

Peoria Lakes Basin Alliance

"A Unified Voice for the Restoration and Preservation of the Peoria Lakes"

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Tuesday, August 29, 2017

12:00 pm

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan
 1. Project Status (Communication Plan)
 2. Stakeholder Survey Data
 3. Discussion of Project Review Committee (PRC) and member invitations
- IV. Other
- V. Adjournment

Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan - Project Communication Plan

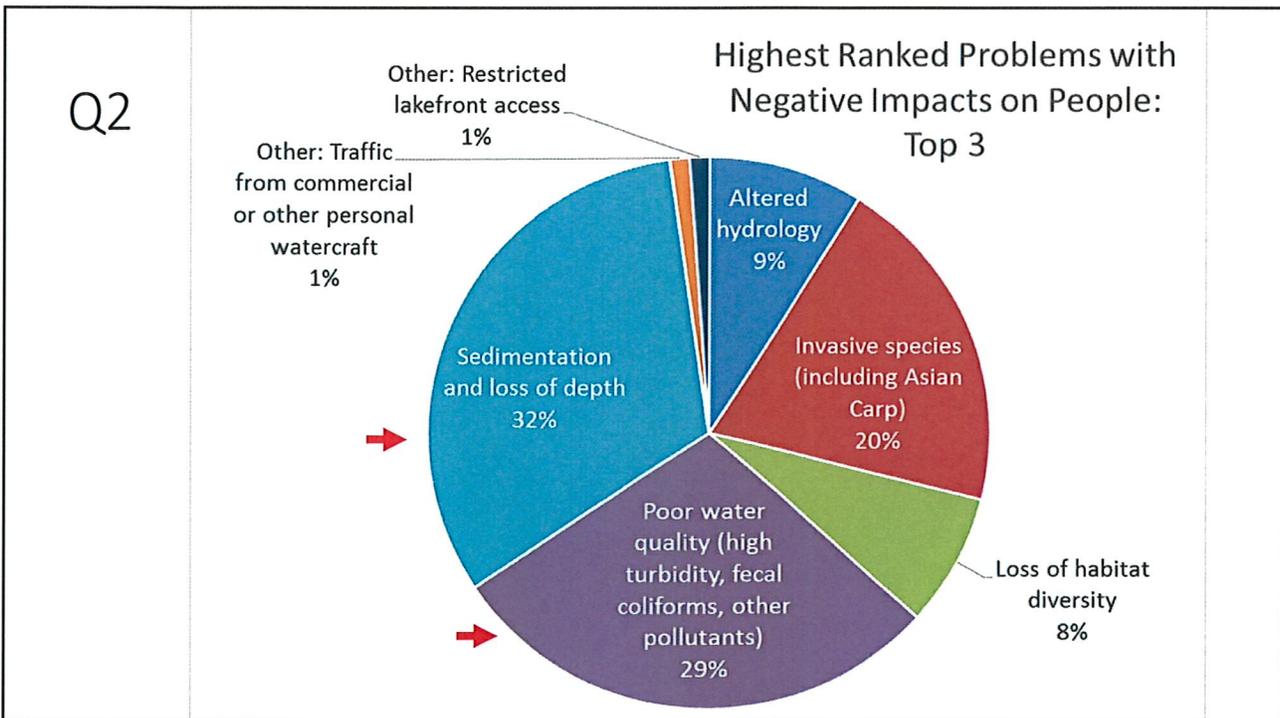
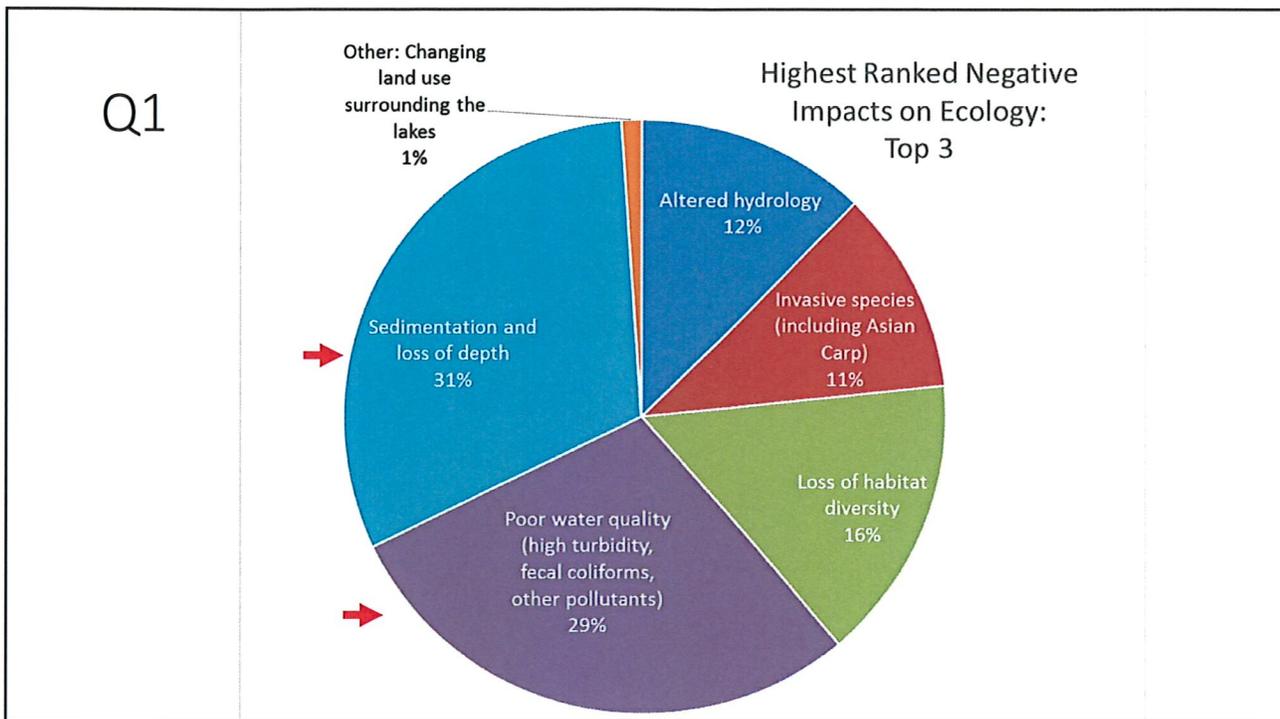
		Content				Timing			Logistics			Status
Plan Element	Task #	Purpose	Message	Frequency	Timeline	Date	Medium: How?	System: Who?	Communicator	Color: G/Y/R		
Public Intro	Task 1	Planning process for the public, inventory concerns and comments	Provide space for community input and knowledge-sharing about Peoria Lakes	One time only (two time slots)	Month 1	July 13, 2017	Facebook, press release, email list, phone calls, editorial board, org websites	TCRPC-USACOE & Org Websites	Bruner/ Abi-Akar/ Veninger			
Stakeholder Input 1	Task 2	Gather detailed input on desired benefits	Allow stakeholders to comment & shape planning process	Online Survey	Month 2	Aug 14 to Aug 23	Email list & phone calls	TCRPC-USACOE & Org Websites	Bruner/ Abi-Akar/ Veninger			
Invite PRC Members	Task 4	Establish Project Review Committee	Invite potential PRC Members (Use standard letter?)	One time only	Month 2 - 3	Aug 30, 2017?	Emails & Phone calls	PLBA Board	PLBA Board			
