

YRPC Weekly News

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YRPC is Getting Some Statewide Attention!

Arnie, you are probably aware of the annual Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention held in Stevens Point in April each year. What you may not be aware of, is that one of the presentations this past April focused on our Yellow River, the Yellow River Watershed and YRPC.

The title of the presentation was **“Healthy Watersheds, High-Quality Waters Prioritization: Yellow River Case Study”**. This was presented by Lauren Haydon, Watershed Protection Coordinator, WDNR and Austin Holland, a professor in the Center for Land Use Education at UW Stevens Point. Phil Sylla, President of YRPC reached out to Lauren and Austin in 2025 requesting assistance in prioritizing Yellow River Shoreline parcels that have the greatest potential for impacting the Yellow River water quality.

Austin assessed over 200 parcels in the Yellow River Watershed using statewide watershed health index scores for all eleven subwatersheds in the Yellow River Watershed and spatial analysis to come up with a list of priorities. YRPC will be using these priorities to encourage stewardship within the Yellow River Watershed Community.

Arnie, YRPC was also featured in an article just released on May 4th by the University of Wisconsin Madison Division of Extension. This article emphasizes the need for Community Stewardship in protecting our natural resources and how the Water Action Volunteers (WAV) program, WDNR, and over 600 Stream Monitoring Volunteers across Wisconsin are working together to protect our streams and rivers.

The article features interviews from Arnie DeWitt, YRPC Stream Monitoring Coordinator, Retta Isaacson, Water Quality Planner for the Pierce County Land Conservation Department, Dave Bolha, Water Quality Biologist WDNR and Katy Bradford, WAV Program Manager at UW Madison Division of Extension. You will also see action pictures of four members of the YRPC Stream Monitoring Team hard at work in the Yellow River. Click the link below to see the article.

[Water Action Volunteers: Engaging communities in monitoring water quality – News from Extension](#)