

YRPC Weekly News

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YRPC is Back in the Water!

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Diving Into 2026: Meet Your YRPC Stream Monitoring Team!

Bob , the Yellow River Protection Conservancy (YRPC) is back in the water. We are thrilled to kick off our 2026 monitoring season with more sites, fresh faces, and a continued commitment to keeping the Yellow River and its watershed healthy and vibrant.

Growing Our Footprint

We've been busy expanding! This year, we've added **two new baseline monitoring sites** in Burnett County to ensure we have the best data possible:

- **Yellow River Road**
- **Connors Bridge** (on Austin Lake Road)

Additionally, we've intensified our focus on water quality by adding **phosphorus test sites** at **Rabbit Ear Creek** and **Rocky Ridge Creek**.

The 2026 Stats: We are now officially tracking **9 baseline sites** and **6 phosphorus test sites** across the watershed!

The 2026 Monitoring Squad

Our work wouldn't be possible without our incredible volunteers. Let's give a warm welcome to our **newest team members**:



**Sue Greenway pictured
with Joe Welter**

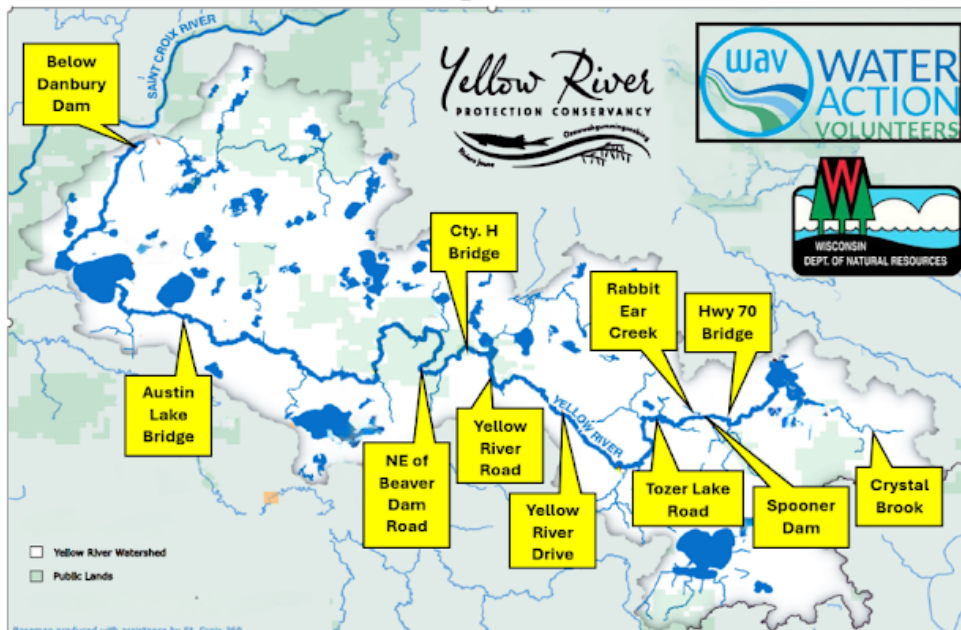


**Aaron and Kim
Huntsman**



Thom Gerst

Stream Monitoring Sites - Yellow River



What is Going On Here? If You Care About this River, You Need to Know!

Scan the QR code or visit <https://yellowriverprotectionconservancy.org> to find out



Who's Monitoring at Each Site?

Our dedicated teams are spread out across the region to keep a close eye on the Yellow River:

- Kathy Bartilison and Kevin Hagen – Baseline at Crystal Brook
- Sue Greenway and Joe Welter – Baseline at Hwy 70 Bridge East of Spooner
- Kim and Aaron Huntsman – Baseline at Rabbit Ear Creek
- Phil Sylla – Baseline and Phosphorus at Tozer Lake Road and Phosphorus at Rabbit Ear Creek
- Carrie and Billy O'Neill – Baseline at Yellow River Drive
- Thom Gerst – Baseline at Yellow River Road
- Cindy and Fred Paulson – Baseline NE of Beaver Dam Road
- Chris and Arnie DeWitt – Baseline and Phosphorus at Connors Bridge and Phosphorus at Cty Hwy H Bridge and Rocky Ridge Creek
- Dawn and Michael Georgeiff – Baseline and Phosphorus below Danbury Dam

Follow the Flow Online

Our digital hub features:

- **Action Photos:** See our volunteers in action at their respective sites.
- **The Monitoring Process:** Learn exactly how we measure the health of our streams.
- **Live Data:** Just like last year, we will publish **Phosphorus Test Results** in the *Nutrient Monitoring* section as soon as they arrive from the Madison lab and Baseline results as soon as the data is loaded into the Data Dashboard. We now have May Phosphorus test results at 4 of 6 sites.

How to find us: Head to the [YRPC Website] and click "[Stream Monitoring](#)" in the top menu banner. Stay tuned Bob , the data starts flowing soon!

Heads-Up, Washburn County Lakes and Rivers Association is sponsoring a **Well Water Testing Program** in July. [Click here for more details and to register.](#)

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