



# Decision-Making Criteria

The following questions should be addressed before DPO develops a position on an issue:

- What is the basic issue?
- Has an effort been made to resolve the issue?
- What is the magnitude of the issue?
- Does the request relate to the mission of DPO?
- Is the issue going to set a precedent?
- What are the present or future impacts? To whom?
- What are the alternatives?
- What are the consequences if nothing is done? Are there any unintended consequences?
- What is the best outcome? What is the least expectation?
- What is the timeliness of the issue?
- Who and how many people will the issue affect and for how long?
- Why should DPO get involved?
- Where is the issue happening? (Statewide, Door County, a township or village, a particular property?)
- When is the problem coming up? Is this a before or after situation?
- Has the issue come up before? If so, how was it resolved?
- Is there potential for setting a precedent, as in a zoning issue, which could snowball in the future?