PRC Mtg 1	Task 5	Hold 1st meeting to discuss PRC R&R and process	Provide space for PRC members to be introduced to the scope and planning process	One time only	Month 4	Oct?	Emails & Phone calls	TCRPC, PLBA Board	Bruner/ Abi-Akar/ PLBA			
PRC Mtg 2	-	Hold 2nd PRC meeting to review USACOE factsheets	Provide space for PRC members to be involved in the planning process	One time only	Month 5 - 6	Nov-Dec?	Emails & Phone calls	TCRPC, PLBA Board	Bruner/ Abi-Akar/ PLBA			
Public Mtg 2: Report Findings	Task 7	Planning process for the public, inventory concerns and comments regarding potential projects	Provide space for community input and knowledge-sharing about Peoria Lakes	One time only	Month 9	Jan	Facebook, Press Release, email list, phone calls, Editorial Board, Org Websites	TCRPC-USACOE & Org Websites	Bruner/ Abi-Akar/ Veninger			
Stakeholder Input 2	Task 2	Gather detailed input on potential projects	Allow stakeholders to comment & shape planning process	Online Survey	Month 9	Jan	Email list & phone calls	TCRPC-USACOE & Org Websites	Bruner/ Abi-Akar/ Veninger			
PRC Mtg 3	Task 8			One time only	Month 10	(TBA)	Emails & phone calls	TCRPC, PLBA Board	Bruner/ Abi-Akar/ PLBA			
Newsletter 1 Distribution	Task 9			(TBA)	Month 10	(TBA)	Facebook, email lists, org websites	TCRPC-USACOE & Org Websites	Bruner/ Abi-Akar/ Veninger			
PRC Mtg 4	Task 10			(TBA)	Month 11	(TBA)	Email lists, phone calls, org websites	TCRPC-USACOE & Org Websites	Bruner/ Abi-Akar/ Veninger			
Document Input & Finalization	Task 11			(TBA)	Month 12	(TBA)	Email lists, phone calls, org websites	TCRPC-USACOE & Org Websites	Bruner/ Abi-Akar/ Veninger			

