

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Canton Lake Watershed (Fulton County)

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Bureau of Water
will hold a public meeting on

Thursday, December 6, 2012 (6:00 pm)

at the

**Donaldson Community Center
Wallace Park
250 S. Avenue D
Canton, Illinois**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on the draft Stage 1 Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report concerning impairments to Canton Lake in the Canton Lake watershed.

This report includes watershed characterization, data analysis and selection of potential models that will be used to determine the pollutant loading capacity and reductions necessary to meet designated uses and water quality standards.

The IEPA implements the TMDL program in accordance with Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. A TMDL is the sum of the allowable amounts of a single pollutant (phosphorus, metals, etc.) that a waterbody can receive from all contributing sources and still meet water quality standards or designated uses.

Stakeholders and participants will also be asked for input and ideas to be applied to the draft Stage 1 report. An additional public meeting will be held in the future to discuss the next stage of the TMDL.

PLEASE NOTE

The subject matter for this public meeting will be about the TMDL for Lake Canton.

Questions or comments about the status of the North Canton Mine NPDES Permit and 401 Water Quality Certification will not be addressed at this public meeting. The comment period for the North Canton Mine NPDES Permit and 401 Certification ended on January 13, 2012.

The draft stage one report for the Canton Lake watershed will be available on-line at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notice. A hard copy of the draft report will be available for viewing at the Parlin-Ingersoll Public Library and Canton City Hall during business hours. Questions about the TMDL should be directed to Abel Haile (see contact information below).

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, January 5, 2013. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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