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Letter: Drought or no drought, practice water conservation

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Although The State Journal-Register reported that Illinois' drought is over for now, we should not forget its impacts. As lawns browned in last summer's dry heat, Springfield residents had to restrict their water usage. Other Illinois communities that also rely on lakes and streams for drinking water faced similar constraints.

Climatologists seem to be predicting that there will not be a drought in Illinois this spring, but who knows what the summer will bring? Why not make water conservation a regular part of our lives, instead of only conserving when there's a crisis?

While there are many things we as individuals have little power over, we can control our personal consumption habits. In the summer months, we typically spend over 30 percent of our water bills on our yards.

To reduce water usage, consider adding more beds of deep-rooted, native plants to your yard. Lawns and sensitive annual flowers have shallow root systems and easily wither in the heat.

Rain gardens are another good way to conserve water. Rain gardens are shallow depressions that capture storm water runoff from downspouts and infiltrate the water into the ground. If you want to learn more about rain gardens, Prairie Rivers Network will give a free workshop on April 29 at 6 p.m. in the Lincoln Library.

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Yes, water conservation is a good thing.

I wonder though how many people know that the City of Decatur is looking for a secondary water source big enough to supply them with an adequate amount of water for well into the future.

Since CWLP has already done most of the work for Hunter Lake, maybe they might want to buy it and finally build the lake.

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