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PROTECTING GROUNDWATER IN MCHENRY COUNTY A PUBLIC FORUM

WOODSTOCK, IL – Future generations of McHenry County residents, businesses, and governments could face a potentially crippling water shortage. To address this issue and begin to educate the general public, **Imagine McHenry County**, and **McHenry County College** will bring county water resource specialists, educators, plumbing experts, religious professionals, and landscapers together for a free ***Water Forum and Resource Fair*** on Saturday morning, August 7. This will be an opportunity to learn about our sole source of drinking water - groundwater - and how to protect it. The Forum will highlight local businesses whose practices and products work to protect and conserve our finite water supply. Vendors will offer products and services.

"Water is personal, water is local, water is regional, water is statewide. Everybody has a different idea, a different approach, a different issue, a different concern, but water is the most personal issue we have," said award-winning journalist Susan J. Marks in a recent interview. The Forum's organizers hope that everyone will become better informed about the basic science and economics involved in protecting our water supply, and learn simple and practical ways to make a big difference.

The **Water Forum and Resource Fair** on Saturday, August 7, will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the McHenry County College, Conference Room, 8900 US Hwy 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois. The public is encouraged to visit the vendor tables both before the event and during break.

Imagine McHenry County (IMC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of a grass roots planning process for quality growth countywide. To learn more about this event and other initiatives of IMC, please see the IMC Facebook page or contact County Board Member, Barbara Wheeler, 815-245-4556.

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