

## **WORKSHOPS**

## **WICDI Winter Workshop Recap**

Happy 2020! After the success of our <u>first workshop</u> (back in October) we were excited to lead a second WICDI workshop, this time with a slightly different focus. The WICDI team, along with around 20 fearless participants, braved the cold to congregate in Superior, Wisconsin.

Located on the St. Louis River Estuary, the Lake Superior NERR (National Estuarine Research Reserve) accommodated our group beautifully. Karina, the Coastal Training Program coordinator, helped us set up and stayed to welcome our guests.



Inside the Confluence Room.

Like our last workshop, we started off with an overview of the WICDI project and a brief discussion of our goals, as well as participant introductions. We also covered what we'd learned from the last workshop – both as a refresher and as a way to bring new participants up to speed.



Hayden covers CSE basics and future plans.



Melanie recaps Workshop #1.



Howard explains the story behind WICDI and where we're headed.

We also heard from several participant speakers, including from one of our northwestern neighbors, the Minnesota Lake Superior Coastal Program! I will be linking slides and presentations here as speakers send

them to me, so if you're interested in learning more about individuals' talks, keep an eye on this post.



Melanie Perello, MN DNR



Chris Ester, USFS



Mike Koutnik, Friends of NERR



Carmen Novak & Scott Galetka, Bayfield County



Natalie Chin, UW Sea Grant



Genevieve's mapped culvert data fields.

The range and variety of fields sparked a long discussion of which attributes are most important for

which types of culvert inventories – and how to anticipate the needs of as many use cases as possible when collecting culvert data. Our group ultimately decided to put these questions to the CoP at large, in the form of a survey. We hope to send this survey out around the end of February, so stay tuned!



Genevieve holding court.

NOAA Coastal Fellow Emma Cutler covered the next hour of the workshop with another valuable discussion, this one about risk and vulnerability. Emma has been researching various approaches to assessing flood risk, and outlined several of those approaches for the CoP. WICDI is currently planning to do some pilot studies on risk next field season if all goes well with the project.



Emma walking us through some vulnerability approaches.

We closed the day with some talk of WICDI's future plans. The group also brainstormed ways for the CoP to stay involved with the project, like forming a small workgroup to put together the culvert data survey.



GIO Jim Giglierano wrapping things up.

Once again, I would like to extend a huge thanks to all of our CoP participants, including those who participated and/or presented remotely!