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June 15th, 2021

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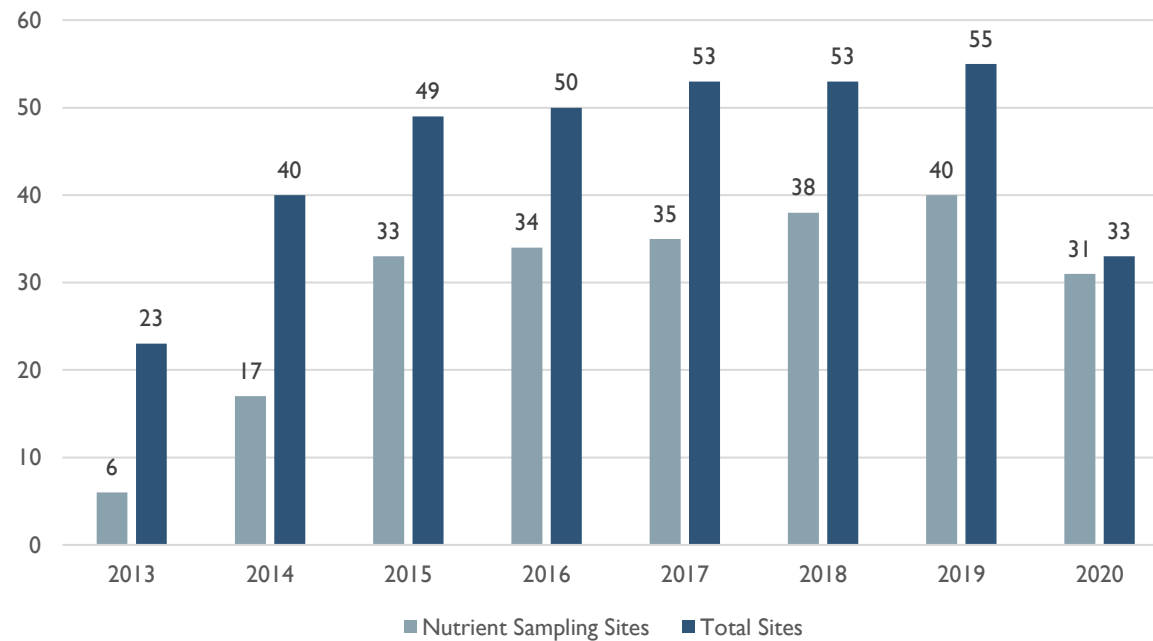


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2020 Summary – Yahara WINs Year 8

Yahara WINs Site Count



Connected virtually with
volunteers through webinars
and e-newsletters

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2021 Season So Far

- Conducted two workshops attended by 22 people
- All attendees have adopted monitoring sites
 - 54 sites
 - 42 nutrient monitoring sites
 - 24 continuous temperature monitoring sites



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Other 2021 Goings-On

- Wisconsin Water Week Rock River Basin sessions
- Season kickoff for returning volunteers
- *Upcoming: end-of-season conference*



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Yahara WINs Project Plans: New Website

Greenleaf Media
hired to create
new website



(old website)



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Yahara WINs Project Plans: Interactive Map

Previous volunteer and small watershed group feedback:

- Data is scattered, hard to find

Previous MMSD feedback:

- Communications lack a narrative arc, don't illustrate the significance of long-term monitoring



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Yahara WINs Project Plans: Interactive Map

Goals:

1. Consolidate Citizen Based Stream Monitoring (CBSM) information
2. Access and visualize stream monitoring data via the RRC website
3. Outreach to small watershed groups about interactive map



