Good Morning Natural Resource Community,

Earlier this fall, we invited you to a Public Forum for the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Revenue program (see email invite below). Thank you to those who attended and shared their thoughts and ideas. Over 20 people participated, representing a diverse set of interests which included local, county and state government, schools, conservation non-profits and government agencies. Attached are detailed notes from this Public Forum.

Here are a couple of the key points we heard:

* There is support for a majority of the active and proposed GNA Revenue projects.
* We heard ideas for new GNA Revenue projects, many of which were for monitoring or surveying with an emphasis to see such projects result in on-the-ground benefits across the landscape.
* One of the things we heard clearly is the desire for us to share more information and clearer information regarding GNA projects and the program.

On that note, we are working to increase and improve communication with the GNA program. We recently implemented a process where GNA interested publics and partners can sign up to receive the latest GNA information (more details about this sign up are below\*\*).  We will be revising our website and adding more updates on projects, as well as an open survey accessible to the public and partners for sharing their ideas.

\*\*If you are interested in receiving regular GNA updates from one source, subscribe to our new GovDelivery communications.  [To sign up, please visit <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIDNR/subscriber/new> and follow the instructions for new subscribers if you do not already have an account set up. Then, you will be prompted to subscribe to topics of your choice. For GNA updates, click the plus button to the left of Forestry, scroll down to Wisconsin’s Good Neighbor Authority (GNA), and check the box to the left. Click submit at the bottom of the page and you’ll be all set!]

We will continue to review the Public Forum discussion and use your suggestions to help us evaluate our active and proposed GNA projects. We heard lots of ideas for new projects which we’ll investigate further. We recognize that the GNA revenue program continues to evolve, so we appreciate your continued interest.

Thank you your interest in the GNA program and partnerships, while continuing to contribute to healthy, sustainable natural resource management across Wisconsin’s forested landscape. We value your time and hope you enjoy your fall season.

Kind Regards,

Adam

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You are subscribed to govdelivery for the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. This information has recently been updated and is now available.**Good Neighbor Authority****2021 Public Forum** Through a [Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) agreement](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA4MDYuNDQyMjE1NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2Ruci53aXNjb25zaW4uZ292L3RvcGljL2ZvcmVzdG1hbmFnZW1lbnQvZ25hIn0.bPVodHY-WRsfGuHGCmKXaJigc5ar4ApyKajJAYNHebk/s/1803194348/br/110519831915-l), the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) uses revenue generated from timber sales on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest to carry out authorized restoration services on the national forest. Some projects funded to date include restoring cold-water trout streams, writing timber harvest prescriptions, assessing aspen stand conditions, and completing groundwater and wildlife surveys. **We’re pleased to invite you to share feedback during an online discussion about GNA program revenue spending.** **Date:** September 13, 2021**Time:** 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Central Time**Location:** Online (link provided after [registration](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA4MDYuNDQyMjE1NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3VzMDJ3ZWIuem9vbS51cy9tZWV0aW5nL3JlZ2lzdGVyL3RaWWtkLUN2cmpzakc5VTVLZDFtbXF4c2R2SXhMZmRkQ3pBTyJ9.i5IcjvlDw4Kh_g6zcB3mU66dhS9ofh5ksPHuN3WNWCA/s/1803194348/br/110519831915-l)) **Register by August 23, 2021 at:** [**https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkd-CvrjsjG9U5Kd1mmqxsdvIxLfddCzAO**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA4MDYuNDQyMjE1NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3VzMDJ3ZWIuem9vbS51cy9tZWV0aW5nL3JlZ2lzdGVyL3RaWWtkLUN2cmpzakc5VTVLZDFtbXF4c2R2SXhMZmRkQ3pBTyJ9.Kz6xNbmPuBSkPlahg-Rr61y7OTWc2KfB_aHIdsFlwSo/s/1803194348/br/110519831915-l) This forum will use the DNR’s Zoom platform. By registering, you are sharing your information with the DNR. **Agenda:**1:00-1:30 p.m.           Introductions and brief presentation on GNA program revenue1:30-3:00 p.m.           Large group and small breakout discussion topics:* Active and proposed projects
* Ideas for future projects
* Opportunities for future involvement

3:00-3:30 p.m.           Closeout and optional continued discussion**How to prepare for the discussion:**1. Review the DNR’s [GNA program revenue projects information](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA4MDYuNDQyMjE1NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2Ruci53aXNjb25zaW4uZ292L3RvcGljL2ZvcmVzdG1hbmFnZW1lbnQvZ25hIn0.B8g6P0-xym-qAQIO6yPLvtQ1EK92-d0-7pEgjVk2rH4/s/1803194348/br/110519831915-l) about the timber program and how program revenue can be spent.
2. Review the [active](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA4MDYuNDQyMjE1NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2Ruci53aXNjb25zaW4uZ292L3RvcGljL2ZvcmVzdG1hbmFnZW1lbnQvZ25hL2FjdGl2ZXByb2plY3RzIn0.jAY-UbyCAj9GMcwhU7IbL2R1EBVQUci0s-kdOnQJWaU/s/1803194348/br/110519831915-l) and [proposed](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA4MDYuNDQyMjE1NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2Ruci53aXNjb25zaW4uZ292L3RvcGljL2ZvcmVzdG1hbmFnZW1lbnQvZ25hL3Byb3Bvc2VkcHJvamVjdHMifQ.CQQv_zbtRGHM2-0J5Nb58YsXfrNgQPsE1qHo-RmXawE/s/1803194348/br/110519831915-l) GNA program revenue projects.
3. Brainstorm new project ideas that support [goals and objectives](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA4MDYuNDQyMjE1NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mcy51c2RhLmdvdi9JbnRlcm5ldC9GU0VfRE9DVU1FTlRTL3N0ZWxwcmRiNTExNzI2OC5wZGYifQ.safqXsG0FcWH8wRs_KYNTBziP2D0eGtq531yWM7hwK8/s/1803194348/br/110519831915-l) the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest’s land management plan goals.
4. Come prepared to share your thoughts about projects and priorities.

If you can’t attend this meeting and would like to share a GNA project idea or other thoughts, we encourage you to contact Rebecca Diebel (Rebecca.Diebel@wisconsin.gov, 608-444-5774) or Adam Felts (Adam.Felts@usda.gov, 715-362-1335). We prefer to have a continuous conversation and hear from you often.* [Sept 13 Forum Invitation.pdf](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA4MDYuNDQyMjE1NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2NvbnRlbnQuZ292ZGVsaXZlcnkuY29tL2F0dGFjaG1lbnRzL1VTREFGUy8yMDIxLzA4LzA2L2ZpbGVfYXR0YWNobWVudHMvMTg5OTI5MC9TZXB0JTIwMTMlMjBGb3J1bSUyMEludml0YXRpb24ucGRmIn0.rWiovPkwFNqaKcceOAMsvkuq6_FmCsEQrXsWNqoBm9A/s/1803194348/br/110519831915-l)

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