

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS & PROJECTS
RESOURCE GUIDE, for Sheboygan & Sheboygan County
[approx 45 listings]

EARTHFEST

ENVIRONMENTAL “SUSTAINABLE LIVING” GROUPS;and
on-going ecology classes;
local personal ecology-education opportunities for adults;
“ecology guides” with free, updated sustainable living information,
5-area-churches environmental stewardship programs and projects;

FOOD ALLIANCES; ...and food projects, community gardens, farm markets

LOCAL CONSERVATION GROUPS with environmental ed. and projects

NATURE/OUTDOOR GROUPS with environmental ed. and projects

STUDENT and CHILD FOCUSED ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS:

Background history of this guide, updated as of 2011, also can be found on last page.

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EASY LOCATING TIPS:

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for Sheboygan & Sheboygan County**

This computer list is considered a work in progress. Corrections and additions are welcome, also inquiries. Email to: recycleSheboygan@hotmail.com

EARTHFEST, Sheboygan:

TWO DAY EVENT (3rd Sat. August, 10 am-9pm and next day, Sunday 10 am- 5pm) at Fountain Park, downtown Sheboygan. A non-profit festival for ecology exhibits and sessions, eco-businesses, local and organic foods, also local music and artisans, held annually on the 3rd Saturday of August for more than two decades, was expanded to 2 days beginning in 2010. Contact: Kathy Alby, annual organizer, 920-452-3805
www.earthfestsheboygan.org email: earthfestsheboygan@yahoo.com

A. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABLE LIVING GROUPS:

(A-1) SLG SUSTAINABLE LIVING GROUP (for Sheboygan County and beyond) Contact: Brian Schwaller, SLG President through his Eco-Manity business office in Elkhart Lake, 920-876-4020, or b.schwalls@yahoo.com, www.sustainablelivinggroup.org, SLG also has a Facebook page. Monthly meetings held the FIRST TUESDAY EVE, at rotating locations in county. Annual memberships. Businesses must provide “green” products or services or participate in green business practices. Individuals must have a commitment to the environment. Purpose: To network and to promote renewal energy and sustainable living practices of many kinds. SLG, as of 2011, also is a non-profit organization and a member of the Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce.

(A-2) STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY CLUB, LTC, Lakeshore Technical College, Cleveland:

A student run sustainability club, at the LTC campus, begun in 2010, meeting monthly on a Thursday noon or other agreed upon time. Club features local speakers, travels to area environmental programs and Midwest ecology events. First president, Eric Godin to May 2011, then Tammie Hogan, Kth@energy-strategies.net; tammie@onesource.biz

(A-3) SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE (SSTF): Appointed by the Sheboygan mayor in 2008 with unanimous support of the Common Council, the 18 member task force has a wide range of county-wide citizen and government representatives. Monthly meetings, City Hall, sometimes on a Thursday noon or other agreed-upon time by task force members. Purpose: studies and promotes environmental sustainability practices, especially in city government operations and through sustainability education. Contact: Jeanne Kliejunas, jkliejunas@hotmail.com (former alderperson and first chairman), currently SSTF secretary. See www.ci.sheboygan.wi.us Then click on SSTF webpage.

(A-4) ENVIRONMENTAL CHOICES (Sheboygan) class and discussion group, meets monthly on the 3rd MONDAY, 6:30-8pm, First Congregational Church, 310 Bluff Ave.,

across from Vollrath Park, in Classroom 2 off parking lot entrances, Sept. to June. Free, open to public. Participants may drop in or attend regularly and follow a class book from the N.W. Earth Institute, Portland, Oregon, also discuss local area environmental topics and projects. Began, Sept. 2009, on-going 2010, 2011. Facilitator: Janet Ross, 920-452-2130, assisted by Joyce and Rich Jordan recycleSheboygan@hotmail.com

(A-5) Note: Other Environmental Science Classes are offered on a regular semester basis at LTC Lakeshore Technical Institute, Lakeland College, and the UW-Sheboygan Campus. Check with each individual college for times, requirements for non-credit auditing and for credit, also costs. Associate professors usually teach the classes.

(A-6) Note: Eco-sessions held at Earthfest, featuring regional speakers and local speakers, some with special displays, and local environmental groups' exhibits and local green business displays.

(A-7) PERSONAL LIFESTYLE ENVIRONMENTALISTS offering small environmental education sessions or individual consultation:

This *Environmental Groups and Projects Resource Guide* lists examples of individual citizens, many of whom have adopted a lifestyle committed to a more sustainable living environment in their household, transportation choices and other parts of their everyday life. They have chosen to participate in or have even begun community groups dedicated to bringing about a more earth-friendly environment. They tend to be "Renaissance people" having many interests and projects, also sustainable living practices which they are willing to share.

(A-7) Linda Conroy, Sheboygan, holds sessions for hands-on butter and cheese-making (including goat cheese), sourdough bread, traditional fermented foods such as sauerkraut, also herbal salves, medicines, soap, and does "wellness" consultations. Linda also teaches "Compassionate Communication" sessions developed by Marshall Rosenberg (UW-Madison Ph.D in clinical psychology 1961.) Contact for Linda: 920-452-4372 email: rosemarygoddess@hotmail.com www.moonwiseherbs.com

(A-7) "Little John" John Holzwort, Sheboygan, partner with Linda Conroy, can be seen locally "around the area" demonstrating how to make brooms from nature's materials. Gives workshops on wattle-fence making, pine needle and willow basketry, urban maple sugaring, urban beekeeping projects. Contact for John: 920-452-9290 www.moonwiseherbs.com

(A-7) John and Mary Johnston, Black River, Sheboygan area. John Johnston, a local author, shares his own world-wide life experiences and earth-respecting lifestyle through his own *THE FRUGAL PROSUMER* books and workshops, to aid persons seeking a more environmentally-friendly positive existence of their own. He has done periodic edible plant-walks at Kohler-Andrae State Park, sponsored by the park. Wife, Mary, partners with John in his activities and also grows herbs, works with herbs for cooking

and medicinal purposes, also makes her own herbal body care products. Contact for John: john@thefrugalprosumer.com 920-547-5749 website: www.thefrugalprosumer.com

(A-7) Chris Kuehnel , Cleveland, WI, area, a man of many skills and leadership talents, has made a commitment beyond being an organic and local food grower and specialty fruit-jam, pickled vegetables and salsa maker. He has helped develop a commercially licensed processing kitchen at his church, First Congregational UCC Church, Sheboygan, for helping more people who garden to preserve vegetables and fruits at the kitchen, so they are allowed to offer them for sale at more types of area events. He also holds his own commercial food processing license. Contact for Chris: 920-693-3141, cqnel@clevelandwi.net Elemental Services, Cleveland, WI

