

# Peoria Lakes Basin Alliance

*“A Unified Voice for the Restoration and Preservation of the Peoria Lakes”*

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## PEORIA LAKES BASIN ALLIANCE

### AGENDA

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 12:00 pm  
456 Fulton Street, Suite 401  
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### MEETING GOALS

*Review and finalize screening criteria*

*Suggest additional project elements missed by the USACE*

*Understand the Project Schedule*

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan
  - a. Screening Criteria: Presentation of Feedback (Michael – 5 Minutes)
  - b. Screening Criteria: Discussion and Finalization (Reema – 15 Minutes)
  - c. Fact Sheets: Discussion and Recommendation (Staff – 15 Minutes)
  - d. Project Schedule: Presentation and Discussion (Michael – 10 minutes)
4. Member Reports (PLBA – 15 Minutes)
  - a. Heartland Water Resources Council
  - b. The Nature Conservancy
  - c. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
5. Other
  - a. Next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>
6. Adjournment

## Screening Criteria Feedback

Below is the suggested edits and additions that were submitted by PRC members. The edits have been organized as format changes, rewording/edits, and additional questions. To keep the feedback anonymous, no names are associated to the feedback.

### Suggested Format Changes:

- There should be some option on the criteria to identify projects that are either questionable in nature or have opposing point of view. Adding a “Likely?” and “Maybe?” to the Yes/No options.
- Instead of just yes or no answers, I suggest adding maybe.
- There should be a scale type of answer with an option for a response that the participant does not feel they have sufficient information to respond. This would prevent false positives/negatives by having people make educated guesses in areas they may not be familiar with.

### Suggested Rewording/Edits:

- Question #1
  - Change the reference to “problems” to a more neutral word like “Issues”. Sub-heading – Add an “Other” to allow the reviewer an opportunity to add an issue that has not been identified.
  - Would it be of value to add a category of problems for “river use/navigation.”
- Question #2
  - Does “investment outside of the lakes” mean system wide or larger scale? Maybe reword to clarify the question – “Are system wide or watershed scale changes required to show a measurable change in Peoria Lakes?”
  - Reword to “Investment outside the lakes is not necessary to be effective.”
  - Add “water edge” after “lakes” for clarification
  - For consistency should it read as “Does the project element”, rather than “it”?
  - We may want to define “investment”. Is it intended to reference financial, involvement of people/organizations or other types of obligations?
- Question #3: reword to “Is this project element Environmentally Sustainable?”
- Question #4: reword to “Does the potential exist for public support of this project element?”
- Question #5: reword to “Does the potential exist for government support of this project element?”
- Question #6: reword to “Does the potential exist for scientific/professional support of this project element?”

- Additional Question (Location Question)
  - Maybe reword to clarify – “Where should this project element be implemented to be most effective?”
  - Reword to “Where do you see this project element being located?”

**Suggested Additional Questions:**

- “Is the project element economically sustainable?”
- “Rate the importance of this project element as it relates to the other 13 project elements (Most important – 1, and least important – 13). For example, can restoration of submersed aquatic vegetation be addressed before sedimentation rates and invasive species are controlled?”
- “In addition to localized benefits, would the implementation of this project element also have the potential to provide system wide benefits to the Illinois River Valley as a whole?”
- “Does the project element provide increased opportunity for any of the following?  
– Safe Recreation – Education – Compatible Transportation – Economic Development – Enjoyment by Divergent Constituent Groups”
- Should the criteria include provisions to assess the long-term impact of implementation, and future use of the water bodies (for recreational or otherwise)?

