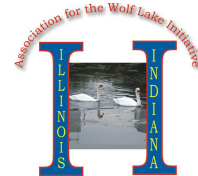


# 7th annual Wolf Lake Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting



**Friday, November 3, 2023**

*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, Cargill, Inc., city of Hammond, Legacy Foundation  
and organized by the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI)

Planning Committee: Dr. Phil Willink, Illinois Natural History Survey;  
Marianne Kozlowski, Eggers Grove, FPDCC;  
Dr. Valerie Pennanen, AWLI Board; Richard Chambers, city of Calumet City;  
Charles O'Leary, Illinois DNR; Dan Spencer, FPDCC; Sherry Meyer, AWLI;  
Mary Kuzniar, AWLI; Michael Boos, AWLI

## community volunteers at work

*You may register on AWLI's website at: [www.wolflakeinitiative.org](http://www.wolflakeinitiative.org)*

**8:00 a.m.**

Morning walk to the Wildlife Observation Pier

**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 (CCSJ)



**9:05 a.m.**

**Introduction by Dr. Phil Willink**, president, AWLI, and Illinois Natural History Survey

**9:10 a.m.**

**Advisory Panel 1: Wolf Lake fish surveys**

a. **Tom Bacula**, fish biologist, Indiana DNR will talk about a recent fish survey of Wolf Lake.

b. **Seth Love**, fish biologist, Illinois DNR, will report on fish stocking, present a brief rundown of fish survey results, and report on the Powderhorn connection project nearing completion.

**9:40 a.m.**

**Advisory Panel 2: Elizabeth Morse Genius Charitabe Trust fellowship winners**

a. **Jane Healy**, science teacher at St. Francis de Sales High School, Chicago

b. **Leigh Coffey**, science teacher at Hammond Central High School

**10:10 a.m. Break**

**10:15 a.m.**

**Advisory Panel 3: Watershed-wide approach to illegal dumping, funding sought from Freshwater Future, Beemsterboer, and Cleveland Cliffs**

a. **Michael Boos**, executive director, AWLI

b. **Joe Kruczek**, volunteer director, AWLI

c. **Milan Kruszynski**, director, Hammond Port Authority

d. **Jeramie Strickland**, director, community outreach, Illinois DNR

**10:30 a.m.**

**Advisory Panel 4: Sampling the Watershed for the next 10 years funded by Freshwater Future, Cleveland Cliffs**

a. **Dr. Young Choi**, ecologist, Purdue University Northwest, and **David Harnish**, lab director, CCSJ

b. Community water samplers: **Lisa Downs, Joey Hinds, Dave Matura, and Joe Kruczek**

**10:50 a.m.**

**Advisory Panel 5: Watershed managers working together**

a. Panel discussion includes **Dr. Valerie Pennanen**, professor emerita of history, CCSJ; **Holly Hudson**, senior aquatic biologist, CMAP; **Ders Anderson**, greenways director, Openlands; **Bill Emerson Jr.**, Lake County surveyor; **Kathy Luther**, director of environmental programs, NIRPC

b. Q & A

## **Noon Lunch**

### **Volunteers working together**

**Group 1: Joe Kruczek**, Clean up debris while reducing illegal dumping in the thousands of acres that comprise the Wolf Lake Watershed.

**Group 2: Dr. Young Choi, David Harnish**, Collect samples monthly from waters of the Wolf Lake watershed, April through October, over a 10-year period to establish a data base on the watershed's health.

**Group 3: David Dabertin**, Help correct water issues within the watershed

**Group 4:** everyone else

**1:00 p.m.**

### **Advisory Panel 6:**

a. **David Dabertin**, Hammond lawyer, water issues within the watershed

**1:30 p.m.**

### **Advisory Panel 7: Project updates**

a. Updates on Indian Creek Superfund site by **Lauren Bumba**, project manager, US EPA, Region 5

b. Update on controlled water levels at Eggers Grove and Powderhorn Lake and prairie by **Becky Collings**, senior ecologist, and **Dan Spencer**, resource ecologist; and **Marianne Kozlowski**, co-steward, Eggers Grove, FPDCC, on how it affects the establishment of vegetation that has been planted and is being monitored

**2:30 p.m.**

### **Advisory Panel 8:**

Project funders include Cleveland Cliffs, Beemsterboer, Freshwater Future, Fund for Wild Nature, city of Hammond, Legacy Foundation, Indiana Humanities, Cargill, Inc. of Hammond, Walmart, Elizabeth Morse Genius Charitable Trust, Ford Motor Company,

**2:55 p.m.**

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