(A-7) PLYMOUTH INSTITUTE: ongoing environmental education project that evolved from the High Wind Association established in 1992, rural Plymouth, County Trunk U. **Beldon Paulson**, President, W7122 County Road U, Plymouth. Phone: 920-528-8488. Email bhp@csd.uwm.edu Sustainable living and sustainable development demonstration programs, especially to introduce inner-city school children to future employment based on principles of sustainability. Programs highlight construction, renewable energy, and subscription-based organic agriculture at the rural Plymouth location. The High Wind Association was an eco-community established in 1977. In 1992 the Plymouth Institute was established and involves input from environmental designers, eco-developers, inventors, educators and artists, according to Smart Communities Network: Green Building Success Stories, <http://www.smartcommunities.ncat.org/success/plymoth.shtml>

(A-7) Wayne Bruggink, Town of Sherman farmer, N2208 Silver Creek Road, in 2003 put up his own 100-foot-tall wind turbine. Produces about 10,000 watts of electricity a day, is tied into the We Energies power grid. That size turbine is said to pay for itself in about 4 to 7 years. Bruggink, who does his own maintenance, participated in a Sheboygan County tour of solar buildings, Oct., 2006. He also has a heat recovery system for the water in his milk house, which lowered his electrical bills by approximately \$500 a year. He says he lowered his home electric bills by about \$120 a month.

(A-7) David Lagerman, resident of the Town of Mitchell, W7118 Hwy. U, rural Plymouth has worked on his 2000 sq. foot home for twenty-some years, (the Lagerman-Mann residence) to make it energy efficient and for green sustainable living “to the max.” Features: Solar panels tied to the electric grid, solar “on-demand” hot water heater, energy efficient appliances and passive solar design architecture with added space-heating units in each room that trap solar heat from the solar panels and pump it indoors in the colder seasons. Also added a composting toilet and a rainwater recycler. He built the home himself in 1986. Participant in a Sheboygan County tour of solar buildings in both October 2006 and 2008 as part of the Midwest Renewable Energy Associations Solar Tour. A few local builders have taken note of his techniques. A

Plymouth area builder now wires about 2/3 of his new homes for solar panels, so homeowners can easily install them at a later date, and is very open to “green building” techniques for clients.

(A-7) Kristia Wildflower, Plymouth, long-time environmentalist since her teens. Environmental Presenter and Performer (for school children, for family events, and at community events, Wildflower Productions, www.aboutwildflower.com email: aboutwildflower@yahoo.com

(A-7) Note: Here is a SPECIAL MENTION Listing of other examples of current community environmental leaders who may also work in various other fields of endeavor: **Kathy Alby and husband Craig Wayh** (Earthfest founders), **Joe Azzarello** (developer of original L.E.E.D.s certification for green building, now a senior staff sustainability engineer with Kohler), **Aaron Brault** (County gov’n’t dept. head, SSTF member, and environmental project leader, **Carol Christiansen**, founder of Nourish; **Fred Depies** (retired, but puts together *The Farm Fresh Atlas of Eastern WI* with his wife, Kathleen, and began Eastern Wisconsin non-profit chapter in 2011 for Buy Local First with his son, Aaron) **Vickie Hall** (executive director of Glacial Lakes Conservancy), **Gary Henschel**, on Henschel family ancestral farm located on the north side of the Sheboygan Marsh since around 1850, not only has a trout farm but has put together a Native Am. Museum he developed on his farm property out of respect for the environmental ways of local tribe’s village there in the 1850’s when his ancestors acquired the farm land but did not force the tribe off the part of the land they already occupied; **John Hill** (active SSTF member and Sheb. community environmental education leader, retired Sheb. Press editor,) **Jean Kliejunas**, (community and environmental leader who also is a development director for the Salvation Army, Sheboygan.) **Kate Krause**, (owner, Paradigm Coffee and Music and supporter of many environmental meetings, films, & events, also a new volunteer bicycling restoration project at her location), **Janet Ross** (retired, long-time environmentalist, present facilitator and initiator for Environmental Choices class/discussion group and puts together and hosts many forum-style environmental events at her church), **Brian Schwaller**, (owner of 2 businesses, one being a newer “green business,” is also the founder of the SLG Sustainable Living Group), and **Judy Tauschek**, (Farmers Markets Coordinator for the Sheboygan County Inter-Faith Organization SCIO. who also has done most all the food demonstrations at the Sheboygan Winter Farmers Market since its inception a few years ago.) **To chat with other environmentally friendly people, readers may want to contact** people mentioned in this Resource Guide and in the Recycling Directory; and also in the *Farm Fresh Atlas*, including the farmers themselves and the family farm hosts of autumn festivals. It may good to get acquainted with some of the vendors at the local farmers markets and at Earthfest and with other vendors at other environmentally oriented festivals, with employees and managers of health food stores, and employees and managers of restaurants or shops where organic food or other natural products are offered for sale.

(A-8) “ECOLOGY GUIDE-BOOKLETS ” Projects for Sheboygan County:

Purpose:

For basically “a free, updated” environmental education, **it is recommended readers take a little time to study the descriptions in the 20-plus page *Environmental Groups and Projects Resource Guide*, also detailed information in the 15 page *Recycling Directory 2011, for Sheboygan County*. Listed websites in both can be checked out. Listed group meetings, events or projects can be visited, at no charge or at very little admission. Most all meetings, project activities and events are open to the public.**

Ecology = Remember to reuse, restore, respect, reduce, and recycle.

(A-8) Online locations for the Environmental Groups and Projects Resource Guide and also the Recycling Directory, www.sustainablelivinggroup.org Click on Articles page.

The Recycling Directory is also on the County website: www.co.sheboygan.wi.us, then click on Planning Dept. and then scroll down Announcements and New Items and look for the green recycling logo and click on the title near it: Recycling and Safe Disposal; Household Items A to Z. (It is a pdf file.)

The Recycling Directory and also the Environmental Groups and Projects Resource Guide are each on City of Sheboygan website: www.ci.sheboygan.wi.us Click on Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force webpage, scroll half way down Homepage and click on Recycling Directory 2011 or The Environmental Groups guide (each is a pdf file). They are not links in the white rectangle on the far left of the SSTF website home page.

Or email request for one or both directories to: recycleSheboygan@hotmail.com

(A-8) Future SLG “TEAM PROJECT” in progress, for a *GREEN BUSINESS DIRECTORY* :

The former Section 3 of The Ecology Directory, called Ecology Actions—Business Examples has now been handed over for a “team project” for the possibility of producing an expanded directory (preferably a printed version, supported by ads) for free distribution sometime in the near future. Contact: Brian Schwaller bschwalls@yahoo.com www.sustainablelivinggroup.org for more information.

