NWPA Strives for Regional Sustainable Water Supply



County residents will soon be seeing multiple reminders that the water we use, rely on and may take for granted every day is not in limitless supply. It is the result of one of two key initiatives of the Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA) that includes Kane County and is the latest in a series of

partnerships and programs that Kane is engaged in that are designed to ensure a sustainable fresh water supply in the decades ahead.

So in the near future, you may begin to see with your water bills, targeted campaigns to help raise the consciousness level of people in the region around their use of water. Additionally, the county will share NWPA educational materials as it has in the past with topical local articles from the "<u>What Our</u> <u>Water's Worth</u>" series.

The second NWPA initiative is in cooperation with the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) and water utility operators to measure water levels in deep aquifers.

Just last month Kane joined the ranks of "<u>WaterSense</u>," a voluntary national partnership with the U.S. EPA designed to encourage water conservation and efficiency practices by promoting the use of WaterSanse labeled products by resident

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Groundwater is not an endless supply. Help use our resource efficiently.

Did you know... it can take centuries for rain to replenish a groundwater aquifer so that we may use it again? That's why we must conserve our current groundwater supply.

You can help by... using a WaterSense-labeled showerhead or toilet.

Thank you for doing your part to help ensure that our community and neighboring communities have a clean and reliable water source now and for future generations! For more information, visit

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The Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA) was officially constituted by Intergovernmental Agreement in the Fall of 2010. It represents five councils of government, including approximately 80 communities (e.g. Aurora and Elgin) and five counties (DeKalb, Kane, Kendall, Lake and McHenry), encompassing over 1.3 million people. The NWPA uses a cooperative planning approach to water supply planning for the NWPA sub-region. It will advance many of the recommendations and concepts identified in the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) *Water 2050* plan. There's a lot more information and a fact sheet on the NWPA <u>website</u>.