

Quality Control in Our Water Monitoring

On February 21, BRWA held its 4th annual quality control session for water monitoring volunteers in Andy Goyke's biology lab at Northland College (Thanks Andy!) At these sessions, we provide volunteers with a prepared water sample and ask them to test it. This procedure ensures that our data is credible, and helps keep our monitoring work consistent at the 18 sites we sample across the basin.

This year, Ed Kolodjeski from the Bad River Natural Resources Department came along as well. BRWA volunteers and tribal technicians monitoring side by side ensure that data from our two groups are comparable.

Again this year we found that our volunteer data is consistently close to standards. Our volunteers are collecting meaningful data we can use to care for our watershed. Thanks BRWA volunteers! ♦



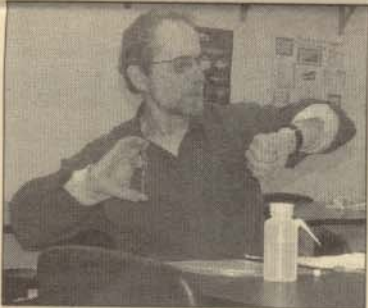
Thank You!

New Volunteers: Morris Lewis, Michael Klump, Michael McCutcheon, Naomi Tillison, Thomas Wyse.

Veteran Volunteers: The Rekemeyer family, the Stone-Dahls, Dane Bonk, Karen Danielsen, Joan Elias, John Franke, Matt Hudson, Leslie Kolesar, Tracey Ledder, Rae-Ann Maday, Darienne McNamara, Suzy Sanders, Tana Turonie, the Wichita's, Roland Wolff, Colleen Matula, Karla Hassart.

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Invasive Species Events

BRWA will be working with the Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA) which is a collective of over 22 agencies, state and local governments, organizations and tribes in northern Wisconsin.

This summer, we will host five invasive species field days with the NCWMA to provide community members with an overview of the invasive species issues in their neighborhoods, as well as hands-on experience and guidance in controlling some of the most aggressive species in the area.

Let's go get rid of these nasty invasives before they spread even more! We'll target specific species—one per month throughout the summer. Call Michele at 682-2003 to get involved in making a difference locally.

May—Buckthorn and Honeysuckle: These extremely aggressive invaders replace native shrub species and shade understory herbs.

May—Garlic Mustard: A new infestation was reported along the Bad River near Mellen. The seeds from this plant can spread downstream, with significant impacts to the reservation.

June—Japanese knotweed: This invasive poses a serious threat to riparian areas.

July—Spotted knapweed: This plant directly impacts the sandspits and shore lines along the coast and the sandy areas in the pine barrens. It replaces native vegetation and changes habitat for migratory and nesting birds.

August—Leafy Spurge: To date, leafy spurge populations are small and localized, containing these areas will be essential to preventing them from spreading into the national Forest and other adjacent lands.