



## **Fond du Lac's Lake Association Announces Support for 5-County Lake Winnebago Project**

### For Immediate Release

The Lake Winnebago Quality Improvement Association of Fond du Lac County (LWQIA) announced, Wednesday, its support for the Lake Winnebago System project being undertaken by five counties, including Fond du Lac. The project to create an inventory of assets and prioritize issues regarding Lake Winnebago is being funded by a \$50,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to Calumet County, which will coordinate the project for the five counties.

Stakeholders in Fond du Lac, Calumet, Outagamie, Waushara and Winnebago counties will have an opportunity to provide input about issues that affect the Lake Winnebago System in sessions that are expected to be scheduled soon. "Our lake association intends to participate in these sessions," said Ellen Balthazor, president of LWQIA. "We encourage all other groups and individuals who care about Lake Winnebago to do the same."

The Lake Winnebago Quality Improvement Association is a volunteer citizens group formed in Fond du Lac County to improve the overall quality of Lake Winnebago for the betterment of natural habitat and recreational use, for the benefit of the general public. Membership is open to any person or organization that cares about Lake Winnebago. "Our members have identified water quality, water level, vegetation/invasive species and navigation as our highest priorities at this time," according to Balthazor. "We intend to make our concerns known at these input sessions. Our participation in dialogues such as this is one of the reasons our association was formed. Giving individuals a stronger voice than their own alone is what we offer our members."

More information about LWQIA and a membership application form are available at [www.lwqia.org](http://www.lwqia.org).

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