

Working towards the preservation of an ecologically sound Lake Maxinkuckee and its surrounding watershed

I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields, that it kisses them so gently? And then it covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says "Go to sleep, darlings, till the summer comes again. ~ Lewis Carroll



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Contact your legislators and voice your opposition to SB 389

SB 389 **Repeals State Regulated Wetlands Law**

This is a complex problem without a simple solution. To strike down all protections of isolated wetlands makes development cheaper but brings significant environmental impacts.

At the very least, wetland protection is an important enough issue to warrant further discussion and study in a summer session rather than a repeal of all state protections.



If You Are Fishing:

1. Drill your own test hole near shore. Your test hole should show at least a four-inch thickness of clear ice like you get from your freezer.
2. Wear a life jacket for extra warmth and safety.
3. Be aware of various ice strengths and qualities. One area of a pond may be a foot thick while another spot of ice may only be an inch thick.
4. Ice strength can also change. Thick ice is rotten after rain. Old honey-combed ice, slush ice or ice with current under it is also dangerous. New ice is almost always stronger than old ice. Wind, waterfowl and beavers can also keep areas of ice thin.
5. Indiana law limits ice fishing holes to a diameter of twelve inches.
6. Fishing shanties must have reflectors on each side so snowmobiles won't crash into them at dusk or during snowstorms.



LAKE WEBINAR

Seawalls - Piers - Underwater Beaches

Do I Need A Permit?

Join us for discussion of the Lake Preservation Act, lakeshore activities that require a permit, the Waterway Inquiry Request tool, and where to find information on the DNR website.

**Thursday, February 25
10 - 11 a.m. ET**

Registration is not required. [Click here](#) at the time of the event to join.



Join Meeting

**Lakeshore Property Owners
Lakeshore Landscapers**

Remote learning opportunity!

**Alysson Oliger
Compliance Coordinator
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Water**

Join a discussion on permitting for seawalls - new and repairs, piers, underwater beaches and more.

Learn where you can find information on the DNR website.

This will be a live TEAMS event. No registration required.



2021 Bill Watch

Hoosier Environmental Council works to reduce barriers to sustainable energy use, cut down on pollution and greenhouse gas emissions associated with factory farms, strengthen drinking water protections, and safeguard wilderness areas.

[Check out their website](#) to follow 2021 Bills that impact the environment and find out how you can get involved.



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