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H-F HIGH SCHOOL'S SCIENCE TEACHER RECEIVES \$500 GRANT

Flossmoor, IL, November 10th, 2008 – H-F High School's Science Teacher Gina Slusinski was pleased to learn she had received approval for her \$500 grant request from the Lake Education Assistance Program (LEAP) on November 7th, 2008. The LEAP will help support funds needed for the lake watershed activity Slusinski is working to conduct. The State funds for this award are made available pursuant to Partners for Conservation legislation.

Slusinski said, "The money will be used to purchase materials/equipment to conduct water analysis studies. It is a great way for students to understand local ecosystems, the animals and plants native to their stewardship and eco-literacy, while engaging them in scientific research."

Project goals will include, but not limited to, the assessment of the water quality, productivity, vegetation, and animals located at three lakes/ponds in the Homewood-Flossmoor area. The data will then be compared to findings from forest preserves in the southwest suburbs.

"This activity will provide students with an opportunity to conduct field research using inquiry and critical thinking to design the investigation, use scientific process skills to collect and analyze data, and report their findings. This semester-long project will also provide them with an opportunity to assess their local natural environments, designate environmental problem areas, and formulate possible action plans for the areas," said Slusinski.

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