

**A couple of notes:**

**I have been trying to convert to Charter Business as my email carrier and still have not had success so this will go out via the slow method!**

**There are a few important messages: 1. a link from the NY Times on the Bakken senario in ND. 2. The announcement of a meeting in Eau Claire, WI on Dec. 6 sponsored by WI Grassroots Network 3. An encouragement for you to call your governmental officials about Fast Track and The Transatlantic Partnership. 4. Is anyone in Chippewa Falls and Bloomer concerned about the future of Duncan Creek in Chippewa County??? 5. Sierra Club Meeting in Eau Claire on Dec. 3. Crispin Pierce will be the speaker. 6. References from Dr. M. Bamberger and Dr. Robert Oswald re: animal health and human health in the hydraulic fracturing areas of the country. 7. A message from Henry Boschen, webmaster.**

**From the NY Times: THE DOWNSIDE OF THE BOOM! What the fracking industry has done to North Dakota.....some wish conditions were back to normal**

**[http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2014/11/23/us/north-dakota-oil-boom-downside.html?emc=eta1&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2014/11/23/us/north-dakota-oil-boom-downside.html?emc=eta1&_r=0)**

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**Moving Forward**  
**Regional Activist Strategy Session**  
**New Ideas for a New Future**

**2014 Candidate Reflections**

**A New Vision - Mike McCabe  
New Approaches W / Audience Input  
Building a Regional Network**

Saturday, December 6th  
Registration 9:30 / Program 10am - 3:30pm  
Davies Student Center  
Council Oak Room (Room 260)  
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

[77 Roosevelt Ave., Eau Claire, WI](#)

Options for Lunch Will be Announced  
To Include the [Blu Flame Grill](#)

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**Land Stewardship Project ACTION ALERT**

**Tell Congress to Oppose Fast Track & the Trans-Pacific Partnership**

**Calls are needed NOW! If a lame-duck session of Congress takes place in the coming weeks, a top priority for many multi-national corporations will be approval of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Trade Agreement, which encompasses 12 countries located around the Pacific Ocean: the United States, Canada, Mexico, Peru, Chile, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Japan and Brunei. Although the TPP is presented as a way to increase exports by eliminating trade barriers, the reality is that this trade agreement goes far beyond mere "trade" by granting unwarranted privileges to huge corporations, undermining local safeguards and threatening our food system.**

**[Congressional Contact Information: See the bottom of this action](#)**

**alert for the phone numbers of your Congressional delegation.**

**A Lack of Transparency: Currently, the TPP is being negotiated in secret. None of the text has been made publicly available by the negotiators involved — details have only come out through leaked documents. Only government trade officials and some 600 mostly “corporate advisers” have access to the text. Even our members of Congress are without a seat at the table. So while the corporate elite have full access, the American people have been completely shut out.**

**Limiting the Voice of American People: To make matters worse, this year President Barack Obama is seeking “fast track” authority to speed up negotiations and further limit public input. Fast track would remove Congress’ ability to change the TPP, if it’s ever finalized, and only allow for a “yes” or “no” vote on whatever is developed, with almost no public scrutiny.**

**Undermining Local Control and the Democratic Process: One of the most troublesome aspects of TPP is a clause called the “investor state dispute resolution.” Through this clause, corporations could be granted the legal authority, just like a country, to file a lawsuit against government municipalities if that corporation felt local laws impeded “expected future profits.” That means if local ordinances or state laws that protect our health, property and way of life are standing in the way of corporate profits, that corporation could sue for millions of taxpayer dollars in private international trade courts. In Minnesota, this could mean frac sand companies would have the legal authority to sue counties or townships for ordinances restricting frac sand mining, for example. This clause undermines our local democracy and gives multi-national corporations increased power over the rights of citizens.**

**A Threat to the Food System: TPP would require that countries only enact “scientifically justifiable” food safety regulations, making it harder for countries to restrict the use of pesticides, food**

**additives and GMOs based on the precautionary principle. Under TPP, food labels such as Country of Origin Labeling (COOL), “Union Made,” “No Antibiotics,” or “Locally Grown” could be challenged as “trade barriers” rather than legitimate information designed to protect public health or support local business. Historically, international trade agreements have been devastating to people in developing countries, forcing countless family farmers off their land and encouraging a global race to the bottom in acceptable working conditions as corporations relocate to improve their bottom line.**

