

# Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative

A not-for-profit organization and land trust

Working across state boundaries to enhance Wolf Lake



*Board  
of Directors*

May 10, 2023

*Dr. Phil Willink  
president*

*Ken Czulno  
vice-president*

*Dr. Michael Galbreath  
secretary*

*Dr. Ahmed Lakhani  
treasurer*

*Richard Chambers  
special projects*

## Ex officio

*Michael Boos  
executive director*

*Susan Sadlowski Garza  
City of Chicago*

*Dan Spencer*

*Cook County FPD*

*Bill Emerson, Jr  
Lake County Surveyor*

*Jeramie Strickland  
Illinois DNR*

*Keith Carey  
Hammond Port Authority*

## Individuals

*Jim Buiter*

*Marianne Kozlowski  
Colleen McVeigh*

*Dr. Richard Morrisroe*

*Dr. Valerie Pennanen*

*Dr. Amy Rauch*

*Dr. James P. Sullivan*

*Linda Trinkle*

## Honorary Board

*Gary Bell*

*past president*

*Bruce Caruso*

*David Dabertin*

*Jeff Langbehn*

*Dr. Dennis Nyberg*

*past president*

*Patrick Owens*

*past president*

*Bob Robertson*

*William J. Smith*

*past president*

## **Wetlands Fest Features Bike Ride, Walk**

**Contact: Michael Boos, 219 933-7149 or 312 220-0120**

### *Immediate Release*

A morning bike ride and an afternoon walk will be featured at the 23rd annual Wolf Lake Bi-State Wetlands, Wind & Water festival on Saturday, May 27.

Sponsored by the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI), the festival begins at 9 a.m. near the Visitors Center parking lot at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, 12949 Avenue O, Chicago.

To join the 15-mile bike ride through the Wolf Lake watershed, participants should arrive at 8:45 a.m. Visited will be the new connection with Powderhorn Lake, Indian Creek, Eggers Grove, George Lake and Wolf Lake. Riders will return to the Visitors Center about 11:30 a.m.

Bike riders are required to wear helmets.

A second event, a hike, begins at 1 p.m. at Eggers Grove Forest Preserve. Entrance is at East 112th Street and S. Avenue E.

After entering the forest preserve, drive to the Stop sign at the T-intersection and turn left (east). Drive past the brick caretaker's building into the east lot, and park.

Marianne Kozlowski, co-steward at Eggers Grove, will lead the hike. It will be a tour of spring wildflowers (Mayapple, bellwort, early meadow rue, sandwort, spring cress), sedges (oak sedge, fox sedges), and shrubs (blue-fruited dogwood, viburnum, American hazelnut).

"The hawthorns will probably have finished blooming," she adds, "but the viburnums may have just started and there are spectacular sweeps of viburnum flowers for hundreds of feet along the east marsh."

Kozlowski also will give an overview of Eggers: history, environments, past restoration work and future plans.

Hikers should wear long pants, sturdy shoes and long-sleeve shirts.

On-line registration is required for both events. Consult AWLI's website at [www.wolflakeinitiative.org](http://www.wolflakeinitiative.org). Registration deadline is May 24.

AWLI is a bi-state not-for-profit organization and land trust seeking to protect and enhance the thousands of acres within the Wolf Lake watershed, which serves a population base of 3.4 million.

###

2400 New York Ave., Whiting, IN 46394

219 933-7149 ◆ 312 220-0120 ◆ FAX: 219 473-4259

[michael@wolflakeinitiative.org](mailto:michael@wolflakeinitiative.org) ◆ [www.wolflakeinitiative.org](http://www.wolflakeinitiative.org)