



2nd annual Wolf Lake Watershed Advisory Committee meeting



Friday, November 2, 2018

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

Co-sponsored by CCSJ, 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.” This year’s theme for the all-day meeting on November 2 will focus on recreation at the watershed.

Restoration to Recreation

Draft 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 during the day and a concert by Friends of Dave at 7 p.m. in the Barbara Goodman “Blackbox” Theater. Please notice the exhibit by Tom Mullins of photos of the Wolf Lake watershed.

8:30 a.m.

Check in 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

9:15 a.m.

Panel 1 on Watershed Projects

Tom Bloom, superfund brownfield specialist, US EPA; and **Sarah Coulter**, acting director, Calumet Collaborative, on recreation envisioned at Calumet Container Nature Classroom; **John Heroff**, director of

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policy and legislative affairs, Chicago's 10th Ward office; **Jayme Boberek**, Friends of Indian Creek; **Jared Bilak**, doctoral candidate, Southern Illinois University; and **Ders Anderson**, Openlands

10:15 a.m.

Panel on Fishing & Hunting

Tom Bacula, fish biologist, Indiana DNR; **Frank Veraldi**, fish biologist for the US Army Corps of Engineers; **Levi Brey**, superintendent of William W. Powers State Recreation Area; **Dr. Phil Willink**, consulting biologist and AWLI board member

11:00 a.m.

Panel 2 on Watershed Projects

Charles "Chip" O'Leary, deputy director of resource management, Cook County Forest Preserve District; **Nat Miller**, Audubon Great Lakes; **Eric Schenck**, director of Illinois Conservation Foundation

11:55 a.m.

Break for lunch

Noon

Luncheon Speaker

John Rogner, Illinois Audubon Board Member and retired from US Fish & Wildlife Service

1 p.m.

Jim Bland, adjunct professor at University of Wisconsin, on the threat to recreation from toxic blue-green algae bloom

1:45 p.m.

Panel on Recreation at the Wolf Lake Watershed

Dr. Joan Crist, coach of Calumet College Rowing Crew; **Dave Dabertin**, ice-boating and swimming enthusiast; **Jackie Butzen**, wind surfing instructor; **Joe Kruczek**, fishing enthusiast; **Mitch Barloga** and **Ders Anderson**, hike and bike trails

2:30 p.m.

Kelly Nissan, ArcelorMittal, on Chi-Cal grant opportunities

3:00 p.m. Concluding remarks

Michael Boos, executive director, AWLI