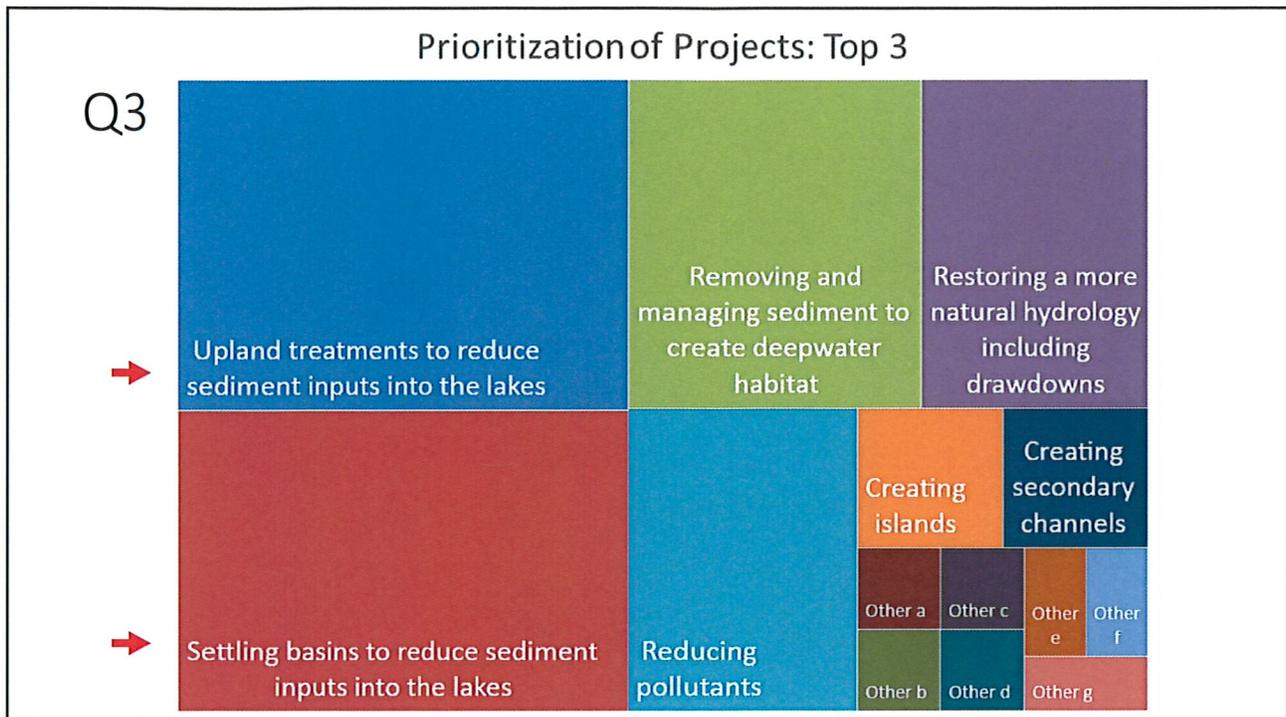
Results of 30 Stakeholder Survey Respondents