(A-8) *Farm Fresh Atlas of Eastern Wisconsin* can be viewed online at:

www.farmfresheastwi.org . Also free printed copies available. See write-up in this resource guide under **Section B. Food Alliances and Projects.**

(A-9) FIVE SHEBOYGAN COUNTY CHURCHES with environmental stewardship

programs: Some have done several smaller projects while others also have implemented a notable larger project:

- 1. Ebenezer UCC, Sheboygan, 920-452-9766.** Of special note: a 36 SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION on roof in the fall of 2010 to generate electricity, cut power bills. Also church hosted a LARGE E-WASTE COLLECTION WEEKEND held in spring of 2010. Congregation members also have incorporated smaller sustainable living practices in with regular church activities.

- 2. First Congregational UCC, Sheboygan: 920-457-5818** Of special note: LICENSED FOOD PROCESSING CHURCH KITCHEN aids small vendors to “can preserves, other foods” for selling at area events in addition to farm markets. **Contact Chris Kuehnel at 920-693-3141 or email him at cqnel@clevelandwi.net** for more information.

GROW PROJECT promotes urban gardening with raised vegetable beds on church grounds both at the church or elsewhere, **contact Chris Kuehnel, 920-693-3141 or email grow@FCCSheboygan.org** for more information. The church’s fellowship hall also is the location of SCIO Winter Farmers Market. Other smaller, environmental projects, include complete energy assessment for church; sponsoring some environmental documentary films, speakers, and classes at the church during each calendar year.

- 3. Northshore Gathering, (non-denominational), Sheboygan, Barbara Hill, 920-453-9525** Of special note: held first NATURAL HEALTH FAIR, a Saturday in September, 2010, for people and pets, with environmentally-friendly education sessions and organic snack foods. Also held a WORSHIP SERVICE AT EARTHFEST for first time, with emphasis on respecting the earth. Other environmental stewardship topics have been interwoven with the group’s spirituality topics on Sundays on a regular basis.
- 4. Plymouth Alliance Church, Plymouth, 920-893-5525** Of special note: Developed a one-half acre area of unused land near church buildings into 24 COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS in 2009 (see Community Gardens B-2 listing for details.)
- 5. Sheboygan Area Unitarian Universalist Fellowship SAUUF, Sheboygan, Laura Klemme, 920- 452-2036.** Of Special note: 4th SUNDAY ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMS EVERY FEW MONTHS over a period of years in Sheboygan. Often the first church in the community to take up a particular ecology issue. The congregation members also have chosen to use eco- friendly serving and teaching materials, décor, refreshments, & activities when meeting.

B. FOOD ALLIANCES AND PROJECTS:

(B-1) BUY LOCAL FIRST, Local Food Distribution for Eastern Wisconsin:

BUY LOCAL FIRST is an environmental project under the non-profit 501 (c) (3) EWSFN Eastern WI Sustainable Farmers Network. Project leaders: Fred Depies and his son, Aaron, of Chilton. Fred and his wife, Kathleen, have become known for putting out the Farm Fresh Atlas publication for Eastern Wisconsin for several years. Contact: Fred or Aaron Depies at 920-849-9459, 509 Diane Court, Chilton 53014 or email fkdepies@charter.net

The BUY LOCAL FIRST project, begun in early 2011, is seen at vendor tables at local farmers markets, including the Winter Farmers Market at the Sheboygan First Congregational Church, and at other area events. Selections of produce and other products from small farmers are offered for sale within an approximate 50 mile radius from the Chilton-Brothertown area of Eastern Wisconsin, including the Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Appleton, Oshkosh, and Fond du Lac areas. The items are limited to being locally grown with permaculture methods, sustainable practices, being certified natural,

grass fed and certified organic. The project also supports domestic fair trade principles. BUY LOCAL FIRST also connects with food co-ops, farm stores, buying clubs, CSA's, health food stores, deli's, restaurants and specialty supermarkets.

(B-2) COMMUNITY GARDENS

(B-2) COMMUNITY GARDEN, North Taylor Drive, Sheboygan:

5-ACRE PLOT LOCATED ON NORTH TAYLOR DRIVE between Saemann Avenue and Geele Avenue, on property owned by the Sheboygan Area School District (S.A.S.D.), leased to **Hmong Mutual Assistance Association. 920-458-0808.** Gardeners of some of the plots offer their extra vegetables for sale at the summer Farmers Markets.

(B-2) COMMUNITY GARDEN next to Plymouth Alliance Church, Plymouth:

off Pleasant View Road between the Sheb. County Fairgrounds and Hwy 23. Open to the community, 24 plots. **Inquiries, church office: 920-893-5525**

Since the spring of 2009, the garden has been divided into 24 plots on a little less than a half-acre of vacant land that is part of a larger parcel near the church buildings.

Sponsored by the church members, a church volunteer (Bill) frequently fills water barrels located on the dividing line walkways between plots to aid the gardeners.

(B-2) COMMUNITY GARDEN, Random Lake:

Community garden on a property, W4948 County Road SS, rural Random Lake on the NW corner of Hwy 57 and SS. The land is tilled each spring and water is provided for a small donation. There are 10 plots of various sizes on organic soil. Founded in 2005, inquiries can be made by **calling 262-573-0928 or 920-994-4082**

(B-2) WILLOW ROAD eco-agricultural project, by Sheb. Falls High School students (see E-12 longer listing.)

An "organic sustainable living" agricultural project begun by Falls H.S. teacher, Bruce Brunner in 2009 on land in rural Sheboygan Falls on Willow Road in Sheboygan County, made available by Craig Harms, co-owner of Restoration Gardens and member of the SLG Sustainable Living Group.

(B-2) Small organic vegetable garden by students attending The I.D.E.A.S. Academy (formerly Etude Charter H.S.,) Sheboygan, planted at John Michael Kohler Arts Center grounds across the street. Students also participate in a "Vegetarian Wednesdays" lunch project, featuring local and organic food. (see E-6 longer listing.)

(B-3) FARM FRESH ATLAS of Eastern Wisconsin:

Farm Fresh Atlas of Eastern Wisconsin is a tabloid sized, trademarked publication, updated annually for the past several years, which covers one of five regions of Wisconsin, in a non-profit organization effort to list and link small local farmers and farm-related markets to local communities in a more productive way. Contains listings of participants who have agreed to sign environmental and humane treatment pledges. See complete local *FARM FRESH ATLAS* online at www.farmfresheastwi.org Contact: Fred Depies and his wife, Kathleen, Chilton, for more information on where to find free printed copies, or to order copies, 920-418-2718 or 920-849-9459 or email: depies.kathleen@charter.net.

