NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Thorn Creek Watershed
(Cook and Will Counties)

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Bureau of Water will hold a public meeting on

Thursday, October 11, 2018 (10:00 am)

at the

Park Forest Village Hall
350 Victory Drive
Park Forest, 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 10 (ten) waterbody segments within the Thorn Creek River Watershed -- Thorn Creek (HBD-02, HBD-03, HBD-04, HBD-05, HBD-06) North Creek (HBDA-01), Butterfield Creek (HBDB-03), Deer Creek (HBDC, and HBDC-02), and Sauk Trail Lake (RHI).

The potential causes of impairment for these segments are Dissolved Oxygen (DO), Fecal Coliform, Chloride, Phosphorus, Silver, and Zinc. In addition, a Load Reduction Strategy (LRS) has been developed for Phosphorus, Sedimentation/Siltation, and Total Suspended Solids (TSS).

This Draft TMDL report includes watershed characterization, data analysis, and pollutant loading capacity analysis that have been used to determine the reductions necessary to meet designated uses and water quality standards. Also included is an implementation plan designed to meet the reductions needed.
Illinois EPA 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 (such as 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 on potential nonpoint source Best Management practices and projects that could be included as part of the implementation plan in the final draft Stage 3 report.

The draft Stage 3 report for Thorn Creek Watershed TMDL is available online at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices. A hard copy of the draft report is available for viewing at the Park Forest Village Hall during business hours.

Questions about the draft TMDL report should be directed to the project manager, Abel Haile by phone at 217-782-3362 or email (see contact information below).

**Closure of the Meeting Record**

The meeting record will close as of midnight, November 11, 2018. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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