(As of /25/2017)

8 questions total

Preliminary Response Summaries

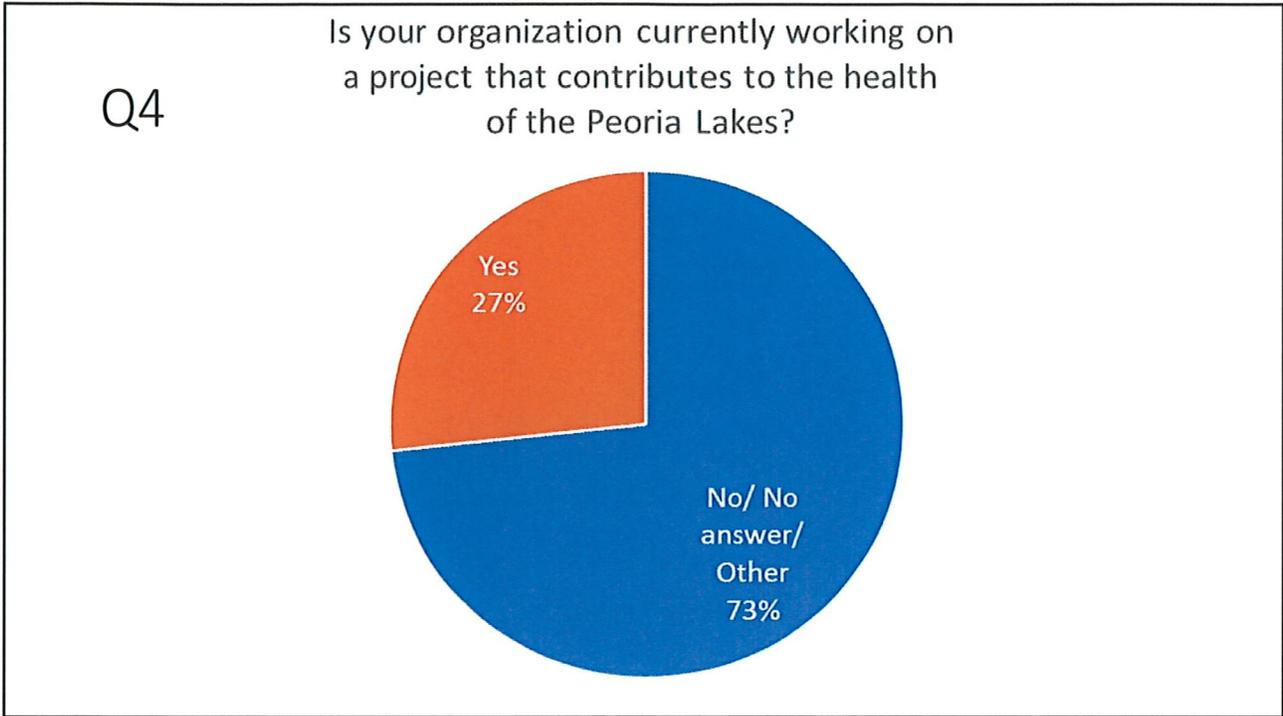




Q3: Prioritization of Projects

1. Upland treatments to reduce sediment inputs into the lakes	24%
2. Settling basins to reduce sediment inputs into the lakes	22%
3. Removing and managing sediment to create deepwater habitat	16%
4. Restoring a more natural hydrology including drawdowns	12%
5. Reducing pollutants	11%
6. Creating islands	3%
7. Creating secondary channels	3%
8. Create a marketable product(s) from our sediment	1%
9. Bluff erosion control	1%
10. Restoration of manageable PEM and PFO habitat	1%
11. Determine an economic method to transport our sedimentation to areas in great need (i.e. New Orleans)	1%
12. There are many different pollutants and one solution will not fit all	1%
