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Town of Peshtigo Secures Scientific Study

The Town of Peshtigo has been selected to participate with the American Geophysical Union (AGU) in the development of a scientific PFAS study of their choosing. AGU was established in 1919 by the National Research Council and operated as an unincorporated affiliate of the National Academy of Sciences for more than 50 years.

Town Chairperson and applicant, Cindy Boyle responded with enthusiasm; ‘We were overwhelmed with excitement to learn that the Town of Peshtigo had been accepted into the 2022 cohort. The idea of being connected with our own designated team of scientists to develop a PFAS program of our choosing was almost surreal. The biggest challenge will be in narrowing our scope and developing our program parameters, but we look forward to maximizing the 18 months of scientific analysis made available to us.’ AGU is an international nonprofit association supporting an inclusive community of earth and space scientists and partners dedicated to discovery and solutions to societal challenges. AGU’s Thriving Earth Exchange program connects communities with scientists and supports them as they work together to tackle local challenges related to natural hazards, natural resources, and climate change.

Water Committee member and hydrogeologist, Jeff Lamont relates strongly to such a foundation; ‘It’s thrilling to be provided the opportunity to develop a program in collaboration with Community Science Fellows and the University of Wisconsin’s UniverCity Alliance and EPIC-Network. We are excited about developing a program that helps provide knowledge and solutions to those impacted by PFAS contamination.’ **Community Science** happens when communities and scientists *do science together* to advance community priorities. ‘Doing science’ includes defining questions, designing protocols, collecting and analyzing data, and using scientific knowledge in decision-making. Every community science project begins with community voice, is guided by community knowledge, and ends in community impact.
