

ST. MARYS RIVER REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN NEWSLETTER

December, 2025



Winter Is Here

WELCOME DECEMBER

As the year draws to a close, the St. Marys River RAP reflects on a season of progress. December invites us to pause and appreciate the resilience of our watershed, the dedication of our partners, and the creativity of our community; from photo contest submissions to hands-on stewardship. With winter settling in, we look forward to highlighting how local species adapt to the cold, sharing the results of our fall photo contest, and continuing the momentum toward a healthier river in the year ahead.

PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS!

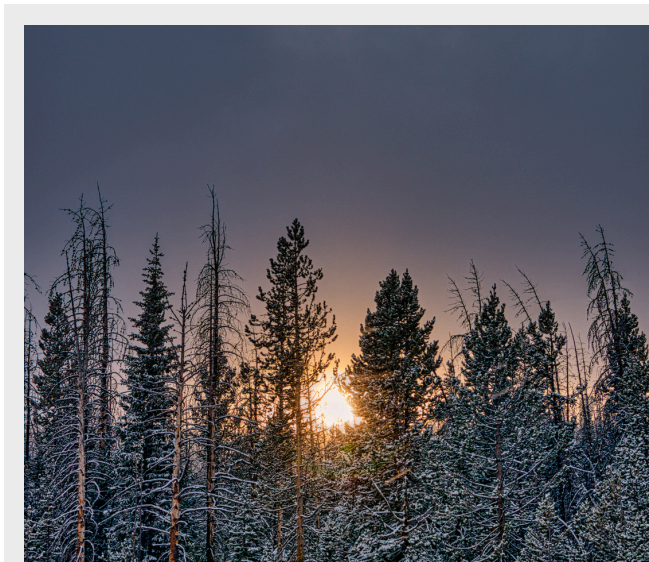


We're thrilled to share the Top 3 winners of the St. Marys River Photo Contest! Each image captured the beauty and resilience of the St. Marys River, and we're grateful to everyone who participated.

- 🥇 First Place: Gabrielle Nicholson
- 🥈 Second Place: Daniel Featherstone
- 🥉 Third Place: Victoria Redegeld

Thank you to our community photographers for helping us see the river through your lens. These photos will be featured on our social media and in upcoming RAP materials, so stay tuned!

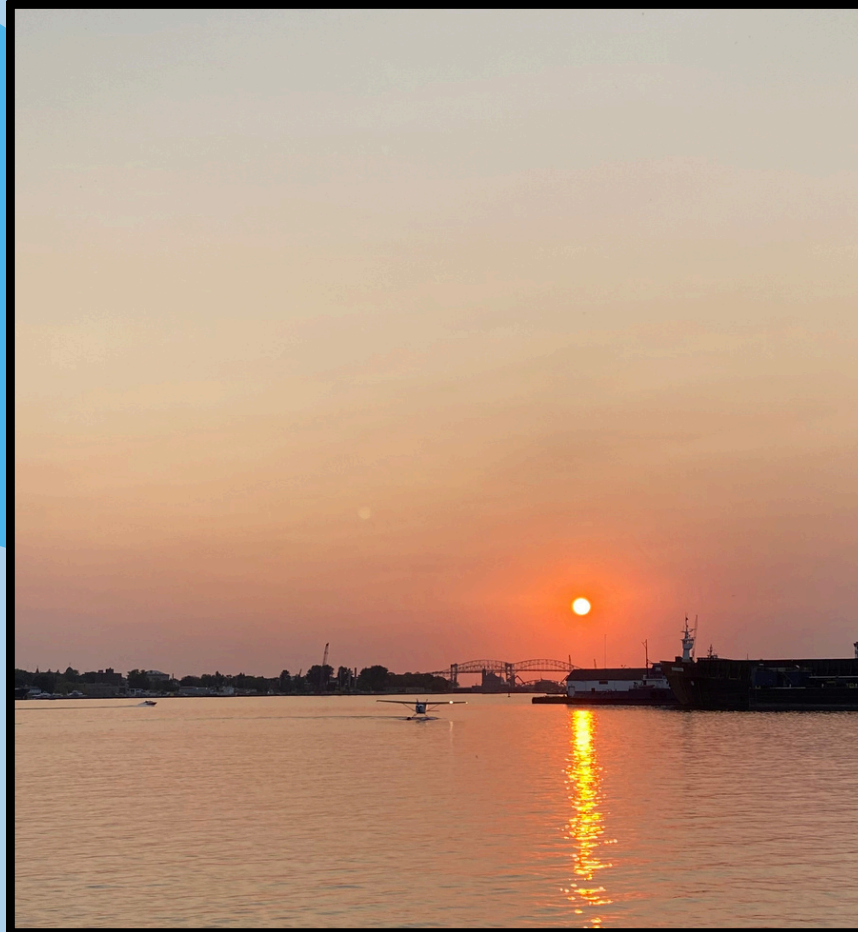
Keep reading to see the winning images from each photographer!



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This month, we invite you to reflect on the new year by sharing your River Reflections, one small action you'll commit to in 2026 that supports the St. Marys River. Whether it's joining a cleanup, planting native species, or simply spending more time outdoors appreciating the watershed, every step makes a difference.



Snap a photo or share a short caption of your reflection and tag us with [#StMarysRiverRAPChallenge](#) and [#RiverReflections](#) for a chance to be featured!

As we wrap up 2025, we're grateful for the dedication of our partners, volunteers, and community members. Together, we've celebrated milestones, tackled challenges, and continued building momentum toward restoration in the St. Marys River Area of Concern. Here's to a restorative and inspiring year ahead!





We acknowledge that we are gathering on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, including the Ojibwe of the Garden River and Batchewana First Nations. This land is part of the Robinson-Huron Treaty and has been home to Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial. We honour their enduring connection to the land, water, and all living things.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for weekly updates, Wild Wednesday species spotlights, and behind-the-scenes looks at restoration work.

Do you have a river memory or old photo? We're collecting historical images to help tell the story of the St. Marys, especially those showing environmental changes over time. Email us at stmarysriverrap@gmail.com or message us directly to contribute.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Let's keep the momentum going this fall!



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