

Initiatives – Friends of the St. Croix Headwaters

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Watershed

- **State of the Upper St. Croix – Eau Claire Rivers Watershed** (*DNR Lake Protection grant*)
 - **Information Gathering.** Actively manage and participate in the 2007-2009 DNR Watershed Protection grant with UW-Stevens Point and watershed stakeholders to provide comprehensive information about surface and ground waters.
 - **State of the Watershed Report.** Report on health of watershed streams, lakes, rivers, and wetlands.
- **Strategic Planning** (*Upper St. Croix Watershed Alliance*)
 - **Watershed Steering Committee.** Coordinate grants, start a watershed strategic planning process, and develop a draft five-year plan. Coordinate with Douglas and Bayfield County staff and officials. Participate with UW-Stevens Point Center for Watershed Science and Education in the creation of a watershed model.
- **Communication and Celebration** (*St. Croix Riverfest*)
 - **Community Values.** Learn and use shared values and historical legacy to expand and improve stewardship of local streams, lakes, rivers, and wetlands.
 - **Annual Celebration.** Host and coordinate annual St. Croix Riverfest events as a celebration of the watershed and an opportunity to report watershed information back to the communities.
 - **Sustainable Tourism.** Promote sustainable tourism within the watershed to provide an opportunity to preserve natural resources while working for the greater economic good of the local residents.
- **On-going** (*Water Action Volunteers & Citizen-based Monitoring Partnership Programs*)
 - **Surface Water Monitoring.** Continue adult and youth citizen-based surface-water quality monitoring program and participation in (Level 2) Citizen-based Monitoring Partnership Program.
 - **Invasive Species Control.** Continue support for aquatic invasive species control programs.
 - **Education.** Continue support for adult and youth natural sciences education.
- **Pursue Potential Partnerships & Opportunities**
 - **Douglas and Bayfield Counties.**
 - **US Army Corps of Engineers; Fish & Wildlife Service; Trout Unlimited; WI Wetland Association.**
 - **UW-Superior and WDNR, mapping.**
 - **Culvert Inventory and Assessment within watershed.**
 - **Cranberry Marsh in Gordon.**
 - **Sanitary Sewer in Gordon along waterfront (planning).**
 - **Wetland Delineation and Evaluation.**

Organizational

- **Capacity-Building**
 - **Increasing Memberships and water-monitoring Volunteer participation.**
 - **Additional Director.**
 - **Board Committees.**
 - **Fund-raising (WI Partners; MN Partners; Foundations).**
 - **Strategic Planning.**
 - **Staffed Organization (Executive Director).**

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