



A Fish Habitat Partnership

## Spring 2013 Highlights

Spring was a busy time for the partnership; highlights included having three of our watersheds featured in the National “Ten Waters to Watch” campaign. We also held two work group meetings and one Steering Committee Meeting. Please consider your commitment to the Partnership, and let me know of any way you or your staff would like to work towards strengthening the partnership! Ideas welcome!

### April

- 9-11 Wisconsin Lakes Convention, Green Bay. Attended, and gave poster presentation on the partnership. Met Carrol Schaal (WI), Scott Toshner (grant recipient) and Jo Latimore (MI Extension)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Met with Ron Payer to gauge his interest in helping us expand in the private sector
- 16<sup>th</sup> **MGLP** Work Group Meeting- 8 participants
- 22<sup>nd</sup> **MGLP** Science Data Team met to discuss the Assessment Phase II Proposal/overview, project planning.  
The grant for this project was awarded, but was reduced to \$13,200.
- 30<sup>th</sup> “10 Waters to Watch” released via news release (NFHP). This year THREE waters are from our partnership!
  - 1) Tippecanoe Watershed, Indiana
  - 2) Millennium Reserve Project, Chicago IL
  - 3) Leech Lake Watershed, MN

### May

- 8<sup>th</sup> Media Event focused on Chippewa National Forest/Portage Lake Fish Habitat project, Cass County, MN. Jamil Donith, News Reporter from Lakeland Public Television produced the story. Todd Tisler (Steering Committee Member) USFS, Katie Haws Coordinator and Louise Mauldin USFWS Fish Passage Coordinator participated in the fish sampling and/or the story.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Met with Paul Austin Conservation MN, and Doug Shaw (GMGLP Steering Committee Member) TNC
- 22<sup>nd</sup> USFWS Director approves 2013 NFHP projects
- 29<sup>th</sup> **MGLP** Steering Committee Meeting (Conference Call)
- 30<sup>th</sup> NFHP Bi-monthly FHP Conference Call with Tom Busiahn

### June

- Sent out Project Request for Proposals 2014
- 4<sup>th</sup> Met with Eleanor Burkett University of MN Extension regarding my proposal to hold a MN meeting patterned after the successful Wisconsin Lakes conference sponsored by several entities. Will be scoping this out in the future.
- 11<sup>th</sup> **MGLP** Work Group Meeting, six participants
- 13<sup>th</sup> Participated in a DNR sponsored Landscaper shoreland demonstration workshop at Trout Lake, MN
- 19<sup>th</sup> Traveled to Bemidji, MN to accept the 2013 Eastern Regional Honor Award from the Chippewa National Forest at their annual employee day. This award was given to MGLP for the work we have done with the USFS to improve waters and fish habitat through cooperative work.

- 20<sup>th</sup> Participated in Business Planning/Development webinar for FHP coordinators sponsored by NFHP
- 26<sup>th</sup> Participated in Fishers and Farmers FHP field trip highlighting a manure digester, and also managed grazing on a ranch to enhance water quality
- 28<sup>th</sup> Conference call with Eleanor Burkett and others to scope out the MN lakes conference idea

### **On the Horizon**

#### **July**

18<sup>th</sup> NFHP Coordinators Call

#### **September**

3d Project Proposals due in to Coordinator (note date change due to holiday weekend)

10<sup>th</sup> **MGLP** Work Group Call

Mid Evaluation Team scores Project Proposals

Late Steering Committee Meeting (date to be finalized soon) to make recommendations on proposals

#### **October**

1st Submit ranked proposals to Maureen Gallagher



Katie Haws (second from left) receiving Eastern Regional Honor Award from Darla Lenz, Chippewa National Forest, Forest Supervisor June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

#### **Abbreviations**

NFHP National Fish Habitat Partnership  
MGLP Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership  
TNC The Nature Conservancy  
USFS US Forest Service  
FHP Fish Habitat Partnership

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