13. Promoting rain gardens to reduce runoff	1%
14. Restoration of manageable SAV habitat	1%

} Others: Write-in



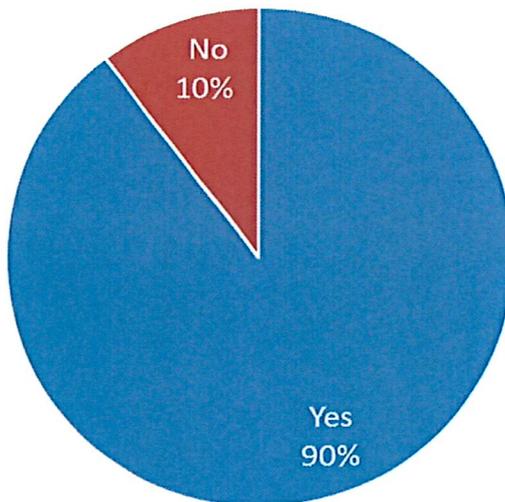
- Q4:** What organizations are doing with the Lakes: Some write-in responses
- Encouraging farmers to use no-till and reduced till farming practices. In July, cosponsored the installation of a bioreactor on a farm.
 - USDA-NRCS; technical assistance and funding for upland treatment for reducing soil erosion and improving water quality and wildlife habitat.
 - Greater Peoria Sanitary District is available and interested in collaborating to assist in any way feasible. GPSD resources are: landowner, bio-solids.

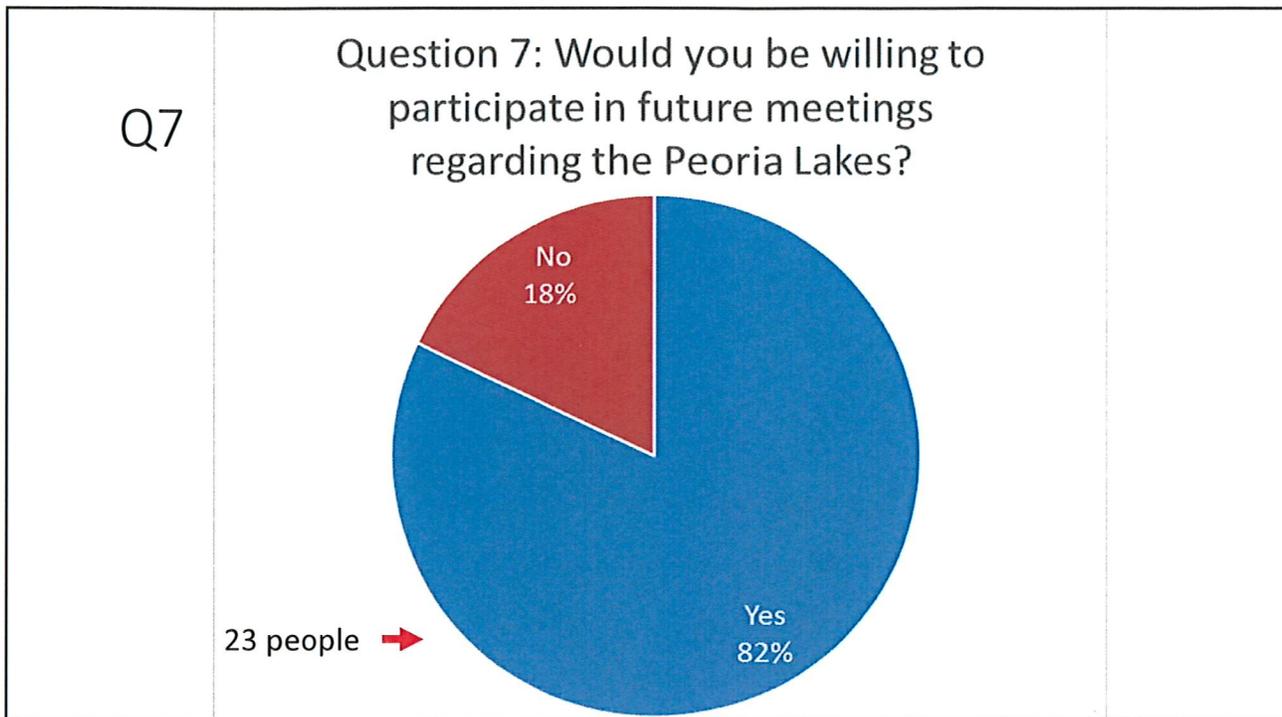
Q5: Additional comments (some responses)