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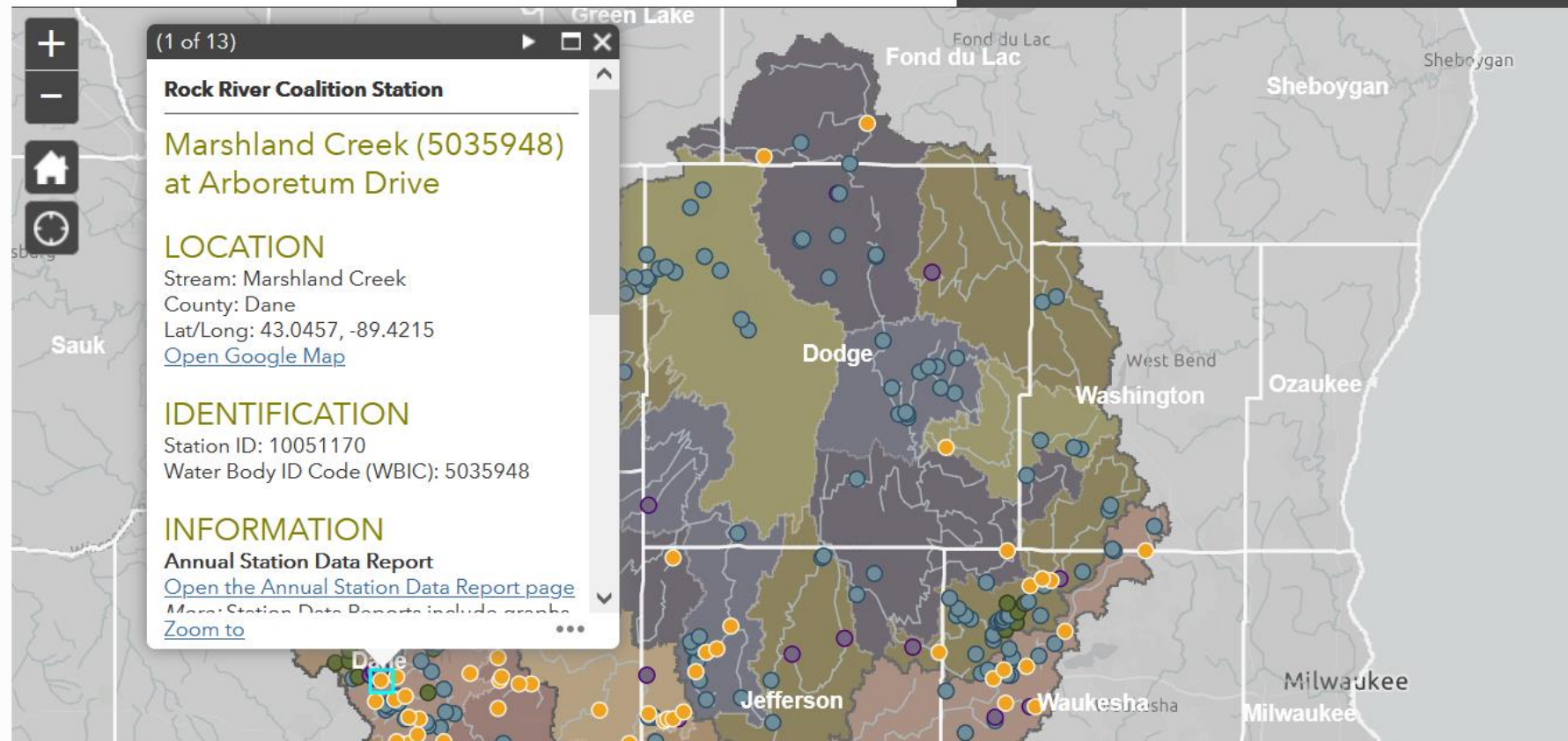
1. Consolidate disparate sources of CBSM information

Present sources of CBSM information...

1. ANNUAL SITE REPORTS - DNR
2. IMPAIRED STREAM LIST/MAPS
3. ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PLANS, WATERSHED MGMT PLANS, TMDL
4. WATER QUALITY PORTAL – EPA
5. RAW DATA



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2. Access and visualize stream monitoring data via the RRC website

<https://rockrivercoalition.org/projects-2/citizen-stream-monitoring/stream-monitoring-map/>



3. Outreach to small watershed groups

- Clean Lakes Alliance
- Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission
- Dane County Land and Water Resources Department
- Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed
- Friends of Cherokee Marsh
- Friends of Lake Wingra
- Friends of Monona Bay
- Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy
- Friends of Starkweather Creek
- Friends of Waubesa Wetlands
- Friends of the Yahara River Headwaters
- Friends of the Yahara River Parkway
- Token Creek Watershed Association
- Trout Unlimited – Blackhawk Chapter
- Trout Unlimited – Southern Wisconsin
- Yahara Lakes Association



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Yahara WINs Project Plans: StoryMaps

Goals:

- See the value of qualitative data
- More in-depth 'data stories'
- Include data visualization (watershed or site specific)

Types of Stories

- Volunteer 'station stories'
- Researcher 'data stories'
- Watershed 'landscape stories'
- Organization 'collective action stories'



[Stories' locations](#)[Watershed Partnership](#)[Citizen Science](#)[Monitoring on the Yahara](#)

How does Citizen Science Help Stream Conservation ?

The Rock River Coalition
has led a citizen-science-
based project collecting

<https://rockrivercoalition.org/story-map/>



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Rock River Coalition is recruiting volunteers to assess the health of streams throughout the Rock River basin. Volunteer stream monitors devote a few hours each month (from May to October) to collect information vital to understanding stream health. Stream monitors provide valuable information to assist in identifying healthy stream segments and flagging

April is Citizen Science Month!

Greetings Rock River Coalition Supporters and Friends,

This month is Citizen Science Month, and with that we are bringing you some exciting opportunities to get involved and learn about the conservation efforts surrounding your watersheds! In addition to

Yahara WINs Project Plans: E-Newsletters and Feature Stories

We hope that you have a fantastic start to your spring, and look forward to seeing you by the water.

Have a great day!

Becca

Register today for these free volunteer training opportunities. The trainings will be a combination of outdoor classroom and hands-on, feet-in-the-water, look at streams and methods used to assess what affects them. Participants will learn to measure stream flow,



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Thank you!
Questions?

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