



IMPROVING EDUCATION ABOUT LAKESHORE ISSUES
THROUGH A DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

The Program Committee of Crossroads at Big Creek had wished to host a distinguished lecture series since building its lecture hall at the environmental learning preserve in Sturgeon Bay. This LNRP grant will enable the center to establish a fund to underwrite high-quality professional speakers and to promote the programs throughout the Lakeshore Basin. A secondary objective of the year-long series is to expose local youth to the visiting lecturers, either through classroom presentations or media programs. Specific events may be organized in collaboration with other groups or schools.

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Vinni Coumeau, Conservationist from the Door County Soil and Water Conservation Department presented "Door County Beach Monitoring, Pollution and Source Identification." And on Friday, November 5, David Naftzger, Executive Director of the Council of Great Lakes Governors, presented "Deciding the Fate of the Great Lakes."

The April series will include geologist Roger Kuhns presenting "The Lake-Groundwater Geology Connection", Paul Peeters, DNR Fisheries Biologist presenting "Invasive Species" and a panel including Colleen McDermott, Microbiologist UW-Oshkosh, Julie Kenzelman, Microbiologist from the City of Racine, and others to be determined, about what we have learned so far from DNA fingerprinting of beach water pathogens. Area teachers offered extra credit to students who attended the actual lecture. DVD copies of the Naftzger lecture were given to area schools.

A beach monitoring technical workshop for health department, water resources, and governmental agencies will be held this April with a panel discussion to follow for the public.

The "Fate of The Great Lakes lecture was recorded and broadcast for a week on public access television and DVDs of the presentation are available from local libraries and played for the public from time to time at Crossroads.

At a Glance...

Project:

Increasing awareness of lakeshore issues through a year long lecture series, Topics include beach monitoring, the fate of the great lakes, invasive species and panel discussions.

Grant Recipient:

Crossroads at Big Creek Environmental Learning Preserve. Sturgeon Bay

Amount Awarded: \$3,760

Funding Cycle: 2004



The eighty-two seat lecture hall at Crossroads at Big Creek