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Signs urge travelers to protect Rathbun Lake

Rathbun Land and Water Alliance (RLWA) is in the process of installing signs throughout the Rathbun Lake Watershed, which encourages travelers to protect Rathbun Lake. The signs are part of the Alliance's Rathbun Lake Special Project (RLSP).

For the past several years, RLWA members and partners have been working through the special project to protect Rathbun Lake – the source that Rathbun Regional Water Association uses to supply water to 80,000 people in southern Iowa and northern Missouri. The lake, which already provides recreation for nearly one million annual visitors, will soon be home to Iowa's first premiere destination resort - Honey Creek Resort State Park.

The Alliance plans and implements water quality protection activities in the 354,000 acre watershed, which takes in the six counties of Appanoose, Clarke, Decatur, Lucas, Monroe, and Wayne.

The Alliance will highlight the activities carried out during the past year at their 2nd Annual Protect Rathbun Lake meeting for landowners in the watershed on September 13th in Chariton, Iowa.

Those who are interested to know how they can help protect Rathbun Lake can call their local Soil and Water Conservation District office. In Lucas County, call 641.774.2512, for the Alliance or the RLSP visit, www.rlwa.org