(B-4) GOODSIDE GROCERY AND FOOD CO-OP of Sheboygan:

Grand opening, May 7 & 8, 2011, with its own entrance at 816 St. Clair Ave., downtown Sheboygan. The co-op coordinating group gathered close to 200 memberships before attempting to open the co-op in part of the same building used by Paradigm Coffee and Music on the corner of North 8th Street and St. Clair Ave. The co-op also can be accessed from Paradigm Coffee and Music's inside back door off a common hallway and restroom

The co-op, with its volunteer staff is open the same days, but shorter hours, as Paradigm Music and Coffee (and both are closed on Mondays); GOODSIDE GROCERY AND FOOD CO-OP initial access hours, as of June 1, 2011: Tues. thru Sun, 10am-7 pm.

(Check at Paradigm's sales counter for any other changes in hours, even temporary ones.) The co-op is member-owned with special discounts to members, but also makes merchandise available to the public. goodsidegrocery@gmail.com

(B-5) NOURISH:

NOURISH Farm to Family Philanthropy is a food justice non-profit organization whose mission is to collaborate among local sustainable farmers, culinary professionals, and volunteers to educate, inspire, and increase the consumption of healthy foods by struggling children and families. For more information: www.nourishfarms.org, or contact Program Director at 920-918-0251, or email: info@nourishfarms.org, P.O. Box 911, Sheboygan, WI 53082. NOURISH is a subsidiary of SCIO (Sheboygan County Inter-Faith Organization) and an affiliate of Lakeshore Technical College. **NOURISH Programs follow:**

NOURISH Farm to Table Tours: Once a week from June through October, NOURISH invites area volunteers to take part in a unique agricultural, culinary, and philanthropic experience. A typical NOURISH tour begins at 1:30 p.m., where the participating group or family (usually about 6 people) along with their NOURISH tour guide meet at one of our partner farms. Everyone rolls up their sleeves to learn about growing and harvesting sustainably grown produce. Next the tour group loads the car with fresh vegetables, and heads to a shelter in Sheboygan where the group prepares, with the help of a chef, a fresh, delicious dinner. At 5:30, the group graciously serves and shares the dinner together, family-style. **Snack Attack:** Fresh-from-the-farm vegetable snacks, along with donated Sargento string cheese, are served to children at the Boys and Girls Clubs weekly during the summer and fall months. While serving the snacks, NOURISH snack volunteers introduce the children to fun and educational information about the vegetables. **Free, Healthy Summer Lunch:** NOURISH partners with United Way, SCIO, Boys and Girls Club, and Head Start to provide free summer lunches to select area schools. In 2010, more than 3,800 free lunches were served, 20% of which included local fruits and vegetables. Again, volunteers use the opportunity to educate the children on the importance of a healthy diet. **Business Tours:** A spin off of the Farm to Table tour was developed as a sustainable income source where NOURISH creates a unique team-building experience for a participating business. Employees get their hands dirty on a local farm, then work

together to prepare and provide 25-50 farm fresh meals for the homeless at the Salvation Army.

(B-6) SCIO FARMERS MARKETS:

The SHEBOYGAN COUNTY INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION is a non-profit organization. Contact: Judy Tauschek, SCIO Farmers Markets Coordinator, SCIO office: 920-457-7272 email: scio@excel.net for more information.

(B-6) SHEBOYGAN FOUNTAIN PARK, 8th to 9th Street on Erie Avenue, from June to Oct 31. on Wed. and Sat., 7 am-2 pm, Vegetables, fruits, flowers, breads, herbs, eggs, frozen chicken and beef, food vendors for hot and cold prepared food items.

(B-6) PLYMOUTH CITY PARK on Grove Street, Thursdays, mid-June to October 15, 2 pm to 6 pm, includes being open shortly before Thursday evening band concerts at the park.

Wintertime Farmers Market--

(B-6) WINTER INDOOR FARMER'S MARKET, SHEBOYGAN—is usually held one Saturday a month in Nov., Dec. and Jan. and two Saturdays a month in Feb, March and April, 9 am to 1 pm, Sheboygan at the fellowship hall of the First Congregational Church on North 3rd Street across from Vollrath Bowl (use alley and parking lot entrances.)

Homemade jams, breads, pastries, home-grown root vegetables, apples, locally raised beef and chicken, and lamb in frozen packets, also fresh eggs from pastured chickens. A few arts and crafts. **SCIO cooking demonstrations** at Winter Farmers Market, Sheboygan, for several years have been scheduled and done by Judy Tauschek, Coordinator.

C. CONSERVATION GROUPS and Environmental Projects:

(C-1) SHEBOYGAN COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION (SCCA):

The SCCA www.sheboygancountyconservationassociation.org is a coalition in Sheboygan County of almost 30 fishing, hunting, and shooting clubs, also organizations with an environmental focus. Meetings, 3rd WED eve of the month, open to the public, hosted by coalition members at rotating locations. Coalition members also are encouraged to give reports at meetings on activities and environmental projects. The CSSA holds fund-raising events, often at the Sheboygan Marsh Park, with proceeds later going for youth education projects and also land purchases in order to give land back for public use. The SCCA in past years, paid for the building of several boat landings, then gave them to the County, also recently gave support to construction of the new Marsh Observation Tower. Contacts: 2010 Pres. Scott Plocar, 920-565-3250 and former Pres. Dave Kozicke, 920-207-4078.

(C-2) TREES FOR TOMORROW is a program of the SCCA Youth Services committee. Chairman: Jim Kloppenberg, 920-458-7798. Two or more chaperones take about 15-20 high school students to an annual 3-day workshop at the Trees for Tomorrow accredited natural resources specialty school at Eagle River, WI in early November. Students get “hands-on” activities and sessions on re-forestation and utilizing natural resources

wisely so the resources will be available for future generations. Program coordinators each year seek additional volunteer chaperones.

(C-3) FRIENDS OF AMSTERDAM DUNES, www.amsterdamdunes.org , Sheboygan County has renewed efforts to transform 323 acres of undeveloped sand-dune/wetland/hardwood forest immediately south of the Cedar Grove Raptor Research Center into a nature preserve. The Raptor Center is already owned by the DNR, along 1890 feet of the Lake Michigan shoreline. The adjoining Amsterdam dunes property is owned by a consortium of Chicago-based investors. It contains rare habitats, rare species, and a critical resting place for migrating birds, also hawks and owls. Plans exist to preserve the area, yet make it available for nature education and find a way to financially maintain it, Contact: Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation Department 920-459-3060 for more information.

(C-4) FRIENDS OF KOHLER-ANDRAE STATE PARK: (added fish pond 2011, near west end of park) www.friendsofkoehler-andrae.com email: info@friendsofkoehler-andrae.com or contact Park office: 920-451-4080 for more information.

