

## Attachment to Round Lake and It's Future

Round Lake, the 228 acre glacial lake that is the namesake of our area, is facing increasing challenges to maintain its quality as a valuable natural resource for the residents of Round Lake, Round Lake Park, and Round Lake Beach. To understand, anticipate, and plan for the impacts of these challenges efficiently and effectively it is important to understand residents' opinions about these changes and their desires for the future. In response to these challenges, Illinois State University, in collaboration with the Round Lake Management Commission, is conducting a study that examines how attachment to place affects specific environmentally relevant behaviors on and around Round Lake. More directly, we are interested in how your feelings and emotions about Round Lake as a place influence behaviors that have a direct effect on the overall ecological and social qualities of Round Lake. The goal of this project is to help residents of Round Lake and the Round Lake Commission to better plan for the future health and integrity of Round Lake and improve the quality of life associated with Round Lake.

Households were selected based on their proximity to Round Lake. All households within a three block radius of Round Lake were included in the sample. If the results are to accurately reflect the views of persons around Round Lake, we need to obtain responses from as many people as possible. This survey, addressed to "Round Lake Resident" should be arriving in your mailboxes during the week of October 17, 2007. We encourage you to watch for this important survey and please take 10-15 minutes of your time to complete it. It is critical to gather the responses from as many residents around Round Lake as possible to ensure that all residents have an opportunity to have their voices heard. The overall results of the study (but no individual responses) will be provided to the Round Lake Management Commission and other community leaders in your area to help facilitate future planning for the health and well-being Round Lake and its residents. If you did not receive a survey but would like to participate, please contact Joan M. Brehm (project director) at (309) 438-7177, or email her at [jmbrehm@ilstu.edu](mailto:jmbrehm@ilstu.edu). Please be sure to leave your full mailing address so that we may get a survey out in the mail to you as soon as possible.