**Eau Claire EarthCare**

The Great Lakes Region celebrates the EarthCare efforts of[Unity Eau Claire,](https://www.facebook.com/unityofeauclaire/photos/a.432035464811/10153181494374812/) Wisconsin.

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