
ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: recognizing the dedicated volunteers of the Fond du Lac area Water Action Volunteer program for their critical work on Fond du Lac area waterways, rivers, streams, and creeks.

Whereas, the Water Action Volunteer (WAV) program is celebrating 20 years of water monitoring and protection on behalf of the State of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, over 42,000 volunteers nationwide have worked together to conduct fish and wildlife population surveys, lead tours of and provide information to school groups and other visitors, assist with laboratory research, improve habitats in such ways as reestablishing native plants along a riverbank, help with special projects such as banding ducks, perform clerical and administrative duties, photograph natural and cultural resources, and fight invasive species; and

Whereas, WAV is a statewide program that works in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources and the University of Wisconsin–Cooperative Extension to bring together volunteers from civic groups, 4–H clubs, students, and various individuals in an effort to learn more about Wisconsin’s waterways, rivers, streams, and creeks; and

Whereas, since 2006, WAV volunteers have been monitoring the Fond du Lac waterways, rivers, streams, and creeks to determine phosphorus levels and impaired waterways; and

Whereas, Fond du Lac area WAV volunteers, coordinated by Laura DeGolier, currently devote approximately 600 hours per year to collecting samples, running tests, and providing reports to the Department of Natural Resources, saving the state countless hours and taxpayer dollars; and

Whereas, eight different rivers have been monitored in the past two years, including the east and west branches of the Fond du Lac River, the south and west branches of the Rock River, Parsons Creek, Mosher Creek, Anderson Creek, and Willow Creek, as well as two unnamed creeks that flow in the south and west branches of the Rock River; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature recognizes and commends the Fond du Lac area Water Action Volunteers for ten years of outstanding work and dedication to the local community and the state; and, be it further

Resolved, That the legislature wishes WAV continued success in monitoring and improving our waterways, rivers, streams, and creeks in the future; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall present a copy of this resolution to the Fond du Lac area Water Action Volunteers.

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Mary Lazich
President of the Senate

Date

Jeffrey Renk
Senate Chief Clerk