



“Laudato Si’, On Care for Our Common Home”. Encyclical, Pope Francis, 2015.

"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." Laudato Si' 217

Door County Resources to Protect our Water:

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The Climate Change Coalition of Door County:

No Environmental Issue has more potential to alter our world than climate change. It affects each and every one of us regardless of gender, race, nationality, socioeconomic class, or education level. At times the sheer scope of it is overwhelming. But is the again climate change hopeless? We strongly believe the answer is no.

LINK: <https://www.climatechangedoorcounty.com>

Healthy Water Door County / Celebrate Water and The Water Summit.

While we want people to passionately advocate for policies in which they strongly believe, our goal is to foster a civil discussion in which each of us remains respectful of one another. We have faith that the people of Door County can have a civil dialogue on any issue when our conversation is rooted in our shared love of our families and this beautiful peninsula we call home.

LINK: <https://celebratewaterdoorcounty.org/about/>

The Clean Water Action Council of Northeast, WI.

A Non-profit Organization that educates and informs members and the public on environmental issues and encourages action on behalf of the environment and public health.

LINK: <https://www.cleanwateractioncouncil.org/#>

Door County Land Trust.

Our Mission: Protecting Door County's exceptional lands and waters forever.

LINK: <https://www.doorcountylandtrust.org/about-us/our-history/>

Sustain Door, Inc.

The mission of Sustain Door is to promote the social, economic, and environmental sustainability of Door County.

LINK: <https://sites.google.com/site/sustaindoor>

THRIVE, Door County:

Our Mission: to build eco-literacy through community action! And to grow into a thriving network of thinkers & do-ers who can add to the vitality of our already abundant peninsula. We aim to empower each other by bringing the best of ourselves into collaborations that will serve the greater good.

LINK: <https://doorcountythrive.wordpress.com>

“On Care for Our Common Home”

Stella Maris Catholic Church, Door County.

Goals:

- Restore habitat to its natural state.
- Lower carbon footprint of the parish.
- Educate parish for an “Ecological Conversion”.
- Foster Collaboration outside of our parish community.

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**National and State Organizations:
and
A Policy for consideration to save our Waters and Planet:**

Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter:

We are: Wisconsin's voice for the nation's oldest, largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization. Our members include 18,000 of your friends and neighbors following in the footsteps of legendary Wisconsin conservationists including Sierra Club founder John Muir, Aldo Leopold and Gaylord Nelson. Inspired by Wisconsin's beautiful lakes, forests, rivers, and other natural features, we work together to protect our communities and the planet.

LINK: <https://www.sierraclub.org/wisconsin>

Yale Program on Climate Change Communication:

Our mission is to advance the science of climate change communication, help leaders communicate more effectively, and increase the public's understanding of climate risks and opportunities.

LINK: environment.yale.edu/climate/yaleclimateconnections.org

The Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin:

Demands on land and water continue to increase, so we must do more, faster. We won't survive without clean water and land. We work with governments, corporations, local partners & you, and we can protect our waters and land together.

LINK: <https://www.nature.org/en-us/what-we-do/our-priorities/protect-water-and-land/>

Wisconsin Conservation Voters:

Water defines Wisconsin. From the mighty Mississippi to the Great Lakes, from small streams and ponds, to rushing rivers and grand lakeshores, from wells and kitchen faucets in rural and urban communities to the drinking glasses of children across the state, Wisconsin's water is invaluable. We must fight to protect our water from polluters, achieve safe drinking water for all, and ensure our lakes and rivers are safe for fishing and swimming.

LINK: <https://conservationvoters.org/water>

Laudato Si', On Care for Our Common Home"

On Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si') is the new appeal from Pope Francis addressed to "every person living on this planet" for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. This encyclical is written with both hope and resolve, looking to our common future with candor and humility.

LINK: Read an internet copy of this Encyclical at: <http://usccb.org/about/leadership/holy-see/francis/pope-francis-encyclical-laudato-si-on-environment.cfm>

An Action Resource Policy for Home, Church, Business Consideration:

Stella Maris Parish, Door County Green Purchase Policy.

Goal: The goal of this policy is to establish environmentally conscious purchasing practices for Stella Maris Parish. Making the commitment to purchase and acquire environmentally preferable "Green" products and services sets the example and demonstrates Stella Maris' commitment to care for our earth. This asserts that we seek to purchase goods and services that are better for the environment either due to their means of manufacture or by their properties that are "Green".

Statement of policy:

Whenever feasible, environmentally preferable products and services that are of comparable quality and price to their standard counterparts should receive purchasing preference. Vendors and producers should be notified that Stella Maris has adopted a "Green" purchase policy and will be asked to provide options for environmentally preferable "Green" products and services.

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