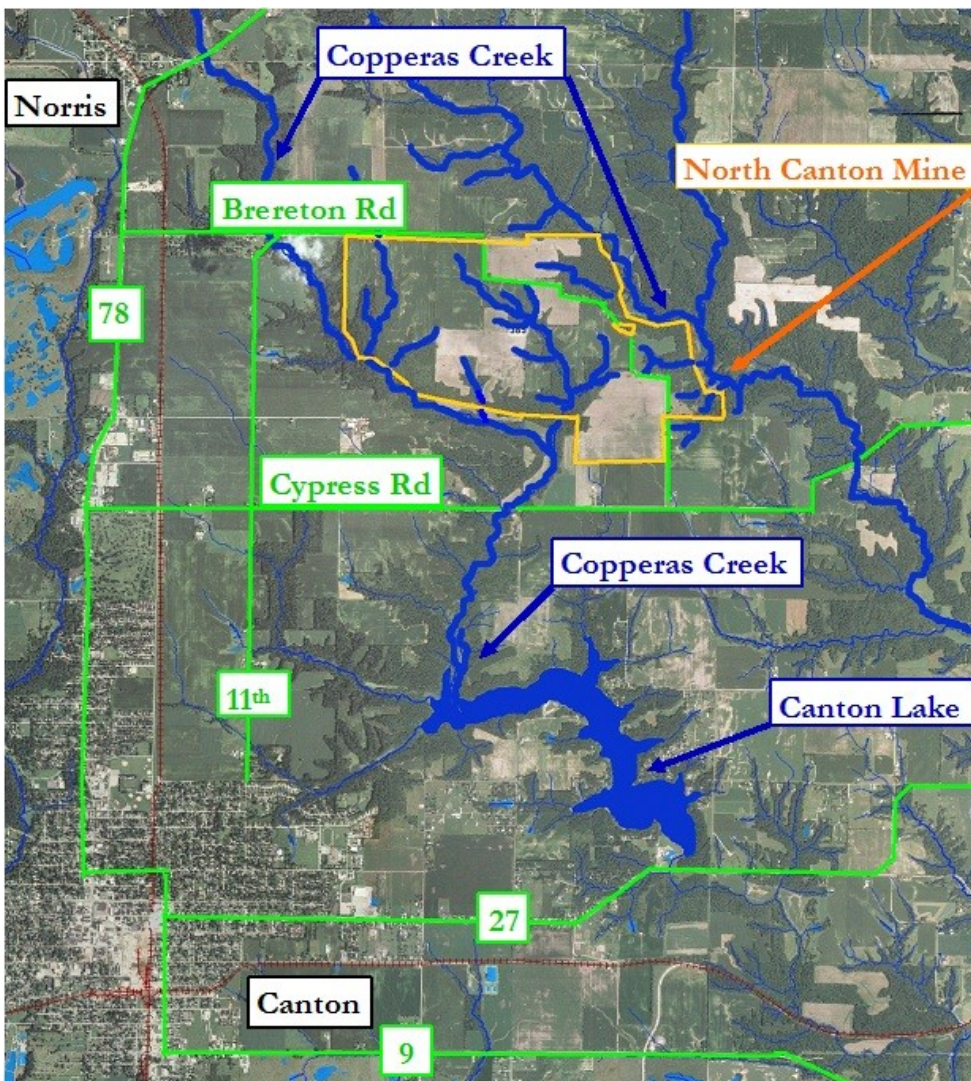


PUBLIC HEARING : Tell Illinois EPA to Protect Canton Lake and Copperas Creek from Strip Mining!

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is holding **Public Hearings** on the proposed North Canton Mine's NPDES Water Discharge Permit and 401 Water Quality Certification:

Tuesday, December 6th, 2011
5:00pm (NPDES) and 7:30pm (401)

Donaldson Center, 250 South Avenue D, Canton, Illinois



Protect Drinking Water from Coal Mine Pollution

The Illinois EPA has issued a draft NPDES Water Discharge Permit and Water Quality Certification for the proposed North Canton Mine that will allow discharge of polluted water into the West and Middle Branches of Copperas Creek and Canton Lake, and the destruction of miles of tributary streams.

Illinois EPA will hold public hearings to accept comments on the draft permits.

If you are concerned about water pollution from the coal mine, these hearings are your chance to convince IEPA to tighten or deny the permit. **We need your voice to protect our clean water!**

Proposed North Canton Mine in orange, upstream of Canton Lake.

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Permits Won't Protect Clean Water

Over 20,000 people rely on Canton Lake for clean drinking water, and Copperas Creek has some of the highest quality wildlife habitat left in Fulton County. We object to the Illinois EPA's issuance of an NPDES Water Discharge Permit and 401 Water Quality Certification for the proposed 1,084 acre North Canton strip coal mine because:

- ⇒ The same group responsible for the disastrous Industry Mine in McDonough County **with over 300 water pollution violations since 2003** is behind the proposed North Canton Mine. Despite ongoing legal action since 2009, IEPA has issued no fines, and the Industry Mine has not come into compliance with its water pollution permit.
- ⇒ Strip mining will destroy miles of tributary streams, and the clean water and high quality habitat they provide cannot be replaced.
- ⇒ Mining will increase pollution in Copperas Creek and Canton Lake, while also preventing millions of gallons of water from ever reaching Canton Lake

The public notice/fact sheet which contains the draft antidegradation assessment and the draft NPDES permit can be viewed on the IEPA website: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notice/2011/capital-resources-development/index.pdf> and <http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notice/2011/north-canton-mine/index.pdf>

What Can You Do to Help Stop this Mine?

Attend the Public Hearing:

This Public Hearing is being held for citizens to express concerns about how this project will affect them, as well as to ask questions and learn more about the project. Speakers need not know technical aspects of the issue – this is the time ask questions and to express your concerns to the IEPA.

Participants may make oral comments at the Public Hearing and will be allowed to submit written comments.

Contact Governor Quinn!

Call Governor Quinn's office now and demand that his agency not issue these permits that would threaten clean water and high quality wildlife habitat. The Governor's Office can be reached at **(217)782-0244**.

Submit Written Comments

Comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by midnight, December 26, 2011. Electronic comments must specify Capital Resources Development Company NPDES in the subject line and must be sent to **epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov**.

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