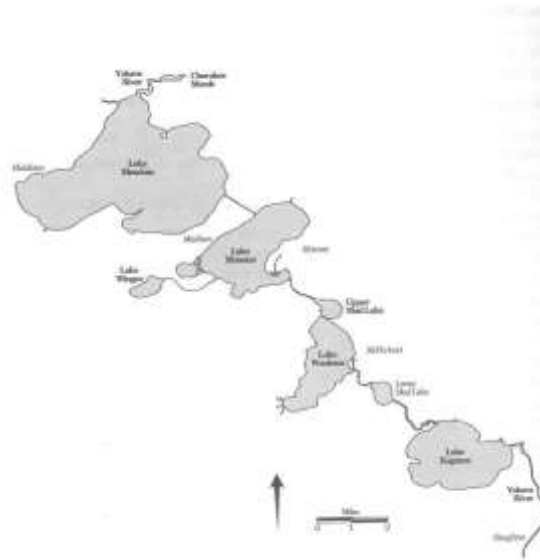


Yahara Lakes Advisory Group 2

Public Forum on *Draft* *Recommendations*



Wednesday, March, 28 2012

6:30 – 9:00 pm

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- WI Dept of Natural Resources
- Dane County Land Conservation Department
- Dane County Lakes & Watershed Commission
- Friends of Cherokee Marsh
- *Capital Region Advocacy Network for Environmental Sustainability*
- UW Civil & Environmental Engineering and City of Madison Engineering Division - INFOS

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Yahara Lakes Advisory Group 2 (YLAG2)

Over the past decade, flooding along the Yahara River Chain has become more frequent and more damaging. To address this issue, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources convened a group of key stakeholders to consider the DNR lake level operating orders which were written over thirty years ago, to determine if they were still effective for regulating and guiding the management of the water levels and flow through the Yahara River Chain and its lakes.

While lake levels prompted the initial discussion, it was clear that they could not be considered alone and the YLAG2 mission expanded to explore and evaluate the operations of the Yahara River Chain and its lakes as an integrated system.

YLAG2 members represent a wide range of interests. Recognizing there were both conflicting and mutual interests, YLAG2 members committed to fully participate in a process that would allow us to make educated, informed, and reasoned recommendations. Now, after a year of study the YLAG2 is pleased to offer its draft recommendations to the public for comment.

If you enjoy the Yahara River Chain and its lakes, if you live along the Yahara waterways, want to learn more about high waters and what can be done, if you are an elected official in Dane County or want to understand the science and the practical management of our treasured water resources, we invite you to attend this event. This event is free and open to the public.

Forum Agenda

- 6:30-6:45 **Interactive Displays & Refreshments**
- 6:45-7:00 **Introduction & Background of Yahara Lakes Advisory Group**
- 7:00-7:45 **YLAG2 Draft Recommendations & Public Input Opportunities, Next Steps and Q&A**
- 7:45-8:00 **Refreshment Break**
- 8:00-9:00 **Public Input**

YLAG2 Project Web Site:

For more detailed information on the project go to:

<http://www.countyofdane.com/wrd/landconservation/ylag.aspx>

YLAG2 Members

- Mike Amstadt, Friends of Lake Kegonsa Society (FOLKS)
 - Kevin Connors, Dane County Land and Water Resources Department
 - Lloyd Eagan, Water Leader, WDNR
 - Bill Fitzpatrick, Yahara Lakes Association
 - Dean Hein, Lake Waubesa Conservation Association
 - Sue Jones, Dane County Office of Lakes and Watersheds
 - Susan Josheff, WDNR
 - Mike Kakuska, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission
 - Dick Lathrop, UW Limnology/DNR
 - Melissa Malott, Dane County Lakes & Watershed Commission
 - Tom McGinnis, Town of Pleasant Springs
 - Don Peterson, Village of McFarland
 - Rob Phillips, City of Madison Engineer
 - Ken Potter, UW Engineering
 - Scott Reiersen, Quam's Marine and Motor Sports
 - Chuck Rolfsmeyer, Madison Fishing Expo
 - Jack von Rutenberg, von Rutenberg Ventures
 - Melissa Sargent, District 18 County Board Supervisor
 - Robin Schmidt, District 24 County Board Supervisor
 - Erica Schmitz, Town of Dunn
 - Susan Tesarik, Wisconsin Association of Lakes
 - John Van Dinter, Chairman, Town of Westport
 - Kurt Welke, DNR Fisheries Biologist
 - Anita Weier, District 18 Madison Alder
 - Chin-Hsie Wu, UW- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Mindy Habecker, Dane County UW-Extension Natural Resource/Community Development Educator, is the group's facilitator.