

Wisconsin Coastal Beaches Working Group

Spring Meeting Agenda

Meeting Objectives: Convene local, state, federal, university and non-profit partners involved in beach research, management, education and communication for a day of information sharing, collaboration and networking. Attendees will hear reports from Wisconsin's beach partners on issues from beach restoration to water quality.

Date: May 16, 2019

Time: 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Racine Yacht Club (1 Barker Street, Racine, WI 53402)

- 9:30 – 10:00 **Registration and Networking**
- 10:00 – 10:20 **Welcome and Introductions**
- 10:20 – 10:35 **Department of Natural Resources Report: Wisconsin Beaches (Madeline Magee, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources)**
- 10:35 – 10:50 **Lightning Round Presentations (various topics)**
- 10:50 – 11:05 **BREAK**
- 11:05 – 11:25 **Lightning Round Presentations (various topics)**
- 11:25 – 11:45 **Round Table Discussion**
- 11:45 – 12:00 **North Beach & Sam Myers Park Projects (Julie Kinzelman, City of Racine Health Dept)**
- 12:00 – 1:00 **Networking Lunch**
- 1:00 – 2:00 **North Beach Tour**
- 2:00 – 3:00 **Sam Myers Park Tour**

Tour descriptions:

Research conducted to identify pollution sources guided the development of altered beach management practices in Racine, including ecologically appropriate beach modifications (in many instances relying on restoration of native vegetation and coastal habitat) and the redesign of a major stormwater outfall. In an effort to enhance public access while maintaining habitat and water quality, a trail system was put in place to define access points, provide public education and reduce harmful foot traffic through sensitive coastal wetland and dune habitats. Spanning three watersheds (Pike River, Root River & Wind Point), North and Zoo Beaches, along with Samuel Myers Park, represent over 80 acres of urban Lake Michigan shoreline with exceptional restoration potential. Working to increase native plant communities (including ~650 trees), manage invasive species, and implement green infrastructure, the City of Racine has increased stormwater infiltration, diversified habitat and enhanced coastal resiliency in these unique coastal wetland/beach environments.

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