

BECWA Events and Related Watershed Activities January 1949 to December 1986

Italics indicate Related Watershed Activities.

1949	<i>DNR designates BEC as habitat demo area in effort to improve fishery – one of the first in the state</i>
Mid – 1950's	<i>Clean-up of Mill Pond in Cross Plains that was channeling warmer water into creek, which affected water temp and threatened trout population</i>
1963	<i>Sewage treatment plant west of Cross Plains fails, sending nutrient high wastewater into creek freezing plant growth and oxygen levels leading to a major trout kill, treatment plant equipment upgraded and trout populations begin to rise</i>
1974 – 1987	<i>Refuse Hideaway Landfill operated</i>
1984	<i>Dane County Land Conservation office and the federal Natural Resource Conservation services (former soil conservation office) send 1 worker each to begin working with farmers in BECW on conservation practices</i>
1985	<i>Dane County Land Conservation Office begins 3-yr process to collect data on watershed</i>
November 1985	<i>WRM workshop to address long term management and protection of Black Earth Creek and its watershed</i>
1986	<i>Black Earth Creek selected as priority watershed by DNR</i>
October – December 1986	<i>Monitoring plans for contamination of RH landfill</i>

BECWA Events and Related Watershed Activities January 1987 to December 1988

1987	<i>Refuse Hideaway Landfill original plan approval closure</i>
July 28 1987	BECWA was formed as a nongovernmental, non-profit organization to promote planning and action for wise, long-term conservation of Black Earth Creek and related resources within its watershed. Kick off meeting at 8 p.m.
October 15, 1987	First BECWA Board Meeting - meetings usually start around 7:00 or 7:30 PM and last about 2hrs.
November 1987	Board Meeting - Cross Plains Steve Born elected president, VP-Del Esser Treasurer Sec Ron Ahner
1988	<i>Cancer causing chemicals were discovered in nearby wells, contamination linked to Refuse Hideaway Landfill</i>
1988	BECWA Watershed Sign project - 9 signs installed
February 11, 1988	Board Meeting - Monk's Retreat, Cross Plains
April 9, 1988	Cross Plains Lions Club creek cleanup project
April 14, 1988	Board Meeting - Monk's Retreat Cross Plains
June 16, 1988 8:00 p.m.	BECWA public informational meeting - American Legion Hall
<i>June 24 - 25, 1988</i>	<i>Black Earth trout kill near Black Earth</i>
September 1988	Mazomanie Floodplain Committee (non BECWA meeting)
October 26, 1988	Board Meeting - Monk's Retreat, Cross Plains

BECWA Events and Related Watershed Activities January 1989 to December 1990

1989	<i>BECW becomes Priority Watershed under DNR program.</i>
1989	<i>Leaky Underground storage tanks, 2 found on DE Petroleum station property in Cross Plains</i>
1989	<i>Refuse Hideaway Landfill declared bankruptcy as a business</i>
1989	<i>Dane County Land Conservation office begins cost-sharing agreements with farmers in watershed on specific projects that reduce sediment and manure flowing into the creek.</i>
January 1989	<i>Landfill clean-up projected at more than \$3 million</i>
January 20, 1989	<i>Priority Watershed Project funding (\$1.4 million) designated to protect and improve Black Earth Creek and its tributaries</i>
February 2, 1989	<i>Proposal submitted to Dane County & WDNR to preserve and protect headwaters of Black Earth Creek – submitted by Dane County Supervisors</i>
February 9, 1989	<i>BECWA Board Meeting – Cross Plains</i>
April 18, 1989	<i>Board Meeting – Monk’s Retreat, Cross Plains</i>
May 23, 1989	<i>Joint Inspection of railroad corridor from Cross Plains to Mazomanie, Steve Born as BECWA representative concerns over impacts of corridor rehabilitation</i>
June 14, 1989	<i>Board Meeting – Monk’s Retreat, Cross Plains</i>
June 1989	<i>Suit filed against Refuse Hideaway Inc. by the state</i>
June 1989	<i>Concerns raised over railroad tie burial proposed near creek</i>
September 1989	<i>WDNR undertook Interim Remedial Measures at Refuse Hideaway Landfill – installation of point of entry water treatment unites at 2 homes, resting of private wells, installation of a partial gas extraction system on the landfill</i>
September 13, 1989	<i>Board Meeting – American Legion Hall, Cross Plains</i>
December 12, 1989	<i>Board Meeting – Monk’s Retreat, Cross Plains</i>
April 26, 1990 7:00 p.m.	<i>BECWA forum/public meeting @ west side Businessmen’s Association – Nat. Resources Inventory</i>
June – July 1990	<i>BECWA initiated fundraising for the shallow ground water flow systems in the Upper Black Earth Creek Watershed, scheduled to begin in the fall</i>
June 27, 1990	<i>Board Meeting – Monk’s Retreat, Cross Plains</i>
August 22, 1990	<i>CUNA Mutual’s proposed Pleasant View development in town of Middleton delayed until after a statewide annexation moratorium begins.</i>
August 28, 1990	<i>BECWA’s annual public meeting – Fire Hall, Black Earth</i>
December 18, 1990	<i>Board Meeting –Bank of Cross Plains, Cross Plains</i>

