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**Lake Springfield Watershed Meeting
Water Quality and Economics of Conservation Practices
Wednesday, December 8th
Prairie View Reception Center**

On Wednesday, December 8th, a meeting for watershed landowners and farm operators titled “**Lake Springfield Water Quality and Economics of Conservation Practices**” will be held at the Prairie View Reception Center, 8865 State Route 4, Chatham, IL., from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. for registration and social time. The current CDC’s Covid-19 guidelines for in-person events will be followed. A buffet dinner prepared by Fulgenzi’s Catering will be provided, so please RSVP no later than Wednesday, December 1st. Certified Crop Advisors are eligible to earn 2.5 Continuing Education Units for attending this meeting.

Dr. Gary Schnitkey, University of Illinois Professor and Farm Management Specialist will be presenting on “Economics of Conservation Practices on Corn and Soybeans; **Dr. Andrew Margenot**, University of Illinois Assistant Professor of Crop Sciences will explain “What is Subsoil P (phosphorus) Supply Power and Why Does It Matter for P 4Rs”, and **Dan Schaefer**, Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association’s Director of Nutrient Stewardship will be provide the latest information available on “Tracking the Yearly Variability of Nitrate Levels in Lake Springfield”.

This meeting is sponsored by the Sangamon County SWCD, Springfield's City Water, Light and Power (CWLP), Illinois EPA through Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), the IL Fertilizer & Chemical Association and the Lake Springfield Watershed Resource Planning Committee (LSWRPC). We continue our multi-partner cooperative efforts to protect the water quality of Lake Springfield, with guidance and recommendations from Illinois' Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy and the 2017 Lake Springfield Watershed-based Management Plan (available at www.sangamoncountyswcd.com)

Please contact the Sangamon County Soil and Water Conservation District (217) 241-6635 ext. 3 or email Shelly Seman michelle.seman@il.nacdnet.net to RSVP for this meeting or for answers to any additional questions about this event.