



The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce

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The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Community Conversation on Lake Monroe to be held on Friday, June 3rd

Bloomington, IN – May 19, 2022 – The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce is inviting key stakeholders and interested parties for lunch and conversation on the future of Lake Monroe on Friday, June 3rd at the Golf Club at Eagle Pointe.

“This discussion will help guide future planning for Lake Monroe,” said Eric Spoonmore, the Chamber’s President & CEO. “As the primary water source for the region, the lake is one of the most critical resources in the greater Bloomington area, and we must steward it accordingly.”

What Lake Monroe Means. This body is the sole drinking water source for over 130,000 people and generates over \$40 million in economic impact annually. The Lake Monroe watershed consists of over 440 square miles of land in Monroe, Brown, Lawrence, and Jackson Counties.

“We are now approaching the lake's 60th year of a 100-year drinking water source, so extending the life of the lake is critical to Bloomington and the surrounding communities,” States Jane Martin, President, Lake Monroe Water Fund. “Everyone who lives in the watershed and engages in recreation at the lake or uses drinking water sourced from the lake has a key role to play in protecting it. Now is the time to take action.”

Details on the Community Conversation. Doors open at 11:15 with lunch beginning at 11:30 am, cost \$10 per Chamber member and \$15 for non-members. An 11:45 am presentation by Friends of Lake Monroe watershed coordinator Maggie Sullivan will be followed by a panel discussion featuring perspectives on the importance of Lake Monroe as a resource to our community. Panelists will include Alex Crowley (City of Bloomington), Vic Kelson (City Utilities), Jim Krause (Friends of Lake Monroe), Erin Kunkle (Cook Medical), Jane Martin (Lake Monroe Water Fund), and Mike McAfee (Visit Bloomington). Monroe County Council member Cheryl Munson will moderate the panel's Q&A.

Join us to learn how we can work together to care for this valuable community resource. Register Here:

<https://web.chamberbloomington.org/events/CommunityConversations-2111/details>

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