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Rapid Renewal, Wisconsin Rapids Forest Symposium, July 21, 2022.

For more than 100 years papermaking has been a cornerstone of the Wisconsin Rapids and Central Wisconsin economy. Unfortunately, volatility in the paper market has led to multiple mill closures including the Wisconsin Rapids. In this symposium new innovations in paper and forest products are discussed as examples of what is happening in the industry today. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Once-ignored Indigenous Knowledge of Nature Now Shaping Science

If you come into contact with people working in and around natural resources in Minnesota you may hear the term TEK. It's a popular buzzword, which, confusingly, has little to do with technology. It's the acronym for Traditional Ecological Knowledge, an umbrella term for information about the natural world collected by countless generations of Indigenous people. [Read More](#)

Northern Wisconsin Residents Claim Wisconsin DNR is Violating Its Own Standards to Protect Water Quality

Northern Wisconsin residents are accusing the Wisconsin DNR of administering timber sales that allow harvesting too close to the water along lakeshores in the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest, including Upper Gresham Lake. [Read More](#)

State Grant Helps UWSP Partners Meet Forestry Workforce Needs

Addressing a need for skilled workers in the forestry industry, the Wisconsin Forestry Center at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will receive a state grant of up to \$8 million. The Workforce Innovation Grant will support education and create a pipeline to forestry careers for the next generation. [Read More](#)

The Tallest Mass Timber Building in the World is Opening in Downtown Milwaukee. It's Healthier for the Planet. And You.

Milwaukee: Prepare to enter the record books. Ascent, the second of two mass timber structures in the city, will open its doors to residents on July 15, 2022. But unlike Milwaukee's first mass timber structure, Timber Lofts in Walker's Point, this \$80 million building will stand 25 stories high — 284 feet — making it the tallest mass timber building in the world, knocking Norway's Mjøsa Tower out of first place. [Read More](#)

Climate, Earthworms and Deer Overpopulation Alter Northern Forests

As summer reaches its peak, thousands of vacationers are flocking to the forests and lakes of Northern Wisconsin. But those lakes and forests are undergoing big changes, due to the impacts of climate change, invasive species, an oversized deer population and other human-caused disturbances. [Read More](#)

Sheboygan County Shipwreck Added to National Register of Historic Places. What to Know about 'Abiah.'

A shipwreck that lies submerged in Lake Michigan, about 13 miles northeast of the Sheboygan Breakwater Lighthouse, has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Abiah was a schooner launched in late summer 1847 in Irving, New York. It operated in the Great Lakes grain and lumber trades during its career. [Read More](#)

Logjams Benefit Wildlife So Much That Scientists Are Intentionally Placing Wood in Streams

When a large chunk of wood sits in a stream, it offers benefits to the creatures around it. New research finds it's not just fish, but other wildlife that take advantage of the wood too. Researchers were curious how logjams and floating wood could have an impact on animals in the ecosystem. [Read More](#)

This Supercharged Tree Might Help Fight Climate Change

The problem with trees is that they are too slow. Part of the issue with catastrophic climate change is that, by some measures, an incredible amount of damage is already done. Even if all the coal-fired power plants were magically turned into wind and solar overnight, and all our cars were electric, all the greenhouse gases that we pumped into our atmosphere for 200 years would still be there. Trees could, theoretically, help fix that. As they grow, they absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and, long story short, turn it into wood. But many trees only grow a foot or less per year. To not just halt climate change, but actually reverse it, someone would have to invent a tree that can grow much, much faster. [Read More](#)



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