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After 35 years of being a teacher and elementary school principal in public education I decided it was time to escape into nature. I grew up running wild in nature with great freedoms and no cares. Earth Day became a family event and strong environmental protections were put into action in the 70's. Something changed over those 35 years or working. Man seriously impacted just about everything. Restrictions grew on what we could eat and drink, where you could live based on air quality and where we could swim. Freedoms and no cares days were over. It was time to get to work and retirement was over. My husband and I developed "Coulee Partners for Sustainability". The organization was developed to educate the community in regard to our city and county's commitment to become more sustainable. The organization was a success and after 10 years of activities, presentations, and discussion groups in regard to different aspects of sustainable living, we passed on the mission and goals to the Sustainability Institute at Western Wisconsin Technical School.

They took the program to another level of highlighting business practices and business organization that truly embraced sustainability. That is when I turned my attention to water quality. Being a member of LWV-La Crosse I transitioned into a new role focused on water quality issues at the local and regional level. About 3 years later I was approached by LWV-LaCrosse person to become part of the LWV Upper Mississippi River Region Inter-league Organization. Not only did I need to concern myself with regional issues it grew into a multi-state endeavor which covered borders and you all know that water knows no boundaries, surface water is ground water and what is up stream eventual goes downstream. There has been and will be no other time in my lifetime that water quality issues will be as important as in the present time. Be the Change and protect our environment.

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