C-5) GLACIAL LAKES CONSERVANCY, Inc. 920-273-1143, Executive Director, Vickie Hall, www.glaciallakes.org or email: info@glaciallakes.org P.O. Box 258, Kohler, WI 53044. Glacial Lakes Conservancy is a non-profit land trust conservation organization, founded in 1996 (originally known as the Sheboygan Area Land Conservancy.) **The organization's mission is to permanently protect working, urban, and natural lands that contribute significantly to the ecological integrity, agricultural sustainability, scenic beauty and recreational enjoyment of its five counties** (Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Fond du Lac, Calumet and Kewanee). Glacial Lakes works predominantly in partnerships with willing private landowners using conservation easements to conserve their property in perpetuity. The Conservancy also owns the Wm. F. Christel Memorial Woods & Wetlands Preserve. Charitable donations are welcome and encouraged.
Note: Friends of Sheboygan Parks, 2004-2009, now a retired chapter of the Glacial Lakes Conservancy, worked for 5 years to protect City of Sheboygan Parks, including the saving of Sheridan Park.

(C-6) SHEBOYGAN RIVER BASIN PARTNERSHIP:
Contact info: P.O. Box 3, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085, 920-528-7258, www.sheboyganrivers.org President, Pete Pittner ppittner@startwithmiller.com
Purpose: Fosters partnerships for water quality improvement projects for creeks, streams, rivers, and ponds. Conducts educational programs and events. The non-profit organization has the **Adopt-A-Stream, WI Ephemeral Ponds Project, stream restoration and river clean-ups, including the annual Sheboygan River Clean-up the third weekend in May.** Founded in 1998. Sheboygan County science-trained citizens also help do research on the WI Ephemeral Ponds Project in Sheboygan County.

(C-6) Willow Creek Cleanup project by Sheboygan River Basin Partnership: In 2006 the Sheb. River Basin Partnership teamed with Oostburg High School Students to clean up

garbage from Willow Creek near Esslingen Park, Sheboygan, allowing salmon and trout to migrate upstream more easily. Willow Creek is a host stream where salmon and trout from Lake Michigan go to spawn. According to a 2006 follow-up news report, about a ton of garbage, including 25 tires, several 55 gallon drums, bedsprings, a refrigerator, glass bottles, 12 bags full of misc. garbage, and wood, were removed by student volunteers, then disposed of by City of Sheboygan DPW. In 2009 funding was received by the Sheboygan River Basin Partnership for another Willow Creek project. The SHEBOYGAN RIVER BASIN PARTNERSHIP also made reports to the SCCA , including on the following environmental projects: As of June 2009 the Fisherman Creek Restoration program was looking for funding, and an application was being made for stimulus funding for Willow Creek in partnership with the Town of Wilson. As of September 2009, watershed ADOPT-A-STREAM program grants were received and volunteers sought. (See September Adopt-A-Beach listing for the WI Beach Sweep project, Sheboygan, held annually on a Saturday in September, under the Alliance for the Great Lakes.)

(C-7) SEPTEMBER ADOPT-A-BEACH known locally for several years as **WI Beach Sweep, Lake Michigan Shoreline, Sheboygan** (held on a Saturday in Sept annually) is part of the **Adopt-A-Beach program by the Alliance for the Great Lakes**. Local Sheboygan area volunteers and local volunteer coordinating groups are sought each year by the Alliance. For registration, which begins in late June, contact the Alliance's website: www.greatlakesadopt.org The Alliance's main website also carries updates and more information about the event, as of late June www.greatlakes.org The adopt-a-beach event is part of the Ocean Conservancy's annual International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) event. Those local Sheboygan area groups willing to help coordinate the local mile-long shoreline clean-up from the Sheboygan Marina to North Point along Broughton Drive, other south side beaches, a couple of park locations, including Vollrath Park, can also contact: Alliance for the Great Lakes Outreach Coordinator, 1845 N. Farwell, Suite 100, Milwaukee, WI, 53202, Phone 414-559.0317, FAX 414-273-7293, Todd Brennan tbrennan@greatlakes.org

(C-8) ONION RIVER RESURRECTION & Trout Stream project (1999-2011):

The Onion River, as of March, 2011, is the only location now having a Class A Trout Stream in southeast WI. The head waters and trout stream had been restored during more than a decade of volunteer work by Lakeshore Trout Unlimited (TU). Contacts: Jeff Price and Jerry Baumann. The project included the acquisition of a river's headwaters for environmental purposes, a very rare occurrence. Several TU chapters with weekend crews of 40-50 volunteers had dedicated themselves annually since 1999. Also Windway Capital Corp purchased 385 acres of land for the purpose of restoring the trout habitat and good water quality, and the WDNR, Sheboygan County Land and Water Conservation along with the Sheboygan County government worked together to make it happen and get it fully funded. Regular stocking of fish continues. A completion banquet was held on March 26, 2011, according to James Krutilla, outdoor columnist in a Sheboygan Press article, 3-20-11.)

(C-9) GLACIERLAND RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Inc.

also locally known as Glacierland R,C & D, a non-profit organization that covers 9 counties in Northeastern WI, including Sheboygan County, also the Oneida Nation. Glacierland R,C &D Headquarter offices: 3071 Voyager Drive, Suite E, Green Bay, 920-456-3006, Contact: Greg Hines office@glacierlandrcd.org www.glacierlandrcd.org

Purpose: Conserving and developing natural resources in rural and urban areas through private and public partnerships in the following counties: Brown, Calumet, Door, Fond du Lac, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Sheboygan, and Winnebago Counties. Jack Van Dixhorn, 920-458-5220, is Sheboygan County's executive board member. **About a third of the Glacierland projects are directly related to farming, another third to forestry, the remaining third to a variety of needed projects** covering water and other natural resources. Sometimes it charters other groups to help them become non-profit organizations.

D. NATURE / OUTDOOR GROUPS and ECO-PROJECTS:

(D-1) ReBIKE VOLUNTEER PROJECT at PARADIGM, SHEBOYGAN: Held at Paradigm Coffee and Music, 920-457-5277, located at 1202 N. 8th Street, downtown Sheboygan, where adult and student volunteers meet weekly, usually in a basement area of Paradigm to repair, rejuvenate, and make ready for extended use, bicycles of all sizes and condition to needy youth, especially those in the Boys and Girls Club programs. The potential young recipients are required to give volunteer work time toward the renewed bicycle they would receive. The Rebike program was begun under part of the non-motorized transportation pilot program grant given to the Sheboygan County government. **Contact for volunteering: Aaron Brault, Sheboygan County Interim Director of Planning and Conservation, 459-3060.**

Kate Krause, Paradigm owner, encourages people to bring in no-longer-used bikes, discarded bikes, and parts of bikes and bike parts for the rejuvenation program. She even gets donated bike parts from various sources, including The Sheboygan Bicycle Company, a seller of new bicycles nearby, located in downtown 8th Street. Kate Krause is well known in the local and environmental community as dedicated to sustainable living practices in most every part of the Paradigm operation, decoration, and food and drink offered. She also makes her coffeehouse premises available gratis for many environmental fundraisers, meetings, and film showings, in addition to promoting community artist showings and musical performers. She also has a spot for indoor multiple bike parking, just inside the 1202 N. 8th Street entrance.

