

Newsletter or Press Release:

Yahara Lakes Advisory Group (YLAG2) will be holding a Public Forum to receive comments on its draft recommendations for the Yahara Lakes system. The free public event will be held 6:30-9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 in the Exposition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center located at 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way in Madison.

The event will include interactive displays, an introduction to the work of YLAG2 and an opportunity to provide feedback and comments on all the proposed draft recommendations.

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 allowed them 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.

For more information on the project go to:

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