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**Name:** Northwest Water Planning Area  
**Type:** Lake County Board Appointments  
**Description:** **Title:** Northwest Water Planning Area

**Purpose/Function:** The Northeastern Illinois Regional Water Supply Planning Group was created by Governor's Executive Order in 2006 to study the state's water needs and develop regional aquifer and watershed plans. Lake County was a member of the Planning Group; Member Bonnie Thomson Carter chaired the group as it concluded and released the Water 2050: Northeastern Illinois Regional Water Supply / Demand Plan, the purpose of which is to ensure the availability of clean water for the future. In April 2010 the Lake County Board endorsed the Water 2050 Plan, thereby expressing its interest to join with other governments and stakeholders to implement the Plan. Lake and four other counties, the Lake County Municipal League, Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG), and three other councils of government (COGs), have voluntarily joined together to form the Northwest Water Planning Area in order to implement the Water 2050 Plan.

**Term of members/trustees:** Lake County appoints one County Board Member to the Northwest Water Planning Area.

**Composition:**

**Contact Name:** Bonnie Thomson Carter

**Contact Title:** County Board Member

**Contact Phone:** 847-377-2300

**Contact Email:**

**Website:**

**Compensation:** Unpaid

**Qualifications:** Member must be an elected official from Lake County and appointed by the Lake County Board.

**Authority:**

**Last updated:**

Name	Title	Start Date	End Date
Michael Danforth	Member	12/16/2022	1/10/2025