

# PROTECTING OUR WATERS: WE'RE ALL CONNECTED!

## 2024 Six-County Lakes & Rivers Meeting

Friday July 12, 2024 -- 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Lakeside Center, Nicolet College Theater, Rhinelander

### AGENDA

- 8:30 Refreshments/Exhibits
- 9:00 Welcome/Updates from Moderator: Eric Olson, Director, UW-Extension Lakes
- 9:10 Wisconsin Policy Picture: Mike Engleson, Executive Director, Wisconsin Lakes Association
- 9:30 Climate Change Effects on Our Lakes & Rivers: Noah Lottig, Associate Scientist, Trout Lake Station, UW – Center for Limnology
- 10:00 PFAS Contamination of Our Surface Waters: Tom Jerow, President, Wisconsin's Greenfire, Rhinelander
- 10:30 Break/Visit Exhibits in Commons Area
- 10:45 Panel Discussion: We're All Connected! Experts in various fields involved with preservation and conservation of our waterways will address questions and comments from audience.  
Panel members are:
- Ben Niffenegger – Executive Officer, WI Valley Improvement Company  
Addressing: Wisconsin River Projects
  - Jim Ruwaldt – Board Member, Wisconsin Wetlands  
Addressing: Protection and Restoration of Wetlands
  - JoAnne Lund – Special Projects Coordinator, Oneida County  
Addressing: County Rivers & Streams Contamination from Culverts
  - Mike Shouldice – Member, Spider Lake Association of Iron County  
Addressing: Turtle River Chain of Lakes – Associations Initiatives
  - Johnson Bridgwater- Water Advocates Organizer, River Alliance of Wisconsin  
Addressing: Grassroots Efforts Speaking Up/Clean Water Policies
- 11:30 Attendee Comments/Questions: Moderator Eric Olson, Director, UW-Extension Lakes
- 12:00 Individual lakes or county association meetings (Breakout rooms provided)