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Carter Elected Chairman of Regional Water Supply Planning Group

Lake County Board Member **Bonnie Thomson Carter**, District 5, will take the helm of the Regional Water Supply Planning Group (RWSPG) for Northeastern Illinois . The group is made up of representatives from the 11 counties in Northeastern Illinois and the municipalities that reside in those counties. They group’s goal is to work together to study the region’s surface and ground water resources, evaluate the supply and growing demand, and come up with a plan for the future.

“The Lake County Board identified ensuring an adequate supply of safe, affordable drinking water as one of its top priorities in the Lake County Strategic Plan. This appointment will allow me to help set the direction for water supply planning not only for Lake County , but also for an entire 11 county region,” Carter said.

In January 2006, Governor Blagojevich issued Executive Order 2006-1, calling for a comprehensive program for state and regional water-supply planning. It directed that regional water supply plans be prepared for at least two priority areas one being northeastern Illinois . The counties represented include: Boone, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee , Kendall, Lake , McHenry and Will counties. The RWSPG includes representatives from diverse groups and interests including government and business to environment and development to ensure that all viewpoints are shared and discussed.

Carter succeeds Kane County Board Chairman Karen McConnaughay as the second county representative to serve as Chairman of the RWSPG. For more information on Lake County ’s water supply planning efforts and the RWSPG, visit www.co.lake.il.us/savewater/