**Congress ultimately decides if any trade agreement is enacted. The biggest concern is that corporate lobbyists and their allies in Congress will use every means necessary to pass fast track and the TPP, whether it's by attaching fast track authority to other unrelated pieces of legislation, or by pushing for fast track and TPP in a post-election lame-duck session of Congress.**

**Corporate trade proponents need to pass "fast track" authority first, or they will have a very difficult time passing the TPP. So our job is to stop Congress from moving any fast track this year.**

**What we need are more members of Congress hearing from people concerned about the fast track process and this pro-corporate trade agreement. We encourage you to make three phone calls to both Senators and your member of the House of Representatives.**

**Here is a suggested message: Hello, I am calling to leave a message for Senator/Representative \_\_\_\_\_. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in \_\_\_\_\_ and I want them to oppose giving any “fast track” authority to the Obama**

**Administration for the Trans-Pacific Partnership and to call for the public release of its text. I'm opposed to this trade agreement because it has been developed in secret, and because it would take away the rights of people to have a say over the decisions that affect them and their communities.**

**TAKE ACTION. Make these calls TODAY!**

## **MINNESOTA**

### **U.S. Senate**

- **Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN): 202-224-3244**
- **Senator Al Franken (D-MN): 202-224-5641**

### **U.S. House**

- **Rep. Tim Walz (D-MN, CD-1): 202-225-2472**
- **Rep. John Kline (R-MN, CD-2): 202-225-227**
- **Rep. Erik Paulsen (R-MN, CD-3): 202-225-2871**
- **Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN, CD-4): 202-225-6631**
- **Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN, CD-5): 202-225-4755**
- **Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN, CD-6): 202-225-2331**
- **Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN, CD-7): 202-225-2165**
- **Rep. Rick Nolan (D-MN, CD-8): 202-225-6211**

## **WISCONSIN**

### **U.S. Senate**

- **Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI): 202-224-5653**
- **Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI): 202-224-5323**

### **U.S. House**

- Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI, CD-1): 202-225-3031
- Rep. Mark Pocan (D-WI, CD-2): 202-225-2906
- Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI, CD-3): 202-225-5506
  
- Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI, CD-4): 202-2254572
- Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-WI, CD-5): 202-225-5101
  
- Rep. Thomas Petri (R-WI, CD-6): 202-225-2476
- Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI, CD-7): 202-225-3365
  
- Rep. Reid Ribble (R-WI, CD-8): 202-225-5665

For more on TPP visit [www.landstewardshipproject.org/organizingforchange/tpp](http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/organizingforchange/tpp) or call the Land Stewardship Project at 612-722-6377.

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**Our beloved Duncan Creek begins its journey to Chippewa Falls from northern Chippewa County near the Village of New Auburn. It is a well known trout stream and weaves its way down to Chippewa Falls where it empties into the mighty Chippewa River. It has been recently learned that Preferred Sands will have a processing plant, a resin plant, and a trans-load facility where they will load their frac sand onto the rail near Willie Trailer Sales and the trailer court, right along Duncan Creek just off highway 64 north of Bloomer, WI. In addition, it appears that borings are being done in the Town of Bloomer along a ridge but also near the Preferred Sands site. While details are not spelled out about the plans there, in all probability, frac sand**

**mining will become a part of that area, perhaps by another company.**

**Duncan Creek flows into Lake Como in Bloomer, WI. Hasn't funding been done to recently improve that Lake for Bloomer residents?**

**It also flows into IRVINE PARK, a popular park and tourist attraction, located in Chippewa Falls. Millions of dollars of local funding and contributions have gone into park improvements. Trout have been planted for fishing.**

**Funds are being raised for other improvements including a ZOO, a handicapped pier in Glen Lock, and stream improvements.**

**The City Council in Chippewa Falls would not allow the building of a RESIN PLANT at the EOG site. (Canadian Sand and Proppants, Inc.) because of the toxicity of a resin plant. In this case one spill could contaminate the entire CREEK and the aquifer. If you check out the spills created at mines and processing plants by poorly regulated storm water and waste water spills, it would appear the residents of Bloomer and Chippewa Falls should be a little concerned about the future of the CREEK's health and the impact that could be created if**

