

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT IN LAKE PLANNING, MANAGEMENT, AND POLICY  
Wisconsin Lake Leaders Institute, Seminar III  
Durward's Glen Retreat Center, Baraboo - Thursday, October 20  
Aldo Leopold Foundation, Baraboo - Friday, October 21

Seminar III Objectives

- Provide participants with an understanding of **state and local government processes** (emphasize relationships with local governments and collaborative planning principles)
- Provide participants with an understanding of the **Public Trust Doctrine** and water law in Wisconsin
- Provide participants with an understanding of the **Wisconsin Lakes Partnership** and introduce them to some of our many non-profit partners
- Expose participants to the power of **civic engagement** tools to solve lake issues
- Explore **communication techniques and strategies** for everything from implementation of lake management plans to influencing elected officials
- **Inspire** the new crew of leaders to go forth and lead for Wisconsin's lakes!

**Thursday, October 20**

7:00 AM Breakfast

8:00 AM Welcome & Session Overview (*Mike Engleson, Executive Director, Wisconsin Lakes*)

8:15-9:15 [Making State Law in Wisconsin: A Primer](#) (*Mike*)

9:15-9:45 Public Trust Doctrine: Wisconsin's Legal Legacy of Waterway Protection (*Thomas J. Dawson, Assistant Attorney General, Wisconsin Department of Justice*)

9:45-10 Break

10:00-11:15 Discussion of [Public Trust Doctrine](#) and its relevance to recent/current issues facing Lake Leader participants and the state's water resources (facilitated discussion)

11:15-12:00 [Counties as Partners in Lake Conservation Projects](#) (*Kurt Calkins, Director, Columbia Co. Land and Water Conservation Department*) Power Point shared drive

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:00 [Civic Governance: Not Just Business as Usual](#) (*Ron Verdon, Tainter/Menomoin Lake Improvement Association, Inc. and Chris Gaetzke, Dunn County Land and Water*) Power Point shared drive

2:00-4:30 [Collaborative Lake Planning](#) Process Exercise - (*Arron Thompson, UW-Stevens Point/UWEX Center for Land Use Education; Buzz Sorge, Wisconsin DNR, Eric Olson, UWEX Lakes*)

3:00 Break

4:30- 5:30 Report Out from Exercise Groups & Discuss

5:30 Social Time with Dinner @ 6:30pm

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 21

- 7:00 Breakfast, turn in commitments
- 8:00 Checkout, move as group to Leopold Legacy Center
- 9:00-9:15 Intro to Leopold Legacy Center (*Legacy Center staff*)
- 9:15-9:30 Wisconsin Lakes - We Speak for Lakes (*Mary Knipper, President, Wisconsin Lakes*)
- 9:30-10:00 NGO Collaboration: It's Your Water Wisconsin (*Skip Hansen, Project Coordinator, Central Sands Water Action Coalition*)
- 10:00-10:45 [NGO Collaboration II: Land Trusts and Lake Groups](#) (*Bryan Pierce, Executive Director, Northwoods Land Trust, Mary Knipper*) Power Point shared drive
- 10:45-11 Break
- 11:00 Leadership (*Buddy Huffaker, Executive Director, Aldo Leopold Foundation*)
- 11:45 Some closing comments
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:15 Aldo Leopold Shack Tour (*Foundation Staff*)
- 2:15 [Graduation/Commitments](#) (*Mary Knipper, President, Wisconsin Lakes; Patrick Robinson, Program Director, UW Extension Community, Natural Resources and Economic Development, Sharon Gayan, Director, WI DNR Water Quality Bureau*)
- 3:00 Adjournment - CONGRATULATIONS!