

“Conserving Wisconsin’s Biological Diversity”

Tuesday, November 9

1:00-5:30 pm

1:00-1:55 **Session Overview (5 min.)**
Mary Jean Huston, The Nature Conservancy

Wisconsin’s Biological Diversity, Status, and Challenges (20 min.)
Dave Mladenoff, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources/UW-Madison

Biological Diversity: An Industry Perspective (20 min.)
Cheryl J. Adams, UPM Blandin Paper Mill

Question/Answer and Discussion (10 min.)

2:00-2:30 **Gather Input**
The Leadership Team developed four broad “Desired States” or goals (listed below) and possible actions for achieving each Desired State. Session participants will have the opportunity to review the information at each station and to add their own ideas.

Desired States in regards to “Conserving Wisconsin’s Biological Diversity”

1. Reliable science-based information about biological diversity is available and includes components of inventory, monitoring, analysis, and assessment. This information drives conservation practices and decisions.
2. Public policies, plans, and actions support conservation of biological diversity as an integral part of long-term ecological and economic health.
3. Wisconsin’s citizens value the conservation of biological diversity and recognize it as an essential part of sustainable forest management and productivity, as well as tourism and recreation.
4. The State of Wisconsin has a long-term vision (for timeframes of more than 50 years into the future) that anticipates challenges to biological diversity, even though these challenges may be beyond our direct control, and initiates actions that will minimize damage.

2:30-3:00 **Break**

3:00-3:55 **Discussion of each of the four Desired States and the related Action Items**

4:00-4:30 **Prioritize Actions**

4:30-5:30 **Small Group Work**