**it were polluted by the frac sand industry.**

**The ACTIONS taken by the Communities of Bloomer and Chippewa Falls could make a difference.**

**Attend your Town Board and City Council and Chippewa County Board Meetings and other meetings**

**held as part of the decision making process! Voice your opinion. Write letters to the editor and to your governmental officials. Please do what your conscience tells you to do! Nothing will happen if you don't speak up.**

**The health of the Duncan is going to be dependent upon your work and your actions and your leadership as community people who want to make a difference.**

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**Subject: Press Release - Sand plant air quality presentation - Dec 3**

### **Air Quality Near Sand Plants To Be Discussed**

**The health risks caused by airborne particles around sand plants and mines will be discussed at a program of the Chippewa Valley Sierra Club, at 7:30 PM Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Eau Claire.**

**Dr. Crispin Pierce of UWEC will discuss the air quality issues caused by sand mines and processing plants. He'll look at what the particles are, how they are caused, and what the results of a recent study has shown the current levels to be. He'll also suggest what communities can do to protect against potential health effects.**

**Results of a pilot study of airborne particulates around frac sand operations will be published next year in a peer-reviewed professional journal. The study, led by Dr. Pierce, concluded that**

continued monitoring of the smallest particles around sand sites is needed to ensure compliance and protect public health.

Dr. Pierce is Associate Professor and Program Director of the Environmental Public Health program at UWEC.

There is no fee for the presentation which is open to the public. The Unitarian Universalist Church is at 421 S. Farwell St. in Eau Claire. For more information contact Paul Hoff, 715-834-5418, or [hoffpaul@hotmail.com](mailto:hoffpaul@hotmail.com).

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**REFERENCES FROM Dr. M. Bamberger and Robert Oswald who visited WI and our area a few weeks ago! They spoke about human and animal health and shared the book they have co-authored.**

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**The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it.  
Albert Einstein**

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**A MESSAGE FROM HENRY BOSCHEN, WEBMASTER  
FOR CONCERNED CHIPPEWA CITIZEN: [www.ccc-  
wis.com](http://www.ccc-wis.com)**

I found that there are a considerable number of people who are not aware of the purpose or even of the existence of this [web site](#).

I, Henry Boschen, am webmaster, and I hope that you were already aware of it and its purpose.

I authored a quick synopsis for those who were unfamiliar with it, and am passing it along hoping you will too.

The website has historical information, legal advice, and questions to ask at council meetings considering Frac Sand Plant and Mine applications and a wealth of related material.

In addition it has a library of Aerial and Ground Based photographs sorted by mine name, so you can click on a specific name and bring up all of the photographs I have so far, of that particular mine. (Menu Item: "PICTURES")

A new addition on the bottom of the lower menu is a "Frac Sand Map" which locates most of the existing mines and plants in MN and WI. By clicking on a particular mine you can get its name, its location and considerable information about it, even its water usage when available. Zooming in will bring up a Google Map, so you can get an aerial view of that specific mine.

To the right of that on the lower Menu, is Menu Item: "135 WI Mines".

This provides 23 separate categories of information about 145 mines including Lat & Long, county, address, operator, operational status, acreage, # of employees, etc.

**I have a UAV, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, (Drone) from which I have been taking pictures of mine sites and Sand Plants.**

**It has the ability to run autonomous photographic missions under GPS control which can be recorded and re-flown a week, a month or a year later to provide a time stamped record of the site below, perfect for powerpoint presentations. I am adding new pictures of mines and plants to the CCC Web Site as time and weather permits.**

**They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Providing aerial photographs of what is going on behind the berms and fences that these outfits erect to hide their activities will allow us to show those who have not been paying attention, the utter destruction of our land, our state. "Out of sight, out of mind" will no longer apply to these monster corporations who are bulldozing our hills, polluting our streams, and fouling our air.**

**I hope you are finding/will find this site useful, and will alert others of its existence.**

**Should you wish to get on my "Alert List" E-Mail me and I will send short notices of additions to the site.**

**Hank Boschen**

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