BECWA Events and Related Watershed Activities **January 1991 to December 1992**

1991	<i>State began drawing contaminated liquid leaking from Refuse Hideaway Landfill</i>
February 4, 1991	Upper BEC Conservation Workshop, Dane County Fairgrounds
February 14, 1991	Upper BEC Conservation Workshop, Dane County Ag and Extension Building
July 16, 1991	Board Meeting - State Bank of Cross Plains, Cross Plains
October 10, 1991 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	UW Extension BECW teachers/leader's workshop
November 13, 1991	Board Meeting - American Legion Hall, Cross Plains
February 5, 1992	Board Meeting - State Bank of Cross Plains, Cross Plains
March 26, 1992	Organizational meeting of BECWA sponsored " Black Earth Creek Stream Clean-Up Coalition"
April 15, 1993	Annual banquet at Legion Hall, certificates awarded to area farmers who have committed time and money to protecting Black Earth Creek.
April 25, 1992 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.	First Annual Earth Day Stream Clean-Up by Black Earth Creek Stream Clean-Up Coalition
June 23, 1992	Board Meeting - State Bank of Cross Plains, Cross Plains
November 19, 1992 11:30am - 2pm	Appreciation lunch for involved watershed participants at Legion Hall, Cross Plains

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1993	BECWA begins promoting better inter-agency cooperation in watershed
1993	<i>DNR names Black Earth Creek as an "outstanding resource water" meaning water coming from plant or municipality into the creek must be as clean or cleaner then the creek water.</i>
July 14, 1993	Board Meeting - State Bank of Cross Plains, Cross Plains
November - December 1993	<i>Discussion about wastewater treatment scheduled for villages of Black Earth and Mazomanie</i>
1994	<i>Storm water management planning done in Village of Cross Plains</i>
January 1994	<i>Controversy arises over proposed industrial park in Cross Plains on creek.</i>
February 3, 1994	Board Meeting - State Bank of Cross Plains, Cross Plains
April 23, 1994 9 - 11:30 a.m.	Annual Earth Day Stream Clean-Up
May 5, 1994	<i>DNR receives public request to conduct full environmental impact statement on the proposed 60-acre Glacial Valley Commercial Park in Cross Plains</i>
May 11 - 12, 1994 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.	UW-Extension Teacher/Community leader workshops for water quality education
May 23, 1994 8:30 a.m.	<i>Hearing on Glacial Valley Business Park</i>
June 1, 1994	<i>Industrial Park and associated printing plant not to be built in Cross Plains. Sunny industries accepts Mazomanie site for its \$37 million printing plant</i>
July 1994	<i>Significant erosion problems and sediment reported from Brewery Creek sub-watershed</i>
August 18, 1994 7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting - State Bank of Cross Plains, Cross Plains
November 1994 - February 1995	<i>BECWA sponsored assessment of Black Earth Creek Watershed for possible river land conservancy and land trust actions</i>
December 1, 1994	<i>Black Earth and Mazomanie to share sewer plant</i>

BECWA Events and Related Watershed Activities January 1995 to December 1996

February 20, 1995	Board Meeting - District Building
<i>February 22, 1995</i>	<i>Hideaway Refuse Landfill cleanup estimate now at \$5 million</i>
<i>April 5, 1995</i>	<i>Village of Cross Plains limits residential development expansion</i>
April 22, 1995	Annual Earth Day Stream Clean-Up
July 19, 1995	Board Meeting - Old Municipal Building, Cross Plains
October 9, 1995 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	BECWA Public Meeting/Forum - American Legion Hall, Cross Plains
February 1996	BECWA Forum/Public meeting - Future of Agriculture in Black Earth Creek Watershed
<i>February 15, 1996</i>	<i>Town of Black Earth supervisors have approved a rezoning petition the DNR needed for a 9-acre expansion of the Black Earth Creek fisheries area, just off USH 14 and adjacent to the WI & Southern railroad tracks</i>
February 20, 1996	Board Meeting - Joint Fire District Building Black Earth
July 29, 1996	Board Meeting - Old Municipal Building, Cross Plains
November 7, 1996	Board Meeting - State Bank, Black Earth

