

# Lakeshore update

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## **Petri says county gets river grant**

MANITOWOC — Manitowoc County has been awarded a \$10,000 grant by the Great Lakes Commission to help reduce sediment pollution in the West Twin River watershed, U.S. Rep. Tom Petri reported Friday.

The West Twin River is impaired by phosphorus and low dissolved oxygen because of runoff from area farms, said Petri, R-Fond du Lac.

"Every year, millions of tons of sediment from soil erosion enter water bodies in the Great Lakes Basin, causing massive economic and environmental losses and damages," Petri said.

Petri said the program addresses this problem with "a unique targeted grass-roots approach, which awards grants to nonfederal agencies and nonprofit organizations throughout the Great Lakes region."

The grant provides funding for the Landowner Self Help Sediment Reduction Education On the West Twin River program sponsored by the Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department to reduce sediment pollution.

The program will assist landowners with an understanding of sediment delivery from critical areas of their farms and the resulting impacts to streams, he said.

Participants will be able to conduct their own analyses of the soil erosion process and develop plans to reduce sediment, he said.