- **(Lots of positive comments saying this is a necessary planning process and the lakes are a valuable resource)**
- Pursuing **projects that bring multiple benefits** can be a way to expand funding sources and get more done overall.
- Farm Bureau is also **informing farmers about proper nutrient management** on farm fields such as split applying nitrogen, etc.
- I think heavy **stocking of the Illinois river shed with Northern Pike** would help to partially control the over population of Asian Carp and provide a needed source of game fish.
- Priority should be put on **reducing input of pollutants and sediment** before altering the geography or hydrology of the water system. Islands, deep water areas, and additional channels will all be for nothing if sedimentation continues at the same rate.
- Love to be able to utilize a river right next to us for **recreation** but I feel like it's a sewer and then have never been in it
- Any plan that is to be successful in the long term must have a **continuous maintenance plan and budget** that ideally would come from the ability to produce it's own revenue. Ultimately, the sedimentation and pollutants are coming from upstream--start with remedying the root cause of the problems and then fix the symptoms.

Q6

Question 6: Would you like to receive future emails regarding the Peoria Lakes planning process?





Q8: Organization List

- Illinois State Water Survey
- Heartland Water Resources Council
- Bradley University
- Peoria County Farm Bureau
- Heart of Illinois Sierra Club
- Illinois State Water Survey
- The Nature Conservancy
- USDA-NRCS
- Illinois State Water Survey
- The Nature Conservancy
- Caterpillar
- PLBA/TCRPC/HWRC/Tazewell County
- Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
- Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
- City of East Peoria
- Peoria Magazines
- Illinois Nature Preserves Commission
- Greater Peoria Sanitary District

Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan - Project Review Committee (PRC):

Category (per Task 4):	Organization:	Representative:
1. Business-Global	Cat Sustainability	Kathryn Spitznagle
2. Business-Retail	Bass Pro Shop GM	Jim Goff
3. Economic Development	Econ Dev Council Int CEO	Denny Kief
4. Environmental Advocacy-Local	Heartland Water Res. Coun.	Tom Tincher
5. Environmental Advocacy-State	IL Conservation Foundation	Eric Schenck
6. Environmental Advocacy-Global	The Nature Conservancy	Doug Blodgett
7. Government-Local	Soil & Water Cons. Dist. VP	David McCormick
8. Government-Local	Peoria, IL Mayor	Jim Ardis
9. Government-Local	East Peoria, IL Mayor	Dave Mingus
10. Government-Regional	Tri-Co Reg Plan Commission	Steve Van Winkle
11. Government-State	IL DNR/IL Riv. Biologist	Nerissa McClelland
12. Government-State	IL EPA/Surface Water Mgr	Gregg Good
13. Government-State	Lt. Gov/IL Riv. Coord. Council	Evelyn Sanguinetti
14. Hydrology	Amec Foster Wheeler Inc.	Wayne Ingram
15. Natural Resource Conservation	Emiquon	Jason Beverlin
16. Natural Resource Conservation	Peo. Lakes Basin Alliance	Russ Crawford
17. River Recreation	IVY Club	Nancy Scott
18. River Transportation	Peoria Barge Terminal GM	Doug Rendleman
19. Science/Scientist	U of I State Water Survey	Mike Demissie
20. Science/Scientist	U of I State Water Survey	Nani Bhowmik