BECWA Events and Related Watershed Activities January 1997 to December 1998

January 11, 1997 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Future of BECWA discussed - Black Earth Fire Station
February 20, 1997	Board Meeting - Black Earth Fire Station
April 19, 1997	Annual Earth Day Stream Clean-Up
April 16, 1997	Board Meeting - Fire Station, Black Earth
May 7, 1997	Board Meeting - Fire Station, Black Earth
May 27, 1997	Board Meeting - Fire Station, Black Earth
September 30, 1997	Board Meeting - Joint Fire District Building
November 7, 1997	Board Meeting -
December 11, 1997	Board Meeting - Fire Station, Black Earth
March 12, 1998 6:45 p.m.	BECWA Citizens' forum/public meeting at Wisconsin Heights School
April 25, 1998	Annual Earth Day Stream Clean-Up
May 19, 1998	Board Meeting - Jerome Wagner Farm and Black Earth Fire Station
August 19, 1998	Board Meeting - Fire Station, Black Earth James Van Duerzen becomes president
December 9, 1998	Board Meeting - Mazomanie Village Office

BECWA Events and
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January 1999 to December 2000

March 25, 1999	Board Meeting - Mazomanie Town Hall
April 24, 1999	Annual Earth Day Stream Clean-Up
May 5, 1999 3:30 pm - 7pm	BECWA Watershed Tour for local and state officials
October 13, 1999	Board Meeting - Mazomanie Town Hall
December 2, 1999	Board Meeting - Mazomanie Town Hall
April 13, 2000	Board Meeting - Mazomanie Town Hall
April 22, 2000	Annual Earth Day Stream Clean-Up
June 28, 2000	Board Meeting - Mazomanie Town Hall

BECWA Events and Related Watershed Activities January 2001 to December 2002

2001	<i>DNR funded Priority Watershed Project in the BECW concluded. All areas of targeted pollutant loading reduction over shot the stated goals of 50% reduction (as of December 31, 1998) as follows: Barnyard (Phos) reduced by 87%, Upland sediment reduced by 76%, Gully erosion reduced by 93%, and Streambank erosion reduced by 71%. BEC Watershed ranked first in the state for nonpoint source redesign in 1998.</i>
June 11, 2001	<i>Storms contribute to major fish kill in Black Earth Creek.</i>
October 15, 2001	Bob Fitzsimmons hired as coordinator.
August 29, 2001	Board Meeting - Jim Troupis' home
October 11th, 2001 - 7:00 PM	BECWA Watershed Flooding Public Meeting/Forum - American Legion Hall, Cross Plains
November 8th, 2001 - 7:00 PM	Fish Kill Public Forum - American Legion Hall, Cross Plains
November 2001	<i>Plans announced for new business park near USH 14 & CTH KP begin.</i>
December 17, 2001	Board Meeting - Cross Plains library
January 14, 2002	Board Meeting - Black Earth Village Hall
February 12, 2002	Board Meeting - Black Earth Village Hall
April, 2002	Bob Fitzsimmons resigns as coordinator.
April 21th, 2002	Annual Earth Day Stream Clean-Up
April 22nd, 2002 - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Black Earth Creek Watershed Spring Forum/Public Meeting - American Legion Hall, Cross Plains
July 24, 2002	Board Meeting
September 4th, 2002	Board Meeting - Cross Plains Library meeting room Elections: Barbara Borns - reelected President, Jim Troupis - reelected VP, Tom Ehlert - Secretary and Wendy Sterne -Treasurer. Juniper Garver-Hume hired as Watershed Coordinator
October 21-22, 2002	BECWA represented at statewide event "Waters of WI"
October 29th, 2002	Board Meeting - Black Earth Library meeting room
December 11th, 2002	Board Meeting - Black Earth Library meeting room

**BECWA Events and
Related Watershed Activities**
January 2003 to December 2004

<i>Date and Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
January 30, 2003	Board Meeting - Black Earth Village Hall meeting room
March 12, 2003	Board Meeting - Black Earth Village Hall meeting room
April 23, 2003	Board Meeting - Black Earth Village Hall meeting room
April 26, 2003	Annual Earth Day Stream Clean-Up
May 3, 2003 11:00a - 3:00p	BECWA sponsored educational event "Passport to your Watershed" with Trout Days - Cross Plains, in the park
July 16, 2003	Board Meeting - Black Earth Village Hall
August 28 th , 2003	Juniper Garver-Hume resigned as Watershed Coordinator, but continues volunteering
October 16 th , 2004	Annual Meeting - Bus tour of watershed for local government officials
November 6 th , 2004	BECWA participated in county-wide Friends of Dane County Workshop, "Voice of Waters" - UW Arboretum

**BECWA Events and
Related Watershed Activities**
January 2005 to Present

<i>Date and Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
January 26 th , 2005	Board Meeting - guest speaker, Randy Hunt (USGS), with local officials and public invited, around 40 persons attended
February 18 th , 2005	BECWA President, Barbara Borns, lectured to IES course 101, Forum on the Environment, focusing on Black Earth Creek
March 9 th , 2005	BECWA sponsored Watershed Forum for the public at Glacier Creek School - Randy Hunt and Dave LePain were speakers, around 80 persons attended