(D-2) NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION PILOT PROGRAM (NMTTP):

Sheboygan County was selected as 1 of 4 communities in the U.S.A. to participate with a \$25 million dollar grant over 4 years to define and then provide a safer non-motorized network, including sidewalks, bike lanes and bike trails, in order to connect residences, schools, transit stations, retail centers, employment locations, recreation areas and other community employment and activity locations. The main pilot program took place through the fall of 2010. Aaron Brault, as of mid-2010, became the Interim Director of the Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation Department. 920-459-3060. Email: braulacb@co.sheboygan.wi.us

(D-2) The Sheboygan County Pedestrian and Bicycle Comprehensive Plan (known as The Plan) continues to guide development of pedestrian and bicycle facilities throughout Sheboygan County through 2035. Both programs are intended to give people transportation choices to encourage a mode shift from the private automobile to more biking, running and walking. The plan also provided bike racks at several added locations throughout the county and included the Bike-and-Walk-to-Work Week in June.

(D-2) NON-MOTORIZED RECREATION (note): It is good to encourage the increased use of bicycles, kayaks, sailing craft, row boats, rafts, skis, skates, snowboards, foot-powered “teen” scooters, skateboards, and other electricity-free and gasoline-free children’s toys; also the activities of walking and dog walking, jogging, hiking, swimming, yoga, Frisbee throwing, Frisbee golf, croquet, horse-back riding, wind-surfing, kite-surfing, kite flying, and miniature golf activities.

(Note): Bicycle racks have recently been installed on the front of Lakeshore Metro buses for locals and tourists to get around Sheboygan, Kohler and Sheboygan Falls by bike.

(D-3) MAYWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER AND PARK, including bicycling events:

Maywood is located at 3625 Mueller Road Sheboygan, 920-459-3906 .

www.GoMaywood.org, also listed on City of Sheboygan website:

www.sheboygan.ci.us Hours: Ecology Center open M-F, 9-4, Sat-Sun, 1-4

Outdoor areas are open all day and into the early evening. Maywood is part of City of Sheboygan park system. Maywood offers indoor and outdoor programs, events, nature walks and activities for students, families and adults of all ages.

(Note): Examples of events to promote more bicycle riding)

(D-3) MAYWOOD ANNUAL EARTHRIDE (September): Full service bicycle tour in Sheboygan County, 12, 25, 50, 70, and 100 miles scenic route rides. Rest stops every 10 to 20 miles. Contact: Maywood Environmental Center and Park 920-459-3906.

(D-3) GRAND TOUR DE MARSH (early October): 7th graders at Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Middle School complete a physical fitness unit by riding bicycles almost 30 miles around The Sheboygan Marsh. Conceived several years ago by former phy.ed. instructor, Paul Mix. Contact by calling for more information: Toll free 1-877-892-4731

(D-4) RETREATS at BRIGHT DAWN HOME SPREAD, spiritual retreats **(with walking meditations)** connect people in a more extensive environmental way to the surrounding

natural wooded area, located just beyond the turn-of-the-Century farm buildings converted to retreat residential buildings. Retreats are based on an ancient Buddhist Forest Monastery concept that persons with a tranquil lifestyle (while in the forest) improved their minds, worked for the protection of animals in the area and looked after the welfare of the plants and trees. Retreats May into October; W7136 County Trunk U, rural Plymouth. Non-profit org. 501 (C) (3) run by the ABA. Contact: Richard Brandon, caregiver and initiator of the retreat center, who worked with Boys and Girls Clubs for some years in Chicago. (Retreat season, May 1-Oct.31, WI phone contact: 920-528-1364.) Off-season, Chicago phone contact (Nov.-April) 773-583-5794 Website: www.awakenedone.org

(D-5) PLYMOUTH BIRD AND NATURE CLUB, offers educational programs, meets 2ND TUESDAY, 7 pm, only from October to April, now at the Plymouth Adult Community Center (PACC), part of new Intergenerational Center opened May 1, 2011 at 1500 Douglas Drive, Plymouth 920-892-4821. The club has been meeting for 30+ years and for some of those years at the former Plymouth Senior Center. Discussions on bird sightings, field trips, wind turbine issues, also members share nature trips. Contact: Bob Triebensee, pres., 920-893-5156 or Bob Brigham, 920-892-7716.

(D-6) TEACHES PEOPLE ABOUT RAISING BUTTERFLIES, (June-Sept.), Mary Thorne, known as the Caterpillar Caregiver, 920-889-8411, Sheboygan, is available to give group presentations to all ages from late May to September on raising butterflies. She also gives individual consultation to those who want to raise butterflies at home and perhaps plant a butterfly garden with cocoons. www.CaterpillarCaregiverCaterpillarCare@sbcglobal.net

(D-7) SHEBOYGAN COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY: Meetings on 2nd THURSDAY, Maywood, 7 pm. Beginning Birding Class offered annually at Maywood. Participants may choose to do entire hike, or return from it at any point. The National Audubon Society also records local participation in annual U.S.A. national bird counts. www.audubon.org/bird/cbc Contact: Pres. June Platz, 920-565-2577

(D-8) Sheboygan County CRANE counters participate in the International Crane Foundation once-a-year count to track the Eastern population of Greater Sandhill Cranes as they return to their feeding grounds in the Midwest, from the “crack of dawn” until 7:30 am on a Saturday in April, depending on the date of Easter. www.savingcranes.org The 35th Annual Midwest Crane Count was held in 2010. Contact: 920-892-6335 Andy and Janet Raddatz, email: jraddatz@wi.rr.com

(D-9) WISCONSIN SOCIETY OF ORNITHOLOGY: www.wsobirds.org Christmas and May Bird Counts. Many experienced birders do counting nationwide. Sheboygan County bird counters from Cedar Grove, Plymouth, and Sheboygan participate in the Christmas and May Bird Counts. The Society publishes counts quarterly in its publication “Passenger Pigeon.” Contact: Bob Triebensee, 920-893-5156

E. STUDENT AND CHILD FOCUSED ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS:

(E-1) BOY SCOUTS of America – Sheboygan County, (listed as Bay Lakes Council of 6 merged councils,) 3022 Erie Avenue, Sheboygan, 458-3538, www.baylakesarea.org A National Merit Badge program is offered for boys (ages 11-17) which introduces many topics and projects for badges including badges for Environmental Science and 6 other science related topics. **CAMP ROKOLIO contains 1 of only 3 glacier-created bogs in Wisconsin** and is of significant environmental education interest. A “leave no trace except footsteps” policy is taught for outdoor activities.

