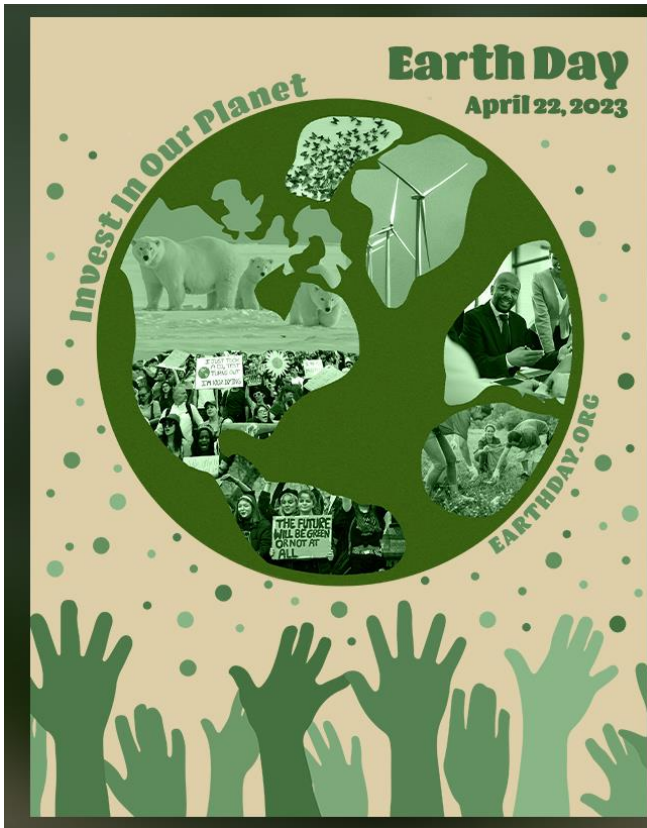




**Waukesha County Environmental Action League**  
**Protecting Waukesha County's Natural Resources since 1978.**  
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**"If you think you are too small to make a difference,  
try sleeping with a mosquito in the room."**  
The Dalai Lama

**The Theme of Earth Day 2023: Repeat: Invest in the Earth**  
Rose Reinders



Investments in our home planet, Earth, are again the theme of this year's Earth Day global movement. The investment campaign began last year and has made good progress for communities, businesses and individuals as well. But that was only a beginning of a greater movement to involve all the facets of the planet. Progress has been made through the new Infrastructure Plan and worldwide forums involving many countries to come together for a greater good and to be accountable for the environmental movements they make, plus finally addressing the many problems of Climate Change.

**WI DNR, U.S. EPA hold information meeting on forming a CAG.**  
Charlene Lemoine

On 3/15/2023 the Wisconsin DNR and U.S. EPA held a virtual Information Meeting on forming a Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Boundary Road Landfill (BRL) Superfund site in Menomonee Falls. Several WEAL Board members, residents living near the BRL, and other interested parties attended the meeting. BJ LeRoy, a DNR Hydrogeologist assigned to the BRL moderated the meeting. Palomeque, a Community Involvement Coordinator with the U.S. EPA Region 5, delivered a presentation that explained what a CAG is, and the steps involved in forming a CAG. Meeting participants learned a CAG works closely with the lead agency (DNR) and informs the community on Superfund site activity.

**WI DNR and EPA held a virtual meeting on forming a Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Boundary Road Landfill site in Menomonee Falls**



On 3/27/2023 the DNR staff met with WEAL and Falls React 2, a local group of residents living near the BRL. The meeting focused on the next steps in the process to form a CAG. It was decided Falls React 2 will take the lead on membership selection. WEAL supports this decision since the majority of CAG members should be directly affected by the site. Contact information for CAG membership will be posted on the WEAL website when it is available. To view the 3/15/2023 meeting video and the EPA presentation click on the following links:

[Watch the recording of the meeting \(1:07:27\)](#)  
[Presentation \(PDF\)](#)

### United Nations Holds First Annual International Day of Zero Waste

Charlene Lemoine

The first annual United Nations International Day of Zero Waste was held on March 30, 2023. WEAL joined more than 200 organizations in 60 countries by signing a [declaration](#) presented to the UN by the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA). The declaration reaffirms the definition of Zero Waste as “the conservation of all resources by means of responsible production, consumption, reuse, and recovery of products, packaging, and materials without burning and with no discharges to land, water, or air that threaten the environment or human health.”

To learn more, see:

[Zero Waste Day: UN calls for a war on garbage](#)

UN News – 3.31.2023

[UN secretary general says waste is a ‘killer of the planet’  
on first International Waste Day](#)

Waste Dive – 3.31.2023

[Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives](#)





## Join us for a wetland event!

June 10, 2023, 10AM.

### DAVIS NATURE PRESERVE

Across the road from: W325 S10699 Beulah Rd.  
(Signage at intersection of LO/Beulah Rd + at entry to Preserve)

The Davis Nature Preserve , approximately 52 acres, consists of upland habitats and former adjacent wetlands in the Town of Mukwonago.

The Preserve comprises approximately five acres of existing floodplain forest wetlands adjacent to the Mukwonago River and 47 acres of former wetlands that were ditched and drained for agriculture in the 1950's.

Wetlands are among the most productive ecosystems in the world, comparable to rain forests and coral reefs.

#### Event presenters:

Joanne Kline, Conservation Strategies Group (CSG)  
Tracy Hames, Director WI Wetlands Association

Presentation will take approx. one hour  
with walk option available after.

Bring your own beverage, maybe a snack,  
and, if needed, a chair.





## **Waukesha County Environmental Action League (WEAL) opposes a proposed pier in a sensitive area on Nagawicka Lake.**

Fay Amerson

**Brookfield, WI (March 29, 2023)**— The Waukesha County Environmental Action League (WEAL) is preparing to file its objections to an application for a WDNR permit authorizing the placement of a pier within a designated and mapped sensitive area on Nagawicka Lake in the City of Delafield. The city of Delafield is seeking approval from the WDNR for a Wisconsin Waterway Protection Permit to place a pier on their public park near its business district. The pier, as proposed, will have six (6) parking slips to moor transient boats.

"The proposed pier location lies within a state-mapped sensitive area, classified as Area of Special Natural Resource Interest (ASNRI) on Nagawicka Lake. This shallow bay has a unique aquatic community that provide food and cover for a diverse fish and wildlife population," stated Fay Amerson, member of the WEAL Board of Directors.

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On March 27, 2023, Amerson along with other WEAL Board Members joined city residents during a public information hearing on the pending waterway protection permit application. This hearing was conducted by the WDNR and provided an opportunity for the attendees to ask questions about the proposed pier and provide testimony.

The Board of Directors of WEAL made a preliminary decision to oppose the pier proposal and request the WDNR to deny the State waterway protection permit. WEAL finds the pier location, size, and use to have a negative impact on this unique sensitive area and the habitat it provides to the Lake. WEAL argues that a WDNR decision to approve the permit would be a violation of the Public Trust.

The public can still weigh-in on this permit decision until April 10, 2023.

### **Restoring Prairie, Woods, and Pond: How a Small Trail can Make a Big Difference**

Laurie Lawlor

Laurie Lawlor's book, about to be released in May 2023, is about activism at the community level. It recounts how a small village transformed a city-owned dumping ground into a nature trail with three distinct ecosystems that runs from an elementary school to a public library and community center. Filled with beautiful photos, the book will explain how this trail became a valuable outdoor classroom during covid.

*Source: Goodreads*

