**LWV Upper Mississippi River Region ILO FY 21-22**

**Updated 12/2/21**

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| ***Activity by whom*** | ***Date*** | ***Activity*** | ***Results?*** | ***Follow-on*** |
| **Meetings with UMRR and other LWVs** |  |  |  |  |
| Virtual board meeting | 8/2/21 | 12 members attending with Sustainable Dubuque as the program. | Slides ordered for Coon Rapids Sustainability Director as on-going action. |  |
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| Ongoing Wisconsin UMRR for PFAS Webinar | Summer-Oct.4 | Multiple meetings via virtual with McGinley  Ploesers, Mahlem-Jenkins, Markus planning speakers, publicity, flyer formation, and Zoom webinar. | Successful Oct. 4, 2021 PFAS webinar | Local LWV in La Crosse may plan further PFAS activism |
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| **Interaction with other organizations** |  |  |  |  |
| Jenkins | 11/16/21 | Upper Mississippi River Basin Organization (UMRBA) | Safeguarding the Mississippi River Together (SMRT) Act  Federal program that would that manages the environment, economic, and infrastructure programs for the entire Mississippi River system. Sponsoring this act is Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (MRCTI) Sounds like it is similar to MRRRI. | Will be planning appropriate culvert size and places to better provide hydrology so recreation trails are not flooded and inaccessible. |
| Jenkins | Summer-Fall | Friends of the La Crosse River Marsh (Inter city wetland) and La Crosse Park and Recreation Department | One-year review of restoration project for hydrology, habitat, and trails improvements.  Working toward better flood control and eliminating water retention where it should not be. |  |
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| **Government Action** |  |  |  |  |
| Sabel/McCauley | 8/6/21 | Individual letters to MN Environmental Quality Board subcommittee | Support immediate incorporation of climate information to the state’s environmental review process and objects to any delay to the rollout of this process, including to accommodate a pilot program. |  |
| McCauley | 9/21 | The Coon Rapids Regenerative Energy task force has been meeting since 10/19 to determine the possibility of adding solar arrays to the city.. | The first challenge was to request the city to update their solar ordinance to allow solar arrays. | In October 3032 the Coon Rapid City Council unanimously adopted changes to their solar ordinance allowing solar arrays in the city. The city is now working on how they can add solar to city buildings. |
| McCauley | 10/21 | The task force is now exploring areas in which to promote solar arrays in the city or other venues. |  |  |
| Jenkins | 10/21 | Wrote a referendum question for spring of 2022  that citizens of La Crosse County should have access to safe drinking water. This action was sponsored by the Local LWV, Sierra Club and Wisconsin River Alliance. | Waiting for county board to approve referendum question | Get question on ballot in spring |