(E-2) GIRL SCOUTS OF THE U.S.A., in Sheboygan County, (listed as Girl Scouts of Manitou Council) serves all or parts of seven counties, but is headquartered in Sheboygan County at 5212 Windward Court, Sheboygan 53083 off Hwy 42. www.gsmanitou.org Phone 920-565-4575, also has **CAMP EVELYN**, in Sheb. County. Girl Scout program offerings include:

JOURNEY ecology-oriented book series *It’s Your Planet—Love It* have been introduced in recent years as part of the Girl Scout program **for use at troop meetings for: (Daisies K-1) Brownies** grades 2-3; **Juniors** 4-5; **Cadettes** 6-8; **Seniors** 9-10, and **Ambassadors** 11-12.

It’s Your Planet – Love It* book series titles are: *Between Earth and Sky -- becoming aware of natural environment, ***Wonders of Water*** -- clean water, underwater world, ***Get Moving*** -- energy and energy issues, ***Breathe*** -- air quality, ***Sow What?*** -- being one with the land, local food & food issues, ***Justice*** -- environmental justice, water bottle debate, toxic wastes. **Books are available to view** at the Girl Scout headquarters office. Some ecology series concepts are also incorporated with camp programs. For more information, contact the Director of Program Quality, at the Girl Scout office.

(E-3) 4-H CLUBS, Sheboygan County Extension office, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, 920-459-5900, 459-5903, Youth Development Program Coordinator or Youth Development Educator. Variety of environmental ed. programs and projects with animals and plants, also exploring other science topics. www.Sheboygan.uwex.edu/4h/index.html.

4-H CAMP RIVERSITE near Hingham. OPEN TO PUBLIC YEAR ROUND with more than 85% of a 60 acre area set aside for environmental education. Groups need reservations. Located off County Trunk W and off County Trunk I on Camp Riversite Road, close to the Onion River and near Hingham. Individual visitors are welcome, free, during park hours.

(E-4) “COATS FOR KIDS” -- Annual Sheboygan county-wide campaign held since 1990 in the late fall each year, sponsored by the Novak-Ramm-Ziegler Funeral Home. Recycled, good-condition coats for children of all ages collected by school, church, service groups and individuals, and distributed by the Salvation Army, (1000 coats collected annually.)

(E-5) DRAMA DEPT. GOES “GREEN”: Sheboygan high school student stage crews began to rely extensively on used materials from local companies, supportive parents and

individual citizens in order to build their **stage sets for the North/South drama dept. productions**, since early 2010, because of more limited drama budgets. Students gain added respect for the environment as they do creative problem-solving. Contact current Sheboygan North High School Stage Manager at school office: 920-459-3600

(E-6) The I.D.E.A.S. ACADEMY (new name as of August 2011 new school year), formerly ETUDE Charter High School for the Arts and Academics:

721 N. 6th Street, Sheboygan. Main Office: 920 459-0950. Contact: Karen Robison, art, sciences, & ecology department teacher krobison@sheboygan.k12.wi.us

Environmental projects: The **“Vegetarian Wednesdays” environmental education project** since the spring of 2010 continued in 2011. Student volunteers and participating staff brought in local and organic fresh food selections, then prepared salads, stews, and other dishes together to share at Wednesday lunchtimes. A second project was **growing a small organic vegetable garden on a little part of the grounds of the John Michael Kohler Arts Center across from the school.**

LIGHT BUSTER’S student group at Farnsworth Middle School (Sheboygan Area School District): turn off lights in classrooms when classrooms are not in use. On-going project during school year. Main office: 920-459-3655, 1017 Union Avenue, Sheboygan

(E-8) MAYWOOD – offers summer camps, many programs with hands-on activities for children and students throughout the year, in addition to programs, events, outdoor nature walks and activities for families and adults of all ages.

MAYWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER AND PARK, at 3625 Mueller Road Sheboygan, 920-459-3906 . www.GoMaywood.org also listed on City of Sheboygan website:

www.sheboygan.ci.us Hours: Ecology Center open M-F, 9-4, Sat-Sun, 1-4

Outdoor areas open all day and into the early evening, part of City of Sheboygan park system. **Directions to Maywood:** Turn left (west) off Calumet Drive/Hwy 42, Sheboygan, just beyond Evergreen Park/Quarry Park, then go about ½ mile to entrance. If traveling from County Trunk Y near Sheboygan Falls, turn east on Mueller Road, and go about a mile until reaching park entrance.

(E-9) PIGEON RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 3508 N. 21st Street, Sheboygan, Sheboygan Area School District, has ongoing environmental learning activities and projects throughout the school year. Main office: 920-459-3563

(E-10) REUSABLE RESOURCE CENTER: The project solicits donations of discarded materials from area businesses and makes those things available to teachers and parents for use in educational activities. For more information and updated project status, contact volunteer coordinator, Amy Peterson, apet@charter.net

(E-11) Vehicle design challenges for high school students:

SUPERMILEAGE CHALLENGE and WI ELECTRATHON, Road America, Elkhart Lake, annually in May. High school student teams from around the state are given the challenge to design and build small vehicles, holding only a driver, that could get anywhere from **150 to 400 or more miles to a gallon of gasoline**. Vehicles are driven for several 2-lap trial runs on the Road America race track, with an imposed 35 mph speed limit. **A second “electric-only” vehicle design challenge** gives students a chance to participate in the WI Electrathon. This double challenge has been held since 2007 in mid-May with student teams from Oostburg, Plymouth and Sheboygan North competing along with students from about 35 other high schools. Contact: Wisconsin Energy Efficient Vehicle Association, WEEVA@RoadAmerica www.challengewisconsin.org

(E-12) WILLOW ROAD eco-agricultural project, by Sheb. Falls High School students

(also brief listing under B-2.) As part of a sustainable living practices organic agricultural project, students learn to raise a flock of very young turkeys from about late May to the time for Thanksgiving meat sales. Students also plant fall harvest vegetables in raised beds, pick strawberries along the edge of a fenced area, and learn other related green grower and fruit tending gardening skills. Falls H.S. teacher, Bruce Brunner, began the project in 2009 on land made available by Craig Harms, co-owner of Restoration Gardens and member of the local area SLG Sustainable Living Group.

