

# ***DRAFT - 9th Annual Driftless Area Symposium Agenda***

Tuesday - Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Radisson Hotel, 200 Harborview Plaza

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| 9:00—noon     | Registration - Hotel Foyer - Radisson   |              |   |
| 10:00—10:10   | Welcome and Announcements, Hotel Ballroom – Jeff Hastings, Project Manager – Trout Unlimited Driftless Area Restoration Effort  |              |   |
| 10:10 -11:30  | <b>Keynote: Kenneth Potter</b> – Professor, College of Engineering, UW-Madison  |              |   |
|               | <b>Keynote: LaDonna Redmond (invited)</b> – Program Director, Agriculture and Justice.  |              |   |
| 11:30-12:30pm | Lunch – Two trailers will be shown during our noon hour to promote two different initiatives:<br>Tim Jacobson – Sustainable Driftless, Inc. – Decoding-the-Driftless<br>Michael Finney – Oneida Nation of WI - Searching for Sustainability                             |              |   |
| Time          | RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT   | Time         | <b>ECONOMICS, SOCIAL AND HUMAN DRIVERS IN AGRICULTURE &amp; WATERSHED MANAGEMENT</b>  |
| 12:30 – 1:45  | <b>Climate and Hydrology</b> – Matt Mitro, WI DNR Climate change impacts on Driftless Fishes; Invited – Base flow in the Driftless Area & Cold-water Fishery Management; Spatial and Temporal Scales of Stream Restoration.   | 12:30 – 1:45 | <b>Bringing the Human Perspective into Discussions</b> – 3 panelists  |
| 1:45 – 3:00   | <b>Watersheds and Valleys</b> – Bill Fisher, UWSP Importance of Riparian Vegetation to Aquatic Insects: Implications for Stream Restoration; Invited – Defining project scope and objectives, reconnecting a stream to its floodplain, working in headwaters; and more. | 1:45 – 3:00  | <b>Tools for Watershed and Whole Farm Planning</b> – Marty Adkins, NRCS – The Resource Stewardship Evaluation Tool; USDA/ARS National Lab for Ag & the Environment – Precision Conservation Technologies into a Flexible Framework to Facilitate Agricultural Watershed Planning. |
| 3:15 – 4:30   | <b>Instream Habitat and Fish Response</b> – Invited – Brown Trout Ecology; The use of Woody Material in Stream Habitat Enhancement Projects; Linkages between watersheds, riparian vegetation, and instream habitat....and more.  | 3:15- 4:30   | <b>Ag Economics</b> - Tools and resources for watershed projects to incorporate economic factors into watershed planning and implementation.  |

4:30 to 6:00 Free Social - Freight House (107 Vine St. La Crosse) - Appetizers!!

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Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Breakfast (included in registration) 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

| RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT |   | WATERSHED MANAGEMENT |  |
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| 8:00 – 10:00        | Jeff Broberg, WSB & Associated, Inc. – Environment Risk Management Principles for Cold Water Watersheds; Mike Miller, WIDNR Development of Ecological Expectations for Wisconsin Streams; Invited – Incorporating nongame habitat practices into your projects; Influence of past and present hydrogeomorphic processes on riparian and instream habitat conditions in the Driftless Area.  | 8:00 – 10:00         | <b>Friendly Farming Systems and Profitability</b> – Invited – Caroline van Schaik, Land Stewardship Project; Rod Ofte, Pasture Project Norse Group Consulting; Sara Berges, Allamakee SWCD; Greg Townsend CPAg, CCA Farmland Stewardship Solutions.  |
| 10:00 to 10:15      | Break   |                      |  |
| 10:15 to 11:30      | Break into smaller groups to provide information for “white paper”. : A white paper produced by a panel of restoration experts that reviews the best-available science regarding Driftless Area stream restoration (including stream ecology, fisheries, and management) and critiques and connects the design elements used in Driftless Area stream restoration, while also acknowledging the practical constraints to restoration such as cost, excess sediment from historical land use, private lands, funding, etc. | 10:15 to noon        | <b>Social Aspects of Watershed Management</b> – This session will be made up of a panel of experts that will explore tools for overcoming barriers and achieving the adoption of clean water behaviors.<br><br>Ann Hirekatur, WIDNR - Wisconsin River TMDL Project Manager<br><br>Beth Baranski, Baranski Hammer Moretta & Sheehy – League of Women Voters<br><br>Jeff Pape – farmer – Hewitt Creek Watershed<br><br>Shelly Brenneman, Executive Director – Valley Stewardship Network |
| 11:30-12:00         | Share information from table discussions.   |                      |  |