FOCUS GROUP INVITATION

TO: **Local government officials, administrators and/or key staff**
FROM: **Winnebago Waterways Steering Team**
RE: **Weigh in on the Winnebago Waterways – Cooperative Management Options**

As you may know, the Weigh in on the Winnebago Waterways team has been working since 2013 and seeking input during a multi-step public engagement effort. We have been learning about the many ways people use the waterways, and their top concerns for the future of these lakes and rivers. We learned a lot about the important issues, including the public's desire for more formal cooperation among the various entities charged with managing our waterways system.

Overwhelmingly, 95% of public survey responders from 2013 said they support agencies and local municipalities **working together** to manage the waterways system. That's why, during this second year of the partnership, the Steering Team continues to work to identify possible shared solutions.

With assistance from a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Lake Planning Grant, a consultant was hired to research options for this region. We would like to share the results with you, and find out which potential options you think might work best for the Winnebago system.

The Winnebago Waterways Steering Team invites you to a meeting to learn more about the project and provide feedback about potential ways to work more collaboratively in the region. Please join us at one of the following meetings. To **RSVP**, please send an email with your name and preferred date/location to: winnebagowaterways@biodiverse.org. Or, call Rebeca Bell at 312.754.0404 to reserve your place at a meeting. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Tuesday, August 12, 6pm-7pm
J.P. Coughlin Center, Meeting Room B
625 E. County Road Y
Oshkosh, WI

Wednesday, August 13, 6pm-7pm
Calumet County Building, Room 017
206 Court Street
Chilton, WI

Tuesday, August 19, 6pm-7pm
Fond du Lac City County Government Center
Room F&G
160 South Macy Street
Fond du Lac, WI

Wednesday, August 20 6pm-7pm
Winneconne Village Hall
Community Room
30 South First Street
Winneconne, WI