The five acres is bordered by Willow Road in the Town of Sheboygan Falls on the west, and the Sheboygan River on the east. Some of the food goes to the Sheboygan Falls High School Culinary Arts program. All the work takes place outside of school hours. Some 75 students have participated in the program from high school horticulture, landscaping and agriculture classes or as members of the school’s Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter. Students do not need to live on a farm to participate. Other business supporters of the project are Dan and Jamie Flagstad of Service One Transportation, and Joseph Schmitt & Sons Construction. Contact: Craig Harms, Restoration Gardens, 920-467-8370, (main location, 6018 Superior Ave. west of Sheboygan, and a more recent 2nd location, South Pier District, Sheboygan.)

(E-13) STUDENT “THE WRITE STUFF” ecology essay and poetry contest: More than 275 Sheboygan area middle-school students entered either an environmental-themed essay or poem in the 6th annual Write Stuff writers contest held in early 2011, jointly sponsored by The Sheboygan Press and also by the Sheboygan County Writers’ Club, whose members acted as the judges. Students submitted 121 essays and 159 poems describing a “green scene,” of an ideal environmentally saavy house, neighborhood, city or world. There were 3 first, second and third place winners in each category winning gift card prizes to a local participating business of their choice. The two first-place winners had their entries printed in a Sunday edition of The Sheboygan Press in April.

(E-14) CAMP Y-KODA WETLAND ECOLOGY PROGRAM, takes students on field trips to the Sheboygan Marsh and Kiel Marsh wildlife areas. The program introduced 20,000 students during past 20 years to those wetland habitats. Camp Y-Koda also participates

in the Sheboygan River Clean-up in May, along with the UW-Extension's "Explore & Restore Sheboygan Waters" program, and with the Sheboygan River Basin Partnership. Camp Y-Koda was recognized as the Outdoor Education Center of the Year (2011) by the WI Wildlife Federation; also in 2011 by the Bureau of Wildlife Management for its programs that include environmental education presentations in Sheboygan County area classrooms and occasionally classrooms in the Green Bay and Appleton areas. Sheboygan County contact: Executive director of Camp Y-Koda, Jeremiah Dentz, Plymouth, 920-894-7472. The Camp Y-Koda Outdoor Education Center is located at W3340 Sunset Road, Sheboygan Falls, 53085. 920-467-6882. (Note: Both the Sheboygan and Sheboygan Falls YMCAs are connected with this camp.)

More information, also corrections are most welcome regarding area Environmental Groups and Projects. This guide is always considered a work in progress.

Extra note: A little leeway has been given in regards to the Cleveland, WI area, as being part of Sheboygan County listings. Some of that area is included in the Sheboygan Area School District, and is also the location of Lakeshore Technical College serving both Sheboygan and Manitowoc County.

Extra note: A couple of environmental groups or projects previously listed are not listed in this current Resource Guide or the Recycling Directory: Sometimes an activated group or project confronts unforeseen difficulties. Then the group may go inactive for awhile or disband. Or a project may be ended in its original form, but elements of it may be picked up by another group. With input from the participants themselves, decisions were made not to list the inactive groups or projects, and concentrate on listing current groups and projects.

Added information:

BACKGROUND HISTORY on the now 3 "stand-alone" ecology directories:

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AND PROJECTS RESOURCE GUIDE,

for Sheboygan and Sheboygan County

RECYCLING DIRECTORY 2011 for all of Sheboygan County

SLG'S "GREEN BUSINESS DIRECTORY, for Sheboygan County and Beyond –

(tentative working title of a SLG team project in progress)

ALL 3 are outgrowths from the former all-in-one, 4-section Ecology Directory, initially done in 2009 and updated in 2010. Then in 2011 each of the 3 main sections was launched separately, and the brief Community Ecology Wishes section was dropped. The entire FOUR-SECTION ECOLOGY DIRECTORY for Sheboygan and Sheboygan County, including Recycling and Safe Disposal: Household Items A to Z; Environmental Groups and Projects; Ecology Actions—Business Examples; and Community Ecology Wishes, was officially accepted by the City of Sheboygan Common Council at its first Monday meeting, October 2009.

The first section on Recycling directory section was put on the Sheboygan County Website, Planning Department, in December 2009 and updated in the spring of 2010

and 2011. It continues to appear on the Sheboygan County Website, www.co.sheboygan.wi.us, then click on Planning Dept. and then scroll down Announcements and New Items and look for the green recycling logo and the title: Recycling and Safe Disposal; Household Items A to Z. Click on title. (It is a pdf file.) The material from the whole 4-section 2010 Directory also appeared on two environmental group websites.

The *Sheboygan County Recycling Directory 2011*, and the *Environmental Groups and Projects Resource Guide, Sheboygan & Sheboygan County*, appear on the website: www.sustainablelivinggroup.org, then click on Articles page.

For the first time, in 2011, both the *Recycling Guide 2011 for Sheboygan County*, and the *Environmental Groups and Projects Resource Guide* each appeared on the City of Sheboygan website www.ci.sheboygan.wi.us, then click on Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force (SSTF) home webpage, scroll about halfway down the page, (listed as a pdf file) Click on title *Recycling Directory 2011* to read. (Note: It is NOT listed as a link in the white rectangular box at the far left side of the SSTF home page.)

The ECOLOGY DIRECTORY came about as a result of two local citizens making a community ecology wish at the end of taking an 8-week “Natural Step” community sustainability course at Maywood, Feb –April, 2009, led by Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force member, John Hill.

Their wish: “to find out what we in Sheboygan and Sheboygan County already have” regarding recycling, environmental projects and groups, business ecology actions and also to collect a list of sustainable community wishes from fellow citizens.

Information was collected from April to early August, 2009, then compiled and offered at exhibits at Earthfest in August, 2009 and 2010. Early copies of 2009 Ecology Directory were emailed individually to government leaders and other interested persons. Some printed copies were made available in the fall of 2009 at the Sheb. Sr. Activity Center to participants there for a nominal donation reimbursement to offset copy paper and ink costs there.

The 2010 updated version doubled in amount of information given. In 2010 CD-Roms of the whole 4-section 2010 directory were made by the Kohler Company, for handing out at the EarthDay weekend display at The Kohler-Design Center, April, 24, 2010. As 2010 continued, all sections of the 4-section Ecology Directory appeared on two community organization websites, including www.sustainablelivinggroup.org

Combined, all the sections together contained more than 100 listings with specific environmental information. Launched separately in 2011, the first two sections have become individual guides with 40 or more listings each. The third “green business” section’s length still is being developed and expanded an the SLG team project.

The research and compilation, since its inception in April of 2009 to the present, has meant to be a gift to the people of Sheboygan and Sheboygan County from Rich and Joyce Jordan recycleSheboygan@hotmail.com