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ECOLOGICAL FIELD EXPERIENCE INSTITUTE

CHARLESTON, IL--Twenty area teachers recently participated in an Ecological Field Experience Institute hosted by Eastern Illinois University.

The program, designed and directed by Marylin Lisowski, associate professor in Eastern's Department of Elementary and Junior High School Education, was aimed at improving science instruction by enhancing teachers' knowledge of science content and processes.

The teachers assessed the water quality of the Lake Charleston and Oakland Spillways and studied two types of prairies in Loxa and Ashmore.

Their research was used to create activity guides and field manuals that will be shared with teachers throughout the state and used to help students learn more about the environment.

The institute was funded by a grant from the federal Dwight E. Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Education Program through the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Note to the Editor (Piatt County Journal-Republican): Mike Kietzman, Monticello High School, participated in the Ecological Field Experience Institute.

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