

How to get involved

We ask you to join the PACRS as an individual or an organizational member. Visit www.pacrs.org or call PACRS President Rick Georgeson at (715) 325-5561 for more information. You can get involved by doing any of the following:

- Monitor water quality
- Advocate for local and state policy reforms
- Invite the PACRS to present at your community meeting
- Encourage your condo or homeowners' association to become a member of the PACRS
- Contact the PACRS to get more information about what we're up to!

PACRS Membership Form



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership level (check one):

- Individual (\$25)
 Organization (\$50)

Detach form and submit (with check) to:

PACRS
P.O. Box 8
Arkdale, WI 54613



Contact Information

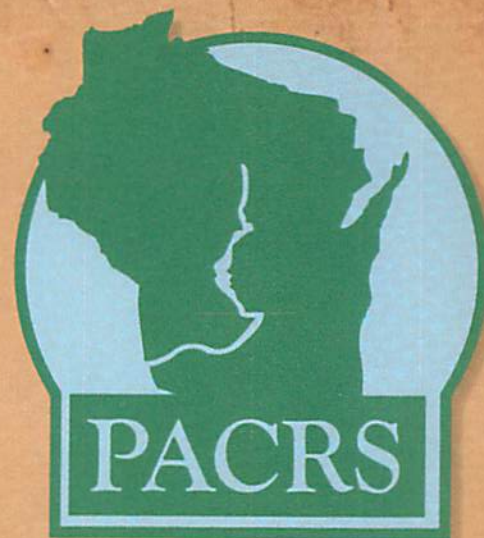
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For more information about the PACRS, upcoming events, and general resources about Petenwell-Castle Rock water quality, see our website at: www.pacrs.org



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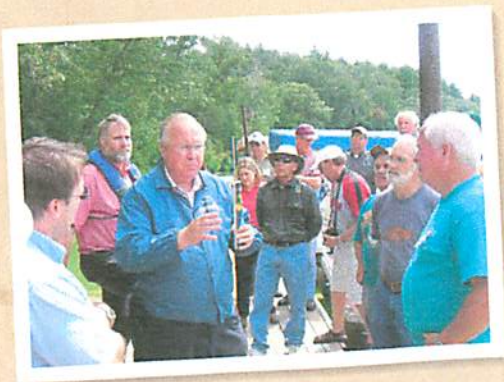


Who we are

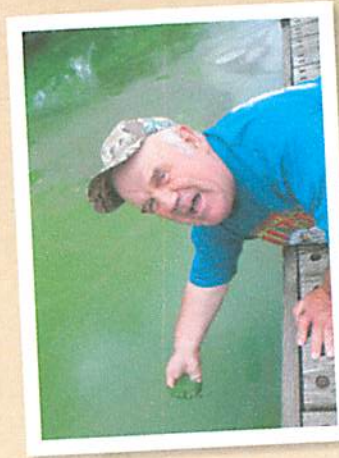


The Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards (PACRS) coordinate and facilitate a diverse group of people focused on improving the water quality and the fishery of the Petenwell and Castle Rock flowages of the Wisconsin River.

We build partnerships with conservation groups and agencies, individuals, businesses, and property associations in Adams and Juneau Counties, as well as in "upstream" counties, who are interested in improving the water quality of the Petenwell and Castle Rock flowages of the Wisconsin River.



Why the PACRS organized



The PACRS organized in 2007 to address this and other water resource issues on the Petenwell and Castle Rock flowages.

Algae

Algae blooms are definitely inconvenient - and sometimes just plain nasty. One form - blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) - is actually toxic to people and animals.

Algae comes from excess nutrients in the water. Phosphorus is a nutrient that stimulates plant growth. It comes from "point sources" (sewage treatment plants, paper mills) and "nonpoint sources" (farm runoff, construction sites, yards).

The PACRS are working for solutions to this and other water quality problems on the flowages.

Poor and ever-worsening water quality concerns us greatly. The annual summer appearance of smelly, unsightly, even toxic algae blooms is an issue that affects the health of recreational users of the flowages, health of the ecosystem and the health of the local tourism economy.

What we've accomplished so far

- Worked with area legislators to secure funding for water quality studies of the Wisconsin River.
- Successfully encouraged Wisconsin DNR to implement a water quality study for Mill Creek, a tributary to Petenwell/Castle Rock.
- Organized a "Pontoons and Politics" tour of Lake Petenwell with area legislators to highlight the effects and negative impact of summer algae blooms.
- Informed the public about Wisconsin River water quality issues through several public educational forums.
- Developed a template resolution for citizens to take to their town or village boards to advocate for local policy that supports water quality improvement on the flowages.
- Partnered with Friends of Mill Creek to tour farms in Wood and Portage counties to learn about water quality challenges in agriculture.
- Succeeded in getting Domtar's Rothschild paper manufacturing plant to meet its mandated phosphorus discharge limit, through interceding with the Wisconsin DNR.
- Succeeded in getting a new winter "drawdown" established for Lake Petenwell, designed to improve water quality and fish habitat, by working with Wisconsin DNR and Wisconsin River Power Co.