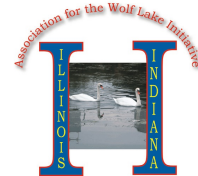


# 8th annual Wolf Lake Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting



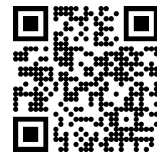
**Friday, November 1, 2024**

*Calumet College of St. Joseph (CCSJ), Room 300,  
2400 New York Avenue, Whiting, IN and via Zoom*

Co-Sponsored by Calumet College of St. Joseph (CCSJ), 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;  
Valerie Pennanen, CCSJ; Marianne Kozlowski, Eggers Grove, FPDCC;  
Nicky Strahl, Illinois DNR; Nicole Machuca, Field Museum;  
Lisa Sowa Downs, Boy Scouts; Mary Kuzniar, AWLI; Michael Boos, AWLI

## sizing up the Watershed



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

As noted in the Wolf Lake Vision document of 2000-2001, the Advisory Committee serves “as a forum to bring together public and private agencies and interests, to provide community input and to foster communication between the primary Wolf Lake managers and other state/regional planners.”

## *Morning Schedule*

**8:30 a.m. Sign-in**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Welcome by Brian Lowry**, director of communications and public relations, Calumet College of St. Joseph (CCSJ)

**9:05 a.m.**

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

**9:10 a.m. (Invited)**

**Advisory Panel 1: How connecting Wolf Lake and Powderhorn Lake affects fish and birds**

- a. **Abigail Rick**, researcher, Illinois Natural History Survey
- b. **Nat Miller**, Audubon Great Lakes

**9:45 a.m. (Invited)**

**Advisory Panel 2: Annual report on Watershed-wide approach to cleanup**

- a. **Joe Kruczek**, director of cleanup volunteers, AWLI
- b. **Marianne Kozlowski**, co-steward, Eggers Grove, Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC)
- c. **Olivia Schweikart**, William W. Powers State Recreation Area

**10:30 a.m. Break**

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**Advisory Panel 3: Researchers study quality of Calumet air and water**

- a. **Dr. Julie Peller**, professor of chemistry, Valparaiso University, et al.
- b. **Jane Healy**, science teacher at St. Francis de Sales High School, Chicago; and **Leigh Neace-Coffey**, science teacher at Hammond Central High School
- c. Second year of sampling the watershed by **Dr. Young Choi**, Purdue University Northwest; **Dave Harnish**, Calumet College of St. Joseph (CCSJ); **Lisa Downs**, **Joey Hinds**, **Dave Matura**, and **Joe Kruczek**, volunteer water samplers

**Noon Lunch**

## *Afternoon Schedule*

**1 p.m.**

### **Advisory Panel 4: Developing a management plan for the Wolf Lake Watershed**

- a. **Holly Hudson**, senior aquatic biologist, Chicago Metropolitan Association of Planners (CMAP)
- b. **Dr. Valerie Pennanen**, professor emerita of history, CCSJ
- c. **Lynsay Hilton Adams**, Indiana Department of Environmental Management,
- d. **Jeff Edstrom**, Illinois DNR

**1:40 p.m.**

### **Advisory Panel 5: Afternoon Presentations**

**Marianne Kozlowski**, co-steward, Eggers Grove, FPDCC, reports on work done on the Wolf Lake overlook at Wolf Lake at the border with William W. Powers State Recreation Area

**2 p.m.**

### **Advisory Panel 6: Project updates**

- a. Updates on Indian Creek Superfund site by **Lauren Bumba**, project manager, US EPA, Region 5
- b. Updates on Powderhorn Lake and Prairie and Eggers Grove by **Becky Collings**, senior ecologist, and **Dan Spencer**, resource ecologist, FPDCC

**2:45 p.m.**

Project funders invited include **Christine Foreman**, Cleveland Cliffs; **Scott Flynn**, Beemsterboer, **Jill Ryan**, Freshwater Future; **Jeff Smith**, city of Hammond, **Kelly Baer**, Legacy Foundation; **Ralph McCampbell**, Cargill, Inc. of Hammond; **Tony Reinhart**, Ford Motor Company

**2:55 p.m.** Concluding remarks by **Dr. Phil Willink**, President, AWLI