Green Bay East Shore**

Applicant: Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission  
Grant Amount: \$29,995.00  
Category: Land Use & Community Planning  
Contact: Mark Walter (920) 448-2820

This project is for an inventory and assessment of access points and road-ends along the east shore of the Green Bay from the City of Green Bay to the City of Sturgeon Bay.

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## **Brown County**

**Project Name: Fox River Trail Signage Project**

Applicant: Brown County Facility & Park Management  
Grant Amount: \$12,500.00  
Category: Great Lakes Education

Contact: Douglas R. Hartman (920) 448-4464

This project will design and install 12 educational signs along 6 miles of the Fox River State Recreational Trail.

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**Project Name: Green Bay Waterfront Plaza and Wetlands Restoration (CityDeck)**

Applicant: City of Green Bay  
Grant Amount: \$100,000.00  
Category: Public Access  
Contact: Carl Weber (920) 448-3094

This project will complete the landscaping along a 15-foot wide continuous wood boardwalk at the edge of the Fox River/Bay of Green Bay.

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## **Door County**

**Project Name: Implementation of BMPs at Door County Public Beaches: To Improve Water Quality and Beach Health**

Applicant: Door County Soil & Water Conservation Department  
Grant Amount: \$50,000.00  
Category: Cumulative & Secondary Impacts:Nonpoint  
Contact: Amanda Brown (920) 746-2214

The final phase of a multi-year project, this project will provide municipalities in Door County with a cost-share incentive for the construction of practices to reduce the amount of contaminants from entering beaches.

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**Project Name: Door County Coastal Terrestrial Invasive Species Control**

Applicant: Door County Soil & Water Conservation Dept.  
Grant Amount: \$24,300.00  
Category: Restoration:Habitat  
Contact: Amanda Brown (920) 746-2214

This project will support a part-time coordinator to develop and implement invasive species control education/outreach programs and workshops for private landowners at two regional sites in Door County.

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## **Douglas County**

**Project Name: Floristic Quality Assessment and Index of Biotic Integrity for Superior Municipal Forest SNAs**

Applicant: University of Wisconsin - Superior  
Grant Amount: \$25,026.00  
Category: Wetland Protection

Contact: Kurt Schmude (715) 394-8421

This project will field test the Wisconsin floristic quality assessment (FQA) and Wisconsin Wetland Plant Biotic Index (WWPBI) of biotic integrity for two state natural areas in northern Wisconsin, both of which are within a proposed National Estuarine Research Reserve.

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**Project Name: A Prescription for a Clean Lake Superior: Collecting & Disposing of Unwanted Household Medications**

Applicant: City of Superior  
Grant Amount: \$7,500.00  
Category: Great Lakes Education  
Contact: Amber Westerbur (715) 394-0392

This project will pilot 2 city-wide unwanted medication collection events in the City of Superior.

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## **Northwest Counties (Bayfield, Douglas, Iron, and Ashland Counties)**

**Project Name: Technical Assistance**  
Applicant: Northwest Regional Planning Commission  
Grant Amount: \$20,000.00  
Category: Technical Assistance/Outreach  
Contact: Jason Laumann (715) 635-2197

This project will provide funding for technical support and public outreach in the Northern Region.

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**Project Name: Lake Superior Coastal Watershed Assessment**  
Applicant: University of Wisconsin - Extension  
Grant Amount: \$28,252.00  
Category: Wetland Protection  
Contact: Sue O'Halloran (715) 394-8525

This project will expand the monitoring of coastal wetlands and streams at five sites along Lake Superior. The project expands on an existing WCMP grant by adding two watersheds (Bark and Flag Rivers); adding a new regional survey methodology for wetland plants and birds/amphibians; and refining volunteer monitoring protocols.

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## **Milwaukee County**

**Project Name: Lakeshore State Park - Signage & Public Outreach**  
Applicant: Friends of Lakeshore State Park  
Grant Amount: \$15,800.00  
Category: Great Lakes Education  
Contact: Todd Montgomery (414) 273-1173

This project will design and install informative signs at the new Lakeshore State Park in Milwaukee. The Friends of Lakeshore State Park will also host, Healthy Waters, Healthy You, a public event to highlight the connections between the health of our bodies and the health of local bodies of water.

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**Project Name:** Southbranch Creek Riparian Restoration  
Applicant: Village of Brown Deer  
Grant Amount: \$99,000.00  
Category: Restoration:Habitat  
Contact: Nate Piotrowski (414) 371-3061

This project will restore woodlands, wetlands and stream habitat along 500 feet of Southbranch Creek near its confluence with the Milwaukee River. Benefits of this project include improved habitat, flood storage, and water quality, as well as future recreation on an adjacent Oak Leaf Trail extension.

