## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

## **Lake Springfield Watershed**

(Sangamon, Morgan and Macoupin Counties)

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

Thursday, March 27, 2014 (3:00 pm)

at the

## Lincoln Land Community College Trutter Center 5250 Shepherd Road Springfield, Illinois

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on the draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) concerning impairments to three water bodies within the Lake Springfield Watershed: Sugar Creek (three segments), Hoover Branch and Lake Springfield. The potential causes of impairment for these segments of the watershed are boron and total phosphorus.

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.

The draft stage one report for the Lake Springfield Watershed will be available on-line at <a href="www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices">www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices</a>. A hard copy of the draft report will be available for viewing at the Chatham Public Library, Auburn Public Library and CWLP Property Management Center (200 East Lake Shore Drive), during business hours. Questions about the TMDL should be directed to the project manager, Mike Eppley by phone at 217-782-3362 or email <a href="mike.eppley@illinois.gov">mike.eppley@illinois.gov</a>, or contact Abel Haile (see contact information below).

## **Closure of the Meeting Record**

The meeting record will close as of midnight, April 28, 2014. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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