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WATER PLANNING
ALLIANCE

Our vision

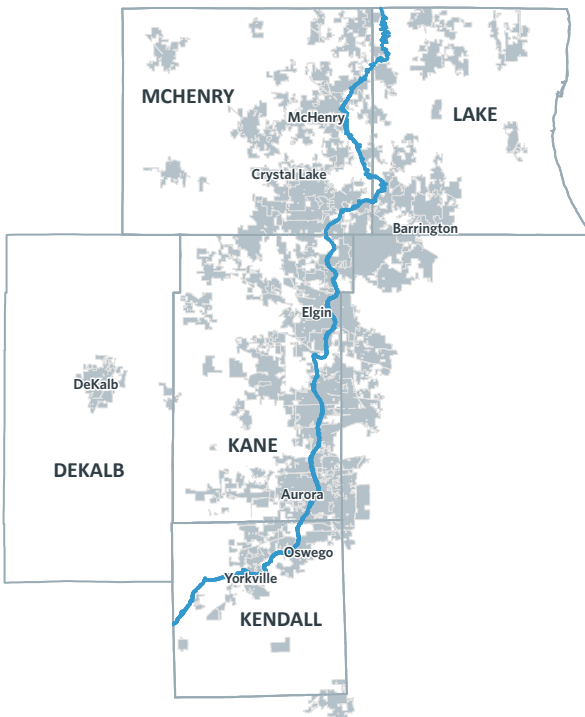
The Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA) is working to ensure that dependable supplies of water are available for generations to come.

Our mission

The NWPA seeks to collaboratively plan for and steward our shared river and groundwater resources to ensure a sustainable water supply for the people, economy, environment, and future generations.

Who we are

Formed by intergovernmental agreement, the NWPA includes more than 80 communities in DeKalb, Kane, Kendall, Lake, and McHenry counties, representing 1.4 million residents in the Chicago region. The NWPA consists of five councils of government – Barrington Area Council of Governments, Lake County Municipal League, McHenry County Council of Governments, Metro West Council of Government, and Northwest Municipal Conference.



Our work

CONSERVE WATER SUPPLY

Lawn watering and other outdoor water uses can account for 30 percent of Illinois home water usage throughout the summer. The NWPA promotes water conservation by encouraging member communities to adopt the **Regional Water Conservation Lawn Watering Ordinance**, which establishes limits on outdoor water use.

- Aurora has saved more than \$10 million in planned infrastructure and equipment costs since adopting lawn watering restrictions.
- Elgin set a goal of reducing per capita water use by 17 percent to save a projected \$16 million in capital investment over the next 30 years.

PROTECT WATER QUALITY

Road salts used for winter snow and ice management are negatively impacting streams and groundwater resources. The **Sensible Salting Initiative** seeks to minimize the unnecessary use of salt-based products to reduce impacts to water supply. With help from water experts, county and municipal leaders, and private practitioners, the NWPA is establishing best practices for snow and ice management in parking lots and sidewalks.

SHARE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

The NWPA provides a forum for elected officials, utility and resource managers, and others to learn the latest research, advance best practices, and share educational and outreach materials. Working with partners – such as CMAP, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, Illinois State Water Survey, Metropolitan Planning Council, and U.S. Geological Survey – the NWPA connects members with critical information and resources.

Get involved

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