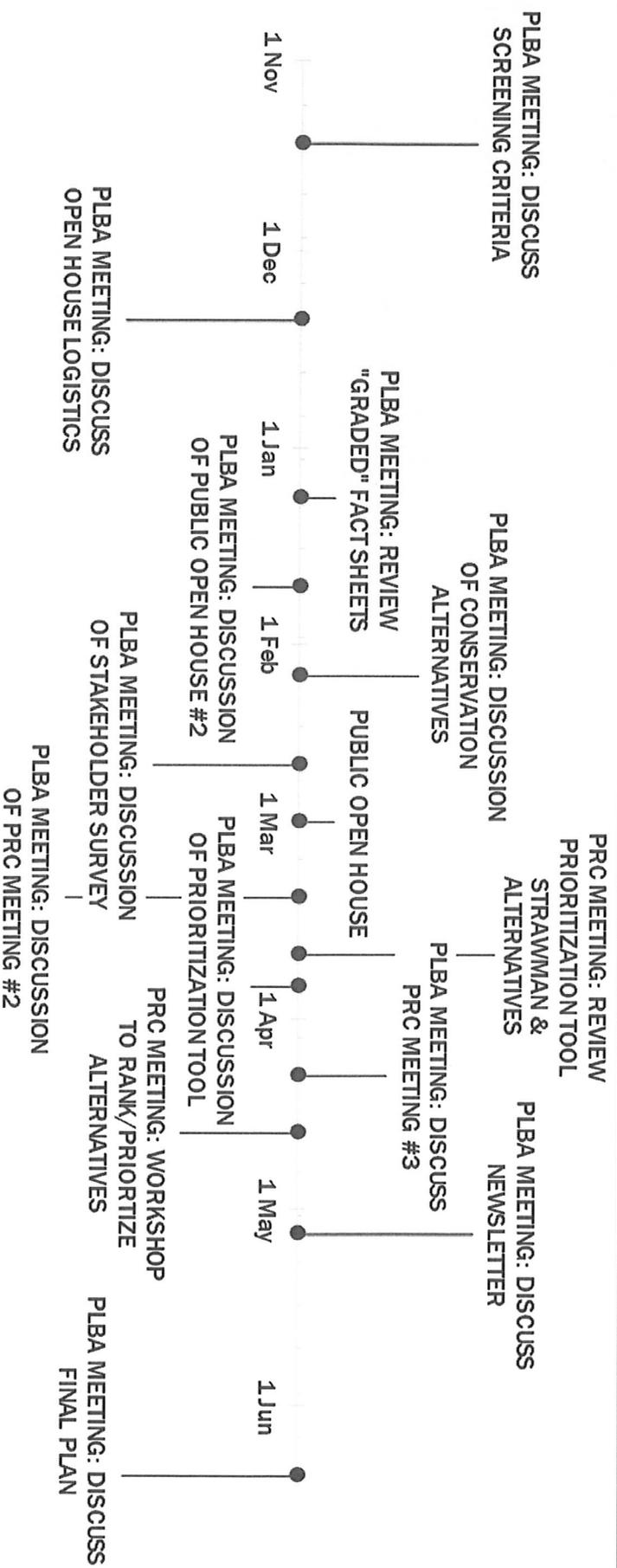
## Criteria for Project Elements

#	Question	Yes?	No?	How so?
<i>Please read the below questions "In your opinion..." Respond with either YES or NO. To further explain your response, please elaborate under "How so?".</i>				
1	Does the project element address the following problems?			
	1a Altered hydrology			
	1b Invasive species			
	1c Loss of habitat diversity			
	1d Sediment			
	1e Water Quality			
2	Does it require investment outside of the lakes to be effective?			
3	Does the project element have Environmental Sustainability?			
4	Does the project element have Public support potential?			
5	Does the project element have Government support potential?			
6	Does the project element have Scientific/professional support potential?			

**Additional Question:** Where will you foresee the location of this project element?

- a. Entire Peoria Lakes
- b. Upper Peoria Lake
- c. Narrows
- d. Lower Peoria Lake
- e. Floodplain
- f. Adjacent watershed

# PROJECT SCHEDULE



# Project Schedule

Date	Meeting	Topic
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	PLBA Meeting	Discussion of fact sheets and screening criteria
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	PLBA Meeting	Discussion of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Public Open House (Logistics)
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	PLBA Meeting	Review “graded” fact sheets
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	PLBA Special Meeting	Finalize discussion of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Public Open House
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	PLBA Meeting	Review and discuss conservation alternatives
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	PLBA Special Meeting	Discussion of stakeholder survey #2
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Public Open House #2	Presentation of USACE array of projects and conservation alternatives
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	PLBA Meeting	Discussion of 2 <sup>nd</sup> PRC Meeting
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	PRC Meeting #2	Review prioritization tool strawman and alternatives
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	PLBA Special Meeting	Review and finalize prioritization tool
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	PLBA Meeting	Discussion of 3 <sup>rd</sup> PRC Meeting
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	PRC Meeting #3	Prioritization workshop
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	PLBA Meeting	Discussion of project newsletter
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	PLBA Meeting	Review and discuss final document