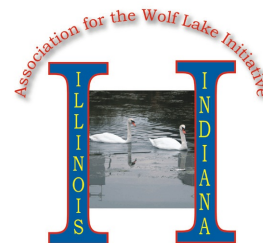


# Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative

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Working across state boundaries to enhance Wolf Lake



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## Watershed advisors seek To improve ties among managers

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## *Immediate Release*

Government and agency officials, educators and local environmentalists will seek to establish closer relationships among Wolf Lake managers on Friday, Nov. 4 at Calumet College, 2400 New York Avenue, Whiting.

The all-day meeting will also discuss research studies and improvements underway at the bi-state Wolf Lake watershed. It will be held in person in Room 200 and via Zoom.

Sponsoring the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Wolf Lake Watershed Advisory Committee meeting are the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI), the city of Hammond, and Calumet College.

Those attending the meeting must register online at AWLI's website: [wolflakeinitiative.org](http://wolflakeinitiative.org). The agenda is available there, as well.

Panelists invited include Dr. Phil Willink, Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS); Lauren Bumba, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 5; Chip O'Leary, Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR); Marianne Kozlowski, co-steward of Eggers Grove, Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC); Dr. Anthony Porreca, INHS; Nat Miller, Audubon Great Lakes; Dr. Young Choi, ecologist, Purdue University Northwest; and Frank Veraldi, fish biologist, US Army Corps of Engineers.

Also invited are Ders Anderson, Openlands; Chicago; Joe Kruczek, AWLI volunteer, Hammond; Bob Robertson, retired fish biologist for the Indiana DNR; Dave Dabertin, Hammond resident and attorney; Arnold Randall, general superintendent, FPDCC; Tom Bacula, fish biologist for the Indiana DNR; Dean Button, city engineer, Hammond; Stephen Bell, Chicago Park District, Bill Emerson Jr., Lake County, Indiana; Dan Spencer, Southeast Regional Ecologist, FPDCC; Becky Collings, senior ecologist, FPDCC; David McGowan, Ravenswood Media; and John Heroff, 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, Chicago.

Dr. Derek Shouba, vice-president for academic affairs, CCSJ, will welcome those gathered.

Planners of the meeting included panelists Willink, Kozlowski, Bacula, Spencer, and O'Leary. Others are Collen McVeigh of the Field Museum; Richard Chambers of the city of Calumet City; and Sherry Meyer, Mary Kuzniar and Michael Boos of AWLI.

AWLI is a bi-state not-for-profit organization and land trust seeking to protect and enhance the thousands of acres that comprise the Wolf Lake watershed.

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