**2024 Wisconsin Stream Monitoring Award Nomination**

Do you know of a stream volunteer, volunteer coordinator, or stream volunteer group who has given substantial time and energy this year to monitor and protect Wisconsin’s streams and rivers? We encourage you to submit a nomination to celebrate their work!

We want to celebrate the wide variety of people and groups across Wisconsin who help to promote water quality in our streams and rivers by participating in volunteer monitoring and stewardship in the state.  
  
**Nominations should address the following criteria:**

1. A commitment and investment of substantial time to volunteer stream and river monitoring
2. A record of stream stewardship, outreach or education in their local community
3. A commitment to developing relationships and partnerships in stream monitoring efforts
4. A record of how the nominee’s work has benefited Wisconsin streams or rivers

Previous award recipients may be nominated again, however, include only work done since last winning the award.

Applications are due **December 1, 2024.** Email completed applications, a letter of support, and up to 3 additional supporting materials (optional) to Katy Bradford, WAV Program Manager, at wav@extension.wisc.edu. If you have any questions, please contact Katy by email or phone (608-331-0173).

# Applicant Information

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| **Your full name** |  |
| **Your role/affiliation with volunteer stream monitoring in Wisconsin** |  |
| **Your email address** |  |
| **Your phone number** |  |

# Award Category

**Select the award category that you are nominating for:** *(Click to check a box)*

Outstanding Stream Volunteer

*This award recognizes a volunteer stream monitor (individual or 2 person team) who has gone above and beyond to contribute valuable water quality data while supporting stream health, stewardship and/or education in their community.*

Outstanding Volunteer Coordinator

*This award recognizes a volunteer stream monitoring coordinator who has made an impact in their professional or volunteer role to support participatory science and volunteer stream stewardship and education in Wisconsin.*

Outstanding Stream Volunteer Group

*This award recognizes a group of volunteer stream monitors who have gone above and beyond to contribute valuable water quality data while supporting stream health, stewardship and/or education in their community.*

# Nominee Information

*If you are nominating a volunteer group, please provide the name and contact information for the group’s leader or a main contact.*

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| **Nominee’s full name** |  |
| **Nominee’s role/affiliation (if applicable)** |  |
| **Nominee’s email address** |  |
| **Nominee’s phone number** |  |

# Stream Volunteer Group Information (\*Group nomination only)

*Skip this section if you are not nominating a group.*

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| **Group’s name (if applicable)** |  |
| **Please list the names of all volunteers in the group who should be recognized with this award (if applicable):** |  |

# Nomination Description

Please respond to the questions below with specific examples that paint a picture of the nominee’s impact through their volunteer stream monitoring, stream stewardship and/or outreach/education efforts. Your narrative will help us select and celebrate award recipients!

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| 1. **Please describe the stream, river or watershed where the nominee is active in volunteer stream monitoring efforts.** |
| 1. **Please describe, with specific details, the nominee’s commitment to volunteer stream and river monitoring.** *(For example***:** *How long have they been monitoring (or supporting volunteer monitoring)? What was their role?)* |
| 1. **What activities has the nominee done to support stream stewardship, outreach or education in their local community?** *(For example***:** *Who did they engage? How long have they been doing these activities? What was their impact?)* |
| 1. **How has the nominee collaborated with partners or teammates in their volunteer stream monitoring efforts?** *(For example***:** *Working with a local teacher or school group, or a DNR biologist, or a local landowner, etc.)* |
| 1. **How have the nominee’s efforts benefitted Wisconsin’s streams and rivers?** *(For example: Has water quality improved or data quality improved? Has a restoration project been implemented? Did their work engage new volunteers or result in a new annual river outreach event in the community?)* |
| 1. **Lastly, please briefly describe the letter of support and up to 3 additional supporting documents that you are including with your nomination. Supporting documents should be referenced in your nomination description above so the review team can easily reference the attachments. (***Examples of supporting documents include letters of support, news articles about the nominee, materials the nominee helped to create, photos, etc.)* |