

# CENTRAL WISCONSIN BASIN PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## Calendar of Events

September 13, 2000, University Center,  
UWSP, Room 241.  
9:00 am-12:00

## Web Sites

<http://www.tnc.org/frames/index.html?magazine/story1p.html>

This is the Nature Conservancy's web site. The mission of the Nature Conservancy is to "preserve plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive."

## Updates

### Yellow River Update

The group continues discussions with landowners. The DNR and the Refuge have been working on coordination between the dams on the Yellow River by focusing on improved communications and quantitative data collection and record keeping.

### Plover River Update

The Plover River Alliance recently elected directors and officers to formalize its' structure. One of the reasons for formalizing its structure is to strengthen its chances of obtaining state Stewardship funds to help in the purchase of conservation easements. The Directors elected are Bill Berry, Greg Disher, Bill Peterson, Nick Somers, George Rogers, Dan Trainer and Greg Wysocki. (Excerpted from the July 28 issue of the Portage County Gazette)

### Land and Water Resource Management Plans

The working group met recently to discuss long-range goals derived from completed county management plans. These goals included project suggestions for groundwater protection, rural and urban impacts, and agricultural impacts to surface waters.

The group discussed feasibility of the goals, timeliness, and whether or not similar projects were already underway.

A more complete reporting of our discussion will be offered to the Partnership at a later date.

## Words for Contemplation

The following excerpts are from “The Fifth Discipline Fieldbook” by Peter Senge, et. al. These words are offered to you as a means to collect your thoughts for the next CWBP meeting on September 13 at which time we will be discussing our purpose and our plan of action for the future.

- If it is going to enlist people’s spirit, a purpose must be extended into a set of values and a vision. We needed some shared sense of what we stood for as an organization . . .
- The words, phrases, and ideas that emerge from the following questions become the seed thoughts for building a shared vision.
- Who are the stakeholders of this organization we have created?
- How do we work with them?
- How do we produce value for them?
- What is our unique contribution to the world around us?
- What is the impact of our work?
- What does our Partnership look like?
- What are our values?
- How are people recognized?
- What is our organization’s role in our community?

## Notes and Corrections

Addition to the June 28, 2000 minutes: Weyerhaeuser and Marathon County provided the lunch and a tour of the Plover River led by Al Hauber, DNR, and Herb Hintze, Trout Unlimited.

*“ . . . there is value in any experience that reminds us of our dependency on the soil-plant-animal-man food chain, and of the fundamental organization of the biota.” Aldo Leopold*

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