

# Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin



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*Caring For Our Corner of the Earth*

The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin (NRF) builds on our state's strong tradition of caring for our corner of the earth. Founded in 1986, the NRF is a member-supported, independent, nonprofit organization that works with public and private partners to promote the knowledge, enjoyment, and stewardship of Wisconsin's natural resources. The NRF fulfills an invaluable niche in conserving Wisconsin's natural resources. First, we enjoy a unique relationship with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources providing financial support to prominent field biologists and scientists working on programs that benefit our state's natural resources.

Second, NRF programs and services inspire local citizens to take actions which ensure that Wisconsin's legacy of responsible stewardship will continue. Since its inception, the NRF has worked to build a connected and concerned citizenry through its membership program. For example, NRF-sponsored field trips give citizens the chance to experience Wisconsin's natural resources firsthand. Additionally, our Besadny Conservation Grants Program supports grassroots conservation efforts – helping people working at the local level who need a relatively small amount of money to implement a program. These matching grants are awarded annually to conservation organizations, schools, individuals, and government agencies for projects involving environmental education, restoration, management, and research activities related to Wisconsin's natural resources.

Finally, NRF supports critical conservation efforts including the establishment of a second migratory flock of the endangered whooping crane. NRF is proud to join forces with the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership. Our contributions support expenses essential to the success of this recovery program.