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Stewardship Action Alert & Upcoming KRLT Events!

The conservation and land protection efforts of the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust have benefited greatly over the last 15 years from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. Now Governor Walker has proposed to put the funding on hold for 13

years. Please read about the response of the statewide land trust community and how you can help.

The Fly Fishing Film Tour is returning to River Falls on Friday, March 6th and benefits KRLT! Get your tickets while they are still available for a great evening of fun and comradery.

Even if the groundhog was right, spring will be here soon! Make sure you save Saturday, April 25th for the annual *KinniRiverCleanUp!*

If you have any questions or concerns about our news or KRLT, please don't hesitate to contact me.

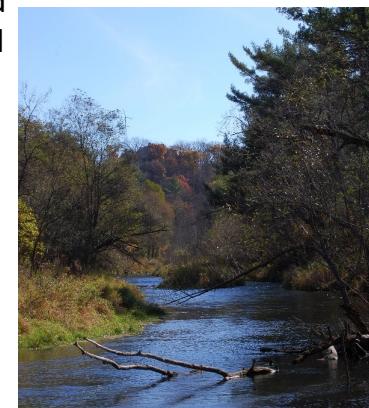
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Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in Jeopardy

Proposed budget suspends land acquisition until 2028

Last week, Governor Walker proposed a budget to the legislature that would suspend use of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program for land acquisition for the next 13 years.

The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program has provided needed financial support for the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust to complete ten land protection projects that have permanently conserved nearly 1,200 acres in the Kinnickinnic River watershed. These ten projects included the acquisition of two (Jackson and Kelly Creek) of our three KRLT preserves with unique and significant Kinni water features. Our most recent Knowles-Nelson project was the completion of our first urban project in late 2013 on 4.34 acres of floodplain



and wetlands, in partnership with the City of River Falls. Jackson Preserve

All of these lands are now permanently protected, and all or part of each property is available to the public for a host of outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, hiking, and skiing. In addition to generating millions of dollars in non-state conservation funding, these Knowles-Nelson funded projects have made a significant contribution to the tourism economy in our region. The proposed suspension of activity for over a decade will result in untold numbers of missed opportunities to conserve irreplaceable gems of outdoor Wisconsin, and such opportunities may well be lost forever.

A long term interruption of the program will be a classic penny wise and pound foolish policy.

Please contact your Wisconsin legislator to urge the legislature to continue funding for land acquisition through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. For additional information and guidance on contacting your legislator, please visit the [Gathering Waters website](#), the statewide alliance for land trusts.

Let's keep Wisconsin's remarkable conservation story alive and well!



2015 Fly Fishing Film Tour: Catch Your Tickets Before They're Gone!

Date: Friday, March 6, 2015
Time: 5:00 p.m. Pre-Event Social Gathering
7:00 p.m. Film

Location: Riverview Ballroom - UWRF / University Center
500 Wild Rose Avenue, River Falls, WI 54022



Over 300 tickets have been sold!

Tickets can be purchased locally in advance at [Lund's Fly Shop](#), [Kinni Creek Lodge](#) and the [KRLT office](#) for \$12 (or \$11 cash) and through [Fly Film Tour](#) online. If the event is not sold out, tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the event for \$15 (cash only).

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for a pre-event social gathering including local artists, fly tyers, vendors, raffles, and games. Film starts promptly at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact:
Brian Smolinski - 715-425-2415 - brian@lundsflyshop.com
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All proceeds from this event will benefit the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust (KRLT) to conserve and protect the beauty and health of the Kinnickinnic River and its watershed.

Save the Date for the 21st Annual Kinni River Clean Up!



Date: Saturday, April 25, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Glen Park Main Shelter, River Falls

Helping us keep the Kinni clean is one way you can make a difference in the health of the river. You will be joining friends of rivers from throughout the country to improve the health of our river systems.

Please watch for more details and sign-up information.

We work with the community
to conserve and protect the beauty and health
of the Kinnickinnic River and its watershed.

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