

The Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Team wishes you and your family a happy, cozy, and festive Holiday Season.

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## **NOMINATE AN INVASIVE SPECIES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR REGULATION.**

The Wisconsin Invasive Species Council is currently taking recommendations for species to be assessed for potential regulation under Wisconsin's invasive species rule, Chapter NR 40, Wis. Adm. Code. In addition, the Council is accepting suggestions for currently regulated species that should be re-assessed, and for any other changes to the rule. A Species Assessment Groups will then evaluate the species potential risk to the state's environment, economy, or human health. Anyone who is concerned about invasive species may nominate a species for assessment, re-assessment, or make any other suggested changes to the rule. To find out what species are currently listed, please see the attached list of Regulated Species or visit this link [Species list](#).

The Invasive Species Identification, Classification, and Control Rule (NR 40) classifies invasive species in Wisconsin as Prohibited or Restricted and regulates the transportation, possession, transfer, and introduction of those species in the state. The rule also establishes Preventive

Measures, which are required actions to slow the spread of invasive species. The rule currently covers over 245 plants, animals, and disease-causing organisms and affects everyone in Wisconsin.

Submission deadline is **midnight on Friday, January 4, 2019**. To complete your nomination, please visit [Nominate a Species](#).

#### **Nomination questions:**

1. What species are you concerned about that you think should be considered for assessment for regulation as an invasive species in Wisconsin? For each species suggested, please tell us where it is located – be as specific as possible and include the county(ies) if known.
2. Why are you concerned about this/these species?
3. Are there species that are currently regulated as invasive in Wisconsin that you think should be re-assessed? If so, which ones, and why?
4. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

## **BE A VOICE FOR WISCONSIN'S AQUATIC PLANTS: COMMENTS SOUGHT ON DNR STRATEGIC ANALYSIS OF AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT IN THE STATE.**

Aquatic plants are a natural part of every waterbody and help ensure good water quality and clarity, provide habitat and food for fish and wildlife, and serve many other valuable functions. However, the critical role they serve to our freshwater ecosystems is often misunderstood and under-valued. For this reason, Wisconsin's aquatic plant communities need your help!

The Department of Natural Resources invites the public to comment on its draft Strategic Analysis of Aquatic Plant Management (APM) in Wisconsin. The report, which summarizes current information on APM in the state, serves as an informational resource to help decision-makers and the public to better understand the topic and to aid in the development of future APM policy. Comments on this strategic analysis may be submitted through January 25, 2019. For more information, please visit <https://dnr.wi.gov/news/Weekly/Article/?id=4426>.

## **WISCONSIN LAKES PARTNERSHIP CONVENTION, APRIL 10 – 12, 2019**

The 41st Annual Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention and Water Action Volunteer Symposium will be held April 10-12, 2019, at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point, WI. The event brings together over 500 citizens, lake organization leaders, citizen scientists, researchers, natural resource managers, state and local agency personnel, vendors, and all those who love Wisconsin's inland lakes for three days of learning and connection.

Keynote presentations include:

- **Dr. Doug Tallamy**, University of Delaware, Entomologist and author of *Bringing Nature Home: How you can sustain wildlife with native plants*.
- **Dr. Steven Polasky**, University of Minnesota, Ecological Economist and co-founder of *The Natural Capital Project*.

The Convention includes a full day of hands-on workshops, two days of concurrent presentations, Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Awards presentation, poster presentations, photo contest, networking opportunities and much more. To find out more and to register, please visit [UW-Extension Lakes - Convention](#)

## NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2019 WISCONSIN LAKE STEWARDSHIP AWARDS ARE NOW OPEN

The Wisconsin Lakes Partnership invites you to nominate an extraordinary volunteer, organization, or professional whose time, dedication, and efforts have contributed to securing a bright future for our lakes. There are five Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Award categories: Citizen, Organized Group, Public Service, Youth, and Business. The 2019 Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Award winners and new nominees will be celebrated at the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention, April 10-12, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point. **Nominations are due January 29, 2019.** For more information and nomination forms, please visit [UWEX-Lakes-Lake Stewardship Awards](#) and/or [Wisconsin Lakes-Lake Stewardship Awards](#)

## GIVE A UNIQUE GIFT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON: ADOPT AN EAGLE NEST

Are you looking for a Christmas gift for someone who has everything? How about adopting an eagle nest in honor of that person?

The Wisconsin Endangered Resources Fund offers this neat opportunity to help ensure the bald eagle population continues to thrive for current and future generations to see and enjoy. As a gift for your donation, you will receive an adoption certificate, an aerial photo showing the location of your eagle nest, an eagle calendar, and survey results. To find out more, visit [Adopt an Eagle Nest](#).



Banding eagle chicks on the Turtle Flambeau.  
Photo by Stephanie Boismenu

## LIMNOLOGY NEWS

The University of Wisconsin - Madison Center for Limnology's current issue of Limnology News is now available at <https://limnology.wisc.edu/news-events/>

## GOODBYE FACEBOOK

In keeping with Oneida County's open records law, the Oneida County Information Technology Department (IT) will be backing up all public access information on all county external internet sites.

Due to the cost of this new backup system, the Land and Water Conservation Department is discontinuing its Oneida County AIS Facebook page beginning in January 2019. We want to thank all of our Facebook Friends for their support and want to assure them that they will still have access to great information on our department's website. We are still working out all the details, so stay tuned for more information to be announced.

## HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

- Does your lake group need help with an AIS project?
- Would you like our AIS Team to monitor your lake?
- Are you looking for a guest speaker for your classroom or organizations meeting?
- Would you like to become a Clean Boats Clean Waters volunteer?
- Are you wondering what AIS are in your lake and harm they may cause?
- Would you like to learn how to stop the spread of AIS from an infested waterbody to an un-infested waterbody?
- Do you suspect you found a new AIS?
- Do you have questions about decontamination or transporting AIS?



If so, give Stephanie a call at 715-369-7825 or email at [sboismenu@co.oneida.wi.us](mailto:sboismenu@co.oneida.wi.us)

**AIS can spread in in the winter. Inspect, remove, drain, and never move!**

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