

Wolf Lake Watershed Advisory Committee



Friday, November 3, 2017

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

Co-sponsored by CCSJ, Legacy Foundation of Lake County, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, ArcelorMittal, City of Hammond and Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative

Purpose of WLW Advisory Committee Meeting

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.” The all-day meeting on November 3 will take a **futuristic look** at the watershed.

Envisioning Tomorrow

Agenda

8 a.m. Guided **walk to observation pier** and back led by **Dr. Joan Crist**. Please advise if you plan to join the walk.

You are also invited to view **Greening of the Arts Show** in the Bernard Gallery, Room 207, during the day. Please notice Tom Mullins’ photos of the Wolf Lake watershed, as part of the show.

8:30 a.m.

Registration begins in Room 200

Information table available for upcoming events and other information and notices provided by participants

9 a.m.

Welcome: Dr. Amy McCormack, President, Calumet College of St. Joseph

Introduction of Morning Panels

9:15 a.m.

Updates on Current Research and Projects

Dr. Phil Willink, Senior Research Biologist, Shedd Aquarium, on mudpuppy research at Wolf Lake
Suellen Burns, Senior Advisor, Urban Communities & Partnerships, for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, on the William Powers Park Enhancement Recommendations Plan

10:15 a.m.

Proposed Projects Worthy of Funding

Dr. Young Choi, ecologist at Purdue University Northwest, on restored shorelines at Forsythe Park, Hammond

Tom Bloom, US EPA, **Michael Kobe**, School City of Hammond, retired, and **Sarah Coulter**, Calumet Collaborative, on proposed Calumet Container Nature Classroom

Dave Graham, Chicago Public Health Department, on Schroud Property along Indian Creek

11:45 a.m.

Break for lunch

Noon

Luncheon Speakers Honor Watershed Volunteers of the Year

Michael Boos, AWLI, presents awards to Joe Kruczek and Joe Wright, AWLI members,
John Heroff, Chicago's 10th Ward Office, presents awards to Jayme Boberek and Mary Loretta, founders of Friends of Indian Creek.

1 p.m.

Introduction of afternoon panels

Services Available for Watershed Managers

Chelsea Cottingham, Watershed Specialist, Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Joe Exl, NIRPC

Trevor Sample, Illinois EPA

1: 15 p.m.

Planning for the Watershed's Future

Eric Schenck, Illinois Conservation Foundation, on the projects he and DNR together have prioritized and for which they are seeking funding

Charles "Chip" O'Leary, Deputy Director of Resource Management, Cook County Forest Preserve District, on acquisition plans

Tom Bacula, Fish Biologist, Indiana DNR, on mapping on the Indiana portion of Wolf Lake and future plans

John Heroff, 10th Ward's look to the future

2:50 p.m.

*Concluding remarks with collection of **mudpuppy contest voting** on evaluation form.*