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April 20th, 2016,

Current Resident/Land Operator in the Lake of the Hills Watershed, West Lake Park, Scott County

You are invited to a public meeting about lakes restoration in the Lake of the Hills Watershed. You are either a resident, or land operator in the watershed, or adjacent to the watershed and we want to share with you information about the health of the lakes. Scott County Conservation personnel, in coordination with Iowa Department of Natural Resources, will be hosting the meeting on **Thursday, May 5th from 6:00pm – 7:30pm at the Blue Grass Public Safety Building, 606 W. Mayne Street, Bluegrass, Iowa 52726**

This meeting is a required public meeting for the Total Maximum Daily Load or TMDL associated with pollutants in the watershed and submission of this action to the Environmental Protection Agency. Additionally, we will go over the lake restoration effort that will involve all the lakes at West Lake Park in future years.

Scott County Conservation Board and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, along with numerous other partner agencies, are actively working to secure the funding necessary to "restore" Lake of the Hills, and the other lakes, located in West Lake Park. The quality of the water in Lake of the Hills is presently negatively impacted by algae and related turbidity. It is on the State's Impaired Waters List.

In order to qualify for state or federal lake restoration funding, a detailed lake restoration and watershed protection plan must first be formally adopted by Scott County Conservation. An assessment of the watershed above the lake has been completed and a plan is being finalized to assure the lake restoration effort will be successful. This assessment identified the most effective best management practices for the watershed to insure long-term protection of the lake water quality. It also helps us prioritize funding for potentially attractive financial incentives to install conservation practices needed in the watershed.

We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday, May 5th at the Blue Grass Public Safety Building**. Please park on the East side and do not block the fire garage doors. We will start at 6 p.m. for the briefings. Personnel will be available until 7:30 for questions or walk-in's for those that can't make the start of the meeting.

Your participation in this watershed planning and assessment initiative is strictly voluntary.

As this project progresses, we will have additional public meetings in the future to keep everyone informed. We look forward to your attendance. If you would like to discuss this project, feel free to contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

Roger Kean
Executive Director

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