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Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Lake Shelbyville, - Don't let your Christmas tree go to waste this year after the holidays. You can put your tree to good use by donating it for Fish Habitat Day at Lake Shelbyville. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will place the discarded trees into Lake Shelbyville. Christmas trees are bundled together in small groups and submerged in the lake at select locations. These shelters provide fish with breeding areas and escape cover. Fish then have a better chance to reach maturity and provide a resource for anglers. New trees are added to select sites each year to maintain suitable cover.

Trees will be collected in Shelbyville and Sullivan. The designated collection site in Sullivan is at Howy's Lakeside on Highway 32. Trees can be dropped off on the northeast side of the parking lot in the grass area behind the barricade during business hours only. (DO NOT PLACE TREES ON THE PARKING LOT). Howy's Lakeside is located approximately 5 miles south of Sullivan on Highway 32.

In Shelbyville, the designated collection site is at Johnstowne Mall on the west side of Shelbyville. Please place trees behind the barricade on the grass at the Northwest corner of the parking area (DO NOT PLACE TREES ON THE PARKING LOT). Trees will be collected at both sites from December 26, 2007 through January 6, 2008. Before delivering your tree to either of the designated collection sites please remove the stand, tinsel and any ornaments. If you have placed a plastic bag on your tree, remove it before leaving the tree. Please do not leave any other kind of tree trimmings, wreaths, flowers or yard waste at the sites.

A tentative date for the placement of the trees into the lake is March 1st, 2008. Volunteers are needed to help bundle and place the trees in the lake. A free lunch will be provided by Eagle Creek

Resort. More details on the fish habitat workday will be announced at a later date. All participants on fish habitat day will receive maps detailing where the trees were placed for later fishing reference. Maps will not be supplied to the general public, so if you would like one, we'll see you on fish habitat day! The Corps of Engineers greatly appreciates both communities for their support of this project.

For more information on this fish habitat project, contact Leanne Cruitt at (217) 774-2513 or Mike Mounce at (217) 345-2420.

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