VOLUNTEERS FOR LOCAL LAKES

For over 30 years, boating enthusiasts and sports fishermen have been monitoring lakes in southern Illinois as part of the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP). The program helps track the water quality of the lakes that our volunteers personally use in the Southern Illinois area, but unfortunately several lakes in Southern Illinois are not currently being monitored.

The data gathered by volunteers can be used to identify critical problems within the lake such as fish population issues, pollution control, erosion control, algal blooms, and the identification and control of invasive species. IEPA relies heavily on volunteers for this data that without their help would be unattainable.

All equipment and materials needed to gather data will be supplied by IEPA. All volunteers require is access to a boat with an anchor and the time each month to monitor the lake of their choice. Participants monitor from May through October. For more information, please visit greateregypt.org, or contact…

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