

6th annual Wolf Lake Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting



Friday, November 4, 2022

*Calumet College of St. Joseph (CCSJ), Room 200, 2400 New York
Avenue, Whiting, IN and via Zoom*

Co-Sponsored by Calumet College of St. Joseph, city of Hammond, Legacy Foundation
and the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI)

Planning Committee: Dr. Phil Willink, Illinois Natural History Survey;
Marianne Kozlowski, Eggers Grove, FPDCC; Colleen McVeigh, Field Museum;
Richard Chambers, city of Calumet City; Charles O'Leary, Illinois DNR;
Dan Spencer, FPDCC; Tom Bacula, Indiana DNR; Sherry Meyer, AWLI;
Mary Kuzniar, AWLI; Michael Boos, AWLI

You may register on AWLI's website at: www.wolflakeinitiative.org

You can't manage half a watershed!

8:00 a.m.

Morning walk to the Wildlife Observation Pier. (You may wish to visit the Greening of the Arts 2nd floor exhibit during the day.)

8:30 a.m.

Sign-in

9:00 a.m.

Welcome by Dr. Derek Shouba, vice-president for academic affairs, Calumet College of St. Joseph

9:05 a.m.

Introduction by Dr. Phil Willink, president, AWLI

9:10 a.m.

Advisory Panel 1: Wolf Lake Watershed's past two decades

- a. **Bob Robertson**, retired fish biologist, Indiana DNR & former AWLI director, **Frank Veraldi**, fish biologist, US Army Corps of Engineers, **Ders Anderson**, Openlands, **Dr. Young Choi**, ecologist, Purdue University Northwest
- b. How would the past 20 years have been affected if a watershed management team had existed?
- c. Q & A

9:50 am

Advisory Panel 2: Today's neighbors

- a. **Dave Dabertin**, Hammond resident and attorney, and **John Heroff**, 10th Ward, Chicago, on Wolf Lake Terminals
- b. **Joe Kruczek**, AWLI volunteer, on continuous clean-up of the watershed
- c. How would your efforts have been affected if a management team had existed?
- d. Q & A

10:30 a.m Break

10:45 Advisory Panel 3: Watershed's next two decades with "primary Wolf Lake managers and other state/regional planners" to shepherd the future.

What are the advantages? What are the challenges?

- a. **Dr. Phil Willink**, Illinois Natural History Survey, **Arnold Randall**, General Superintendent, FPDCC, **Charles O'Leary**, Illinois DNR, **Tom Bacula**, Indiana DNR, **Dean Button**, City Engineer, Hammond, **Stephen Bell**, Chicago Park District, **Bill Emerson Jr.** Lake County, IN
- b. Q & A
- c. breakout groups session follows to discuss ways to establish a team of managers for the watershed.

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Lunch Break

12:30 p.m.

Advisory Panel 4:

Breakout groups session continues to discuss ways to establish a team of managers for the watershed.

1:00 p.m.

Advisory Panel 5: Consensus sought on how to form a watershed management team.

With session reconvened, **Phil Willink**, moderator, will hear reports from breakout groups and then seek consensus on a way to form a watershed management team.

1:45 p.m. Advisory Panel 6: Project updates

- a. Improvements sought with the reconnecting of Wolf Lake and Powderhorn Lake by **Dan Spencer**, Southeast Regional Ecologist, Forest Preserve District of Cook County, **Dr. Anthony Porreca**, Illinois Natural History Survey, and **Nat Miller**, Audubon Great Lakes
- b. Updates on Indian Creek Superfund site by **Lauren Bumba**, US EPA, Region 5
- c. Performance of controlled water levels at Eggers Grove by **Becky Collings**, Senior Ecologist, and **Dan Spencer**; with **Marianne Kozlowski**, Co-steward, Eggers Grove, FPDCC, on how it affects the establishment of vegetation that has been planted and is being monitored.
- d. How would your efforts have been affected if a management team had existed?
- e. Q & A

2:40 p.m.

Advisory Panel 7: Film update

- a. Updates on the documentary film *Wolf Lake Abides* by **David McGowan**, Ravenswood Media
- b. How would your approach have been affected if a management team had existed?
- e. Q & A

2:55 pm

Concluding remarks by **Dr. Phil Willink**, President, AWLI