



Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant

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Illinois-Indiana (IL-IN) Sea Grant is one of 34 Sea Grant college programs and is a collaborative program between the University of Illinois and Purdue University.



Improving science education with Hydrolab

IL-IN Sea Grant coordinates the Limno Loan program, which allows educators to borrow water monitoring equipment (Hydrolab) used by scientists for classroom and field use. Educators also have access to Hydrolab training and online resources. In 2019, 26 educators took part, reaching over 1,546 students, improving their motivation to learn and their ability to interpret and graph data.

16,396

K-12 students reached

10,982

acres of coastal habitat restored or protected

8,078

workshop and conference participants

Water affordability report helps inform new Chicago policy

IL-IN Sea Grant collaborated with key partners to better understand water affordability issues in northeastern Illinois. The team compiled examples from states and municipalities around the country, illustrating a range of potential strategies and solutions. This report proved helpful to the City of Chicago as it developed a new program to help low-income residents keep up with water bills. The Utility Billing Relief program provides reduced rates on water bills, eliminates late payment penalties and water shutoffs and provides debt relief for those who qualify.

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Communities collect over 130 tons of unwanted medicine

To help keep medicines out of local waterways, IL-IN Sea Grant supports 55 permanent community collection programs, including four new ones in Illinois and Indiana in 2019. Altogether, in 2019, through these programs, 24,496 pounds of medicine were collected and incinerated. This brings the total amount of unwanted medicine collected since the program began in 2008 to 260,824 pounds or over 130 tons of properly disposed of medicines.

*Metrics reported in Summer 2020 for work conducted February 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020



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