

## 2009 Action Plan and Accomplishments

### **Goal 1 – Educate the public on activities associated with P-CR flowages**

- Became a formal organization, appointing a Board of Directors in May 2009.
- Developed template resolutions for citizens to take to town or village boards and to their property owners' associations that demonstrate support for the PACRS and their activities to improve water quality.
- Partnered with Friends of Mill Creek in Portage County to tour farms in Wood and Portage Counties to learn about water quality challenges in agriculture.
- Organizing a second "Wisconsin River 101" on August 8, 2009 – an educational forum for the public about water quality on P-CR flowages.

### **Goal 2 – Characterize water quality and track trends**

- Track WPDES (Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System) permits and comment on permits as they come up for renewal by Wisconsin DNR.
- Review permits for confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) – livestock farms with 1000+ animal units.
- Work with Wisconsin DNR to develop citizen water monitoring protocols for P-CR flowages.

### **Goal 3 – Decrease point and non-point sources of phosphorus loading**

- Successfully encouraged Wisconsin DNR to implement a "Total Maximum Daily Load" (TMDL) study for Mill Creek, a tributary to Petenwell/Castle Rock.
- Advocating Wisconsin DNR perform a TMDL study for the Big Eau Pleine River, a tributary to Petenwell/Castle Rock.
- Wrote letters to legislators urging support for AB 3, the statewide lawn phosphorus ban.
- In process of organizing "Politics of Phosphorus Summit" for fall of 2009, invitations will be given to other groups from around the state facing similar phosphorus/algae problems – as a way to exchange information but also to build a political voice for this issue (per suggestion of legislators during "Pontoons and Politics" in August 2008).

### **Goal 4 – Control erosion and create habitat**

- Erosion control projects are in the planning phase and will continue in the future.

### **Goal 5 – Reduce carp population**

- Developed relations with sporting groups (e.g. WI Bowfishers, Muskies Forever) who are interested in the reduction of carp populations.
- Educate the public about best practices to manage carp

### **Goal 6 – Prevent exotic species from spreading to flowages.**

- Work with Wisconsin River Power Company (WRPCO) on its survey of exotic species in the flowages. (Currently they are tracking loosestrife, Eurasian milfoil, zebra mussels.)

As with carp, educate the public about best practices to manage exotic species.