



Wisconsin Master Naturalist



2016 Annual Summary

The Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program is a growing network of well-informed citizens dedicated to conservation 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. The volunteer training course provides coursework in natural history, interpretation, and conservation stewardship in both the classroom and field settings delivered by partner organizations throughout the state.

2013-2016 In Review

Volunteer Hours Reported

8,145 stewardship
 8,548 citizen science
 + 17,855 education

34,548 Total Volunteer Hours

for value* of **\$752,455**

6 Instructor Trainings
 78 Instructors
 46 Partner Organizations
 34 Volunteer Training Courses completed

522 Master Naturalist volunteers residing in
 53 of Wisconsin's counties

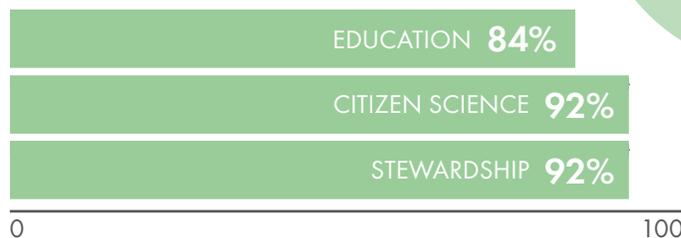
7,652 hours of advanced training for Master Naturalist Volunteers

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

In 2016, Master Naturalist volunteers recorded:

17,454 hours of volunteer service
\$380,148 of value* to the state of Wisconsin
**More than the previous three years combined!*

After taking the course, participants report being motivated to engage in:



52,119
people reached through volunteer led programs

146 new volunteers

11 volunteer trainings

14 scholarships

92% of survey respondents agree the course provided a broad overview of the state's **natural resources** and **the processes that affect them.**

87% of survey respondents felt the curriculum covered the **right topics to support** the work of **future volunteer naturalists.**

"I now have a deeper understanding of Wisconsin's geology, ecology and ecosystems."
 - 2016 Master Naturalist Volunteer

"I can see why having quality volunteers is critical to Wisconsin's ecological and environmental support systems."
 - 2016 Master Naturalist Volunteer



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