Project Facilitators: Michael Bruner & Reema Abi-Akar (TCRPC); Jackie Veninger (USACOE)

Project Owners: Peoria Lakes Basin Alliance, Tri-County Reg. Planning Commission & USACOE

Notes:

1. All categories above are from our Project documents-Task #4.
2. The categories are in no order of significance, just alphabetical order.
3. Standard for Inclusion: We cannot achieve the level of success desired w/o them.
4. The **PRC Roles & Responsibilities (R&R)** is to be shared to all PRC members.
5. The **PRC R&R** & the **PRC Project Scope** provide guidelines for all PRC members.
6. **PRC invitations have been approved on July 11, 2017 by the PLBA (Project Milestone)**

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Organization
Address
City, State, Zip

Dear (Mr., Ms., Mrs. Name):

The Peoria Lakes Basin Alliance (PLBA), comprised of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, The Nature Conservancy, and Heartland Water Resources Council, is partnering with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to develop the Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan [hyperlink: <http://PartakeInPeoriaLakes.org>]. We held our first public open house on July 13, 2017 and are in the process of gathering input from prospective stakeholders. This means we are contacting stakeholders such as (Name of Organization) that could take interest in Peoria Lakes matters, to ultimately reach a regional consensus about conservation methods. If you are willing to volunteer your time to participate on the project review committee (PRC) as a representative of (Name of Organization), you will be able to have a voice in the planning process.

At this point, the PLBA has identified prospective stakeholders and PRC members. We are pleased to invite you to serve on the PRC for the Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan. As a PRC member, you will have several important roles and responsibilities:

- Understand we cannot achieve the desired level of success without you;
- Agree to fully participate in both the PRC meetings and the work;
- Agree to represent your affiliated organization;
- Agree to stay informed on the project progress and cascade information to others who need to know;
- Agree to comply with the scope (identify projects in/out of scope and start/stop points);
- Agree to comply with the Project's Communication Plan;
- Agree to comply with guidelines for teamwork, collaboration, and decision making;
- Agree to review all public and stakeholder input;
- Agree to use provided methods to participate in the project review and ranking process;
- Agree to focus on the agenda at hand (All non-agenda issues will be captured by Project Facilitators); and

- Agree to take ownership of the final deliverables.

Please consider the PRC member roles and responsibilities before deciding whether to accept this invitation. If you think you cannot fulfill these responsibilities, please do not accept our invitation. The success of this planning process depends on the full commitment of the PRC — personally reviewing the potential projects and attending the PRC meetings are particularly important.

For more information, refer to <http://PartakeInPeoriaLakes.org>, the main project site.

Please let us know of your decision as soon as possible, but no later than Wednesday, September 13, 2017. There are a few time-critical milestones approaching we will need PRC involvement in.

If you accept our invitation, please return the following information to Project Facilitator Michael Bruner (email: mbruner@tricountyrpc.org) under the subject line of *PRC Invitation Acceptance*:

Name:
Title:
Affiliation:
Email:
Phone number:

We hope you will accept our invitation. We look forward to working with you to make Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan a great success. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Michael Bruner (email: mbruner@tricountyrpc.org) or Reema Abi-Akar (email: rabiakar@tricountyrpc.org).

Sincerely,

(Senders Name)