



**Our Mission:**

*"To educate and provide opportunities for people of diverse interests to work together to improve the environmental, recreational, cultural, and economic resources of the Rock River Basin"*

March 12, 2009

Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin  
2446 Rayburn Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Baldwin:

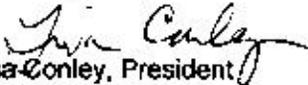
On behalf of the Rock River Coalition, I am writing to submit an appropriations request that will benefit the communities of the Rock River Basin. The proposed project includes a partnership between the Rock River Coalition, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the citizens of the basin.

As an impaired water, the Rock River will soon have a Total Maximum Daily Load plan implemented to reduce phosphorus and sediment pollution. Communities and citizens will be asked to make some financial investments toward reaching the pollution reductions goals that will be set. The Rock River Coalition thinks that this process will be more effective with citizen participation and current data. The attached project proposes to involve citizens in the collection of nutrient and sediment data so that they will not only gain knowledge about the water quality of the river, but they will also become invested in finding solutions.

The project will also benefit the TMDL process because samples will be collected and compared to data previously collected in 1998 and 1999. With our knowledge of point and nonpoint pollution control practices installed since that time, we can gain some important knowledge on their success.

If you should have any questions regarding the Rock River Coalition, or the appropriations request, please don't hesitate to contact Ed Grunden and Patricia Cicero whose contact information is contained in the Appropriations Request Form.

Sincerely yours,

  
Lisa Conley, President  
Rock River Coalition