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**Project Name:** Public Access, Site Enhancements and Amenities at the Milwaukee Lakefront  
Applicant: Milwaukee County Parks  
Grant Amount: \$90,000.00  
Category: Public Access  
Contact: James Keegan (414) 257-4775

This project involves public access and site enhancement elements that will be integrated with the construction of an open air picnic shelter on Milwaukee's Lakefront.

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**Project Name:** Menomonee Valley Airline Yards Design Development  
Applicant: Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee  
Grant Amount: \$30,000.00  
Category: Public Access  
Contact: David Misky (414) 286-8682

This project is for the design of a 23 acre park with 2,600' of river frontage. This is the next step for a \$50 million effort to redevelop a 140-acre former rail yard.

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**Project Name:** Atwater Beach Ecological Study & Management Plan  
Applicant: Village of Shorewood  
Grant Amount: \$26,000.00  
Category: Land Use & Community Planning  
Contact: Erika Lang (414) 847-2647

This project will conduct an Ecological Study, as well as develop a Management Plan for the restoration and revitalization of the Atwater Beach.

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**Project Name:** Little Menomonee Creek Wetland Restoration  
Applicant: Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District  
Grant Amount: \$25,000.00  
Category: Restoration:Habitat

Contact: Robert Schermeister (414) 225-2053

This project will restore 75 acres of wetland and 28 acres of upland habitat at a site along the Little Menomonee Creek in Ozaukee County

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## **Ozaukee County**

**Project Name:** Milwaukee River Dam Natural Fishway  
**Applicant:** City of Mequon  
**Grant Amount:** \$100,000.00  
**Category:** Restoration:Habitat  
**Contact:** William Hoppe (262) 236-2933

This project will complete the design and engineering of a fish passage structure at the Thiensville Dam. The fishway will be designed to address safety-related maintenance of the dam, as well as allow for movement of fish up- and downstream.

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**Project Name:** Engineering and Design of Coal Dock Areas  
**Applicant:** City of Port Washington  
**Grant Amount:** \$80,000.00  
**Category:** Public Access  
**Contact:** Mark Grams (262) 284-5585

This project is for the planning and design of WE Energies North Dock along Lake Michigan. Included in the proposal are recreational trails, fishing areas, boat docking, a roadway, parking lots, lighting, sewer and water, landscaping and a proposed public beach.

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## **Racine County**

**Project Name:** Improving Water Quality Through Seasonal Assessments, Education, and NPS Pollution Controls  
**Applicant:** City of Racine Health Department  
**Grant Amount:** \$29,562.00  
**Category:** Cumulative & Secondary Impacts:Nonpoint  
**Contact:** Julie Kinzelman (262) 636-9501

This project will expand water quality testing on the Root River in the City of Racine to investigate sources of non-point pollution. Resulting information will be provided to organizations and individuals interested in reducing their environmental footprint.

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## **Sheboygan County**

**Project Name:** Fisherman's Creek Restoration & Natural Area Design  
**Applicant:** Sheboygan River Basin Partnership  
**Grant Amount:** \$14,000.00

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Category: Land Use & Community Planning  
Contact: Peter Pittner (920) 458-6164

This project will prepare a concept plan for the Fisherman's Creek corridor that will be used to ensure that future development is sustainable and well-coordinated. Both the process of completing the concept plan and final product will be used for public education and to foster community involvement.

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## **Southeast Region (Ozaukee, Racine, Kewaunee, Milwaukee, and Kenosha Counties)**

**Project Name: Expanding & Replicating Urban, Great Lakes Environmental Education Programs in Kenosha & Racine**

Applicant: University of Wisconsin - Parkside  
Grant Amount: \$20,000.00  
Category: Great Lakes Education  
Contact: Thomas Schnaubelt (262) 595-3340

This project will develop new experiential environmental education programming for Racine and Kenosha school districts.

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**Project Name: Strengthening the Citizen Monitoring Network for Ephemeral Ponds in SE Wisconsin**

Applicant: Department of Natural Resources  
Grant Amount: \$44,847.00  
Category: Wetland Protection  
Contact: Thomas Bernthal (608) 266-3033

This project will build on a current WCMP grant to strengthen citizen monitoring networks and methods and to encourage further use of monitoring data by DNR managers.

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**Project Name: A Management Model to Link Coastal Water Quality and Land Use**

Applicant: Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, UW-Milwaukee  
Grant Amount: \$72,664.00  
Category: Cumulative & Secondary Impacts:Nonpoint  
Contact: Harvey Bootsma (414) 382-1717

This project will develop a model describing the cycling of phosphorous in the Lake Michigan nearshore zone which, when combined with an existing model, will define the relationship between phosphorous loading and Cladophora growth.

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**Project Name: Technical Assistance**

Applicant: Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission  
Grant Amount: \$20,000.00  
Category: Technical Assistance/Outreach  
Contact: Don Reed (262) 547-6721

This project will provide funding for technical support and public outreach in the Southeastern Region.