



## **PACRS 2019 Accomplishments**

- The Wisconsin River Basin TMDL has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The TMDL is an effort that began with PACRS over 11 years ago. In 2020, 1/3 of the waste treatment plants in our watershed will come up for permit renewal and new phosphorus limits will go into place. The Wood County Land and Water Conservation Department wrote a 9 Key Element Plan for the Mill Creek Watershed. The plan was also approved by the EPA. This watershed now qualifies for funds to make changes on the land that ultimately result in less runoff and improved water quality for our lakes.
- PACRS donated \$1,000 to the River Alliance of Wisconsin. PACRS receives guidance and support from the River Alliance all year long. Our donation went towards sponsorship of their “River Bash” held in September.
- PACRS took a lead role in sponsoring the 2019 Wisconsin Land and Water State Conference held in Lake Geneva in April. This organization is a non-partisan 501(c) 3 focused on supporting the efforts of 350 Land Conservation Departments.
- Restaurant placemats for Petenwell and Castle Rock Lakes were updated with current information and 20,000 placemats were distributed to lake area restaurants. The placemats educate the public on what the TMDL is and what landowners can do to promote conservation.
- PACRS donated \$1,000 to Muskies Matters for the purchase of pit tags and pit tag readers. Pit tags are very small chips that are put under the skin of stocked musky. The readers are used to scan fish for the chip. This provides valuable information about the fish to Muskies Matter as well as the WDNR.
- PACRS donated \$1,000 to the Consolidated Musky Club in Wisconsin Rapids. Their club stocks fish on Petenwell Lake.
- Rick Georgeson gave a presentation to the Wood County Citizens Ground Water Group in April. His topic was “Successful Engagement with the Agriculture Community”.

- PACRS President, Rick Georgeson, provided testimony at the Water Quality Task Force Committee Hearing on June 12, 2019. Rick's presentation to the legislators focused on the values of Petenwell and Castle Rock Lakes. When are waters are impaired, there is a loss of recreational use, health issues, decline of property value, tax revenue and a negative impact on businesses and tourism.
- PACRS Fundraiser was once again held at Petenwell County Park. PACRS raised \$3700. Which will be used to support water quality projects.
- PACRS members attended the Farmers of Mill Creek Field Day held December 4<sup>th</sup>. Rick Georgeson gave a presentation to the attendees regarding our relationship with the Farmers of Mill Creek and the algae issues that plague our lakes. 50 high school students attended and could see why the farmers efforts were so important to conserve their land and our waters
- PACRS was a sponsor at the Discover Farm Conference held on December 11<sup>th</sup> in Wisconsin Dells. The theme this year was "Looking Ahead with 2020 Vision". How farmers can keep water clean. Approximately 200 people attended this year conference. Our logo was on the conference brochures.

### PACRS Mission Statement

"The mission of the Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards (PACRS) is to coordinate and facilitate a diverse group of people focused on improving the water quality and the fishery of Petenwell and Castle Rock Flowages of the Wisconsin River, and the watersheds, lakes and rivers connected with those water bodies."

PACRS, organized in 2007 is a tax exempt, nonprofit, charitable 501C(3) organization.