

5th annual Wolf Lake Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting

&

2nd quinquennial Research Summit on the Wolf Lake Watershed



Lake County's Community Foundation



Friday November 5

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

*Co-Sponsored by Calumet College of St. Joseph, city of Hammond, Legacy Foundation
and the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI)*

Planning Committee: Dr. Phil Willink, Illinois Natural History Survey;
Marianne Kozlowski, Eggers Grove, FPDCC; Colleen McVeigh, Field Museum;
Richard Chambers, city of Calumet City; Mary Kuzniar, AWLI, Michael Boos, AWLI

You may register on AWLI's website at: <https://wolflakeinitiative.weebly.com/registrationmeeting.html>

Research Summit on the Wolf Lake Watershed

8:00 a.m.

morning walk to the Wildlife Observation Pier

8:30 a.m.

Sign-in

9 a.m.

Welcome by Dr. Derek Shouba, vice-president for academic affairs, Calumet College of St. Joseph

Next Steps Introduction by Michael L. Boos, executive director, AWLI

9:15

Advisory Panel 1 projects underway and planned

- a. Construction phase of reconnecting Wolf Lake and Powderhorn Lake by **Chip O'Leary**, Deputy Director of Resource Management, FPDCC, **Anthony Porreca**, Illinois Natural History Survey, and **Nat Miller**, Audubon Great Lakes

Summit Panel 1 What research has been completed since 2016?

- a. mudpuppies at Wolf Lake by **Jared Bilak**, University of Southern Illinois, and **Dr.**

Phil Willink, Illinois Natural History Survey and President, AWLI

b. Indian Creek site inspection in 2017 by **Lauren Bumba**, US EPA, Region 5, via Zoom

c. controlled water levels at Eggers Grove by **Chip O'Leary**, Deputy Director of Resource Management, FPDCC, and **Marianne Kozlowski**, co-steward, Eggers Grove, FPDCC, to encourage establishment of vegetation that has been planted and is being monitored

11:00 a.m.

Summit Panel 2 What research is underway or planned?

a. the effects on nature by man's intervention on area wetlands by **Dr. Phil Scarpino**, environmental historian, IUPUI, who is advising the documentary film, *Wolf Lake Abides*, by Ravenswood Media,

11:55 a.m.

Summit Panel 3

What research should be conducted?

12:10

Break for lunch with showing of the film, *Wolf Lake Watershed; Oasis of Serenity and Beauty*. You also may wish to visit the Greening of the Arts Show, also on the second floor.

Wolf Lake Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting

1:00 pm

Advisory Panel 1 projects underway and planned

- a.. Fish biologists **Frank Veraldi**, US Army Corps of Engineers, and **Dr. Phil Willink**, Illinois Natural History Survey, on the status of fish in the watershed and concerns with the waterways.
- b. update on effort to connect Hegewisch to Burnham and Calumet City along the Burnham Bike Trail by **Ders Anderson**, Greenway Manager, Openlands

2:00 pm

Advisory Panel 2 threats to the watershed

- a. update on cleanup of Indian Creek by **Lauren Bumba**, US EPA, Region 5
- b. PolyJohn and Wolf Lake Terminals by **Dave Dabertin**, Hammond attorney
- c. fly dumping by **Joe Kruzcek**, AWLI member

2:55 pm

Concluding remarks by **Dr. Phil Willink**, President, AWLI