10th annual Wolf Lake Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, November 13, 2026

Calumet College of St. Joseph (CCSJ), Room 305
2400 New York Avenue, Whiting, IN and via Zoom

Co-Sponsored by Calumet College of St. Joseph (CCSJ)
and organized by the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative

Planning Committee: Dr. Phil Willink, Illinois Natural History Survey; Dr. Valerie Pennanen, Professor Emerita, CCSJ; Marianne Kozlowski, Eggers Grove, FPDCC: Nicky Strahl, Illinois DNR; Olivia Schweikart, William W. Powers State Recreation Area; Lisa Downs, Scouting America; Mary Kuzniar, AWLI; Michael Boos, AWLI

Planners' 10th Year

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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, Room 305, Calumet College of St. Joseph (CCSJ)

9:00 a.m.
Welcome by Brian Lowry, vice president of Institutional Advancement, CCSJ

9:05 a.m.
Introduction by Michael Boos, executive director, AWLI

9:10 a.m.
Advisory Panel 1: Focusing on Wolf Lake

Seth Love, fish biologist, Illinois DNR, gives an overview of fish management activities at Wolf Lake.

Courtney Weldon, fisheries biologist, Indiana DNR, discusses a spring survey conducted on Wolf Lake for Northern Pike and Walleye this year**.**

Holly Hudson, senior aquatic biologist, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), brings us up to date on developing a management plan for the watershed**.**

9:45 a.m.
Advisory Panel 2: Wolf Lake Water Quality Recorded

Dave Harnish, lab director, presents an update on the fourth year of water sampling at Wolf Lake with **Lisa Sowa-Downs, Joey Hinds, Joe Kruczek** and **Dave Matura**, water samplers.

10:20 a.m. Break

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Advisory Panel 3: Improvements

Brekke Bounds, of the Environmental Education Association of Illinois, talks about the Calumet Educators Collaborative.

Marianne Kozlowski, steward at Eggers Grove, FPDCC, gives a past-and-present talk about the Nike missile site, and **Dan Spencer**, regional ecologist, FPDCC, discusses improvements to north Eggers Grove.

Olivia Schweikart, natural resource coordinator, IDNR, presents improvements at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, including the new pier on the south end and summer fishing derbies.

Noon Lunch

Afternoon Schedule

1:00 p.m.

Advisory Panel 4: Air, Land Quality in Chicago's Calumet region

Dr. Susan Duncan, University of Chicago, discusses air quality in Chicago's Calumet Region.

Stephen Bell, Chicago Park District, gives progress reports on the SE Side natural areas and next steps with Hegewisch Marsh, Indian Ridge Marsh, Big Marsh, Marian Byrnes Park, Steelworkers Park and a couple of lesser-known sites**.**

2:00 p.m.

Advisory Panel 5: Superfund Sites

Lauren Bumba, project manager, updates us on the Indian Creek Superfund site.

Leslie Patterson, remedial project manager, updates us on the Federated Metals Superfund site.

2:30 p.m.

Advisory Panel 6: Decades of Cleanups

Joe Kruczek, AWLI volunteer, and **Michael Boos**, AWLI executive director, talk about cleaning up trash at Wolf Lake during the past decade or more.

2:55 p.m. Concluding remarks by **Michael Boos,** executive director, AWLI

Reminder! Please fill out evaluation forms.