

What: Lakescaping Focus Group Workshop

**When: Saturday, August 1, 2009
9:00 am to Noon (Eastern time)**

We need your input on "Lakescaping" in Indiana!

The Indiana Dept of Natural Resources Division of Fish & Wildlife, Indiana Lakes Management Society, and Midwest Glacial Lakes Fish Habitat Partnership are pleased to invite you to a free, interactive workshop on lakescaping for wildlife and water quality. Participants will learn about the benefits of a natural vegetated buffer zone along the lakeshore and how to restore landscaping that has multiple values for erosion control, nutrient filtration, aesthetics, and goose deterrence along their shoreline property.

Participants will learn about the many benefits of lakescaping and will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the workshop content along the way! Turning Point (TM) voting technology will be used to poll the audience throughout the course of the morning, giving you the opportunity to share your knowledge and experience with us, helping us better meet the needs of you and other lake users in the future. Please join us and give us your input!

Where: In the Learning Center building at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College near Wolf Lake in Noble County, Indiana. See below for directions.

An optional tour of the sustainably-designed, energy efficient LEED-certified facilities and restored native prairie and wetlands on the property will follow the workshop.

RSVP by July 17:

Space is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please RSVP to Angela Sturdevant, asturdevant@dnr.in.gov or 317-234-4906.

Directions to Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College: Merry Lea is located about half way between Goshen and Fort Wayne. (Plan on 45 minutes driving time from either location). Go to www.goshen.edu/merrylea/about/directions.php for directions, or see below.

From Goshen or Fort Wayne: Take US 33 from either direction to Wolf Lake. On the south edge of Wolf Lake take S.R.109 south about 1.5 mi to 350S. Turn right (west) on 350S again for 1.5 mi to 500W. Turn right (north) on 500W and travel 0.5 mi to the south gate which leads to the Learning Center.

From the Columbia City area: take SR 109 north to CR 350S, make a left turn (west on to 350S), and follow the above directions.