



# Annual Summary 2018

The Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program is a growing network of well-informed citizens dedicated to natural resources education and service within their communities. Volunteers perform at least 40 hours of volunteer service each year and receive 8 additional hours of training annually to maintain certification. Partner organizations throughout the state deliver the volunteer trainings, which provide coursework in natural history, interpretation and conservation stewardship in both classroom and field settings.

## 2013-2018 IN REVIEW

### Volunteer Hours Reported

**22,094** stewardship

**20,481** citizen science

**+ 38,706** education

**81,281** Total volunteer hours

for value\* of **\$2 million**

**9** Instructor trainings

**125** Instructors

**56** Partner organizations

**58** Volunteer training courses completed

**229,425**

People reached through volunteer-led programs

**855** Master Naturalist volunteers residing in

**63** of Wisconsin's 72 counties

**17,156**

hours of advanced training for Master Naturalist Volunteers

*"I am inspired and want to continue learning more about nature and to volunteer in a variety of ways."*

- 2018 Master Naturalist Volunteer

*"Overall, I loved the program and the experience and feel well-equipped to further increase my knowledge and my volunteer opportunities from this point forward because of the resources the program gave me."*

- 2018 Master Naturalist Volunteer

## IN 2018

### MASTER NATURALIST VOLUNTEERS RECORDED:

**26,388 hours** of volunteer service

**\$651,500** of value to the state of Wisconsin

**63%** of those reporting service hours gave more than the required **40 hours** per year

**23%** reported more than **100 hours** of service in 2018

**192** new volunteers

**65,427** people reached through volunteer-led programs

### OF 2018 COURSE PARTICIPANTS (312 RESPONSES)

*After taking the course:*

**All** of the respondents said their knowledge about Wisconsin's natural resources **increased**, and **74%** reported that their knowledge **"increased a great amount."**

The percentage who feel they have the knowledge to **volunteer** related to natural resources **increased from 56% to 87%**.

**92%** know where to find appropriate **volunteer opportunities**.

**200** PARTICIPANTS AT THE FIRST STATE-WIDE CONFERENCE IN 2018

**25** scholarships

**14** volunteer trainings

\*The dollar value of service hours is calculated by using figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics data, indexed by the Independent Sector.

