

# 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, Extension Lakes

9:10 Wisconsin Policy Picture: Mike Engleson, Executive Director, Wisconsin Lakes

9:30 Climate Change Effects on Our Lakes & Rivers: Noah Lottig, Associate Scientist, Trout Lake Research Station, UW – Center for Limnology

10:00 PFAS Contamination of Our Surface Waters: Tom Jerow, President, Wisconsin's Green Fire, Rhinelander

10:30 Break/Visit Exhibits in Commons Area

10:45 Panel Discussion: We're All Connected!

Experts in various fields to discuss preservation and conservation of our waterways, including local initiatives. Will also address questions and comments from audience. Panel members are:

- Ben Niffenegger – Executive Officer, Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company  
Addressing: Wisconsin River Projects
- Jim Ruwaldt – Board Member, Wisconsin Wetlands Association  
Addressing: Protection and Restoration of Wetlands on Private Lands
- JoAnne Lund – Special Projects Coordinator, Oneida County  
Addressing: Assessing Impacts of Culverts on County Rivers & Streams
- 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, Extension Lakes

12:00 Individual lakes or county association meetings (Breakout rooms provided)