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#### Northwest Illinois/11-County Water Study Kickoff Meetings IAGP @ Kishwaukee College | April 14, 2018 @ 12:30 p.m.



### **Regional Water Supply Planning - IDNR**

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Why do water supply planning?

### • Water is essential for:

- Residents
- Businesses
- Industries
- Navigation
- Aquatic Ecosystems
- Recreation

# • The state seeks to plan for the sustainable management of this valuable resource



#### **IDNR Presentation** Why do water supply planning?



#### Illinois Statewide Palmer Drought Severity Index (ISWS 2015) PALMER DROUGHT SEVERITY INDEX -6 -8 92.5 Blue means wet; red means dry; noteworthy droughts labeled

#### Illinois, Palmer Index, January-December (1895-2015)

#### Isn't Illinois a water rich state?



Water Supply Planning Background

- Governor's January 2006 Executive Order
  - A comprehensive program for state and regional water supply planning & implementation
  - Establishing a scientific basis & an administrative framework for implementation of state and regional water supply planning and management
  - Encourages creation of locally-based regional water supply planning committees





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#### Governor Blagojevich orders statewide water supply study

Governor issues executive order to study state's water needs to protect against shortages and develop regional plans

SPRINGFIELD - Following last summer's long and costly drought, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich today issued an Executive Order to develop a comprehensive, statewide water supply planning and management strategy. The Department of Natural Resources Office of Water Resources will oversee the process in conjunction with the State Water Survey (SWS).

"It is critical for Illinois to get ahead of the curve when it comes to water supply planning," said Gov. Blagojevich. "Last summer's drought demonstrated to us that careful management of our water must be a priority so we always have enough supply for people to drink and use, for our industries like agriculture, and for our fish and wildlife

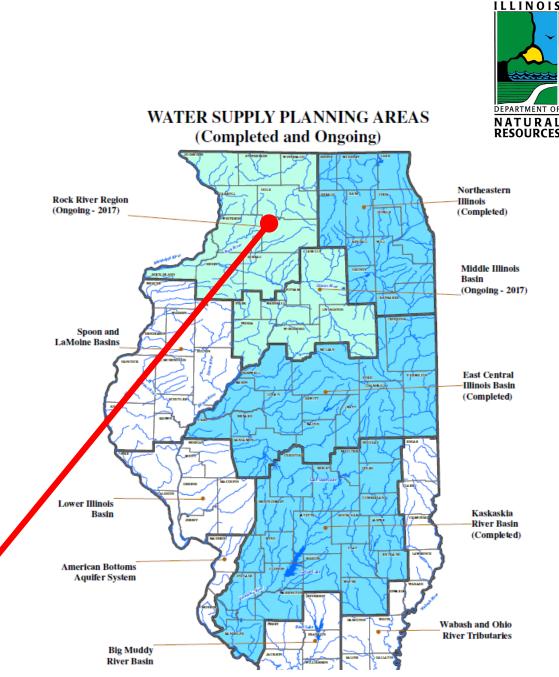
While Illinois is on the shores of Lake Michigan, one of the largest freshwater sources in the world, and has significant sources of both groundwater and surface water, portions of the state face legal and physical restraints to increasing water supplies. Shortages like last year's drought, and the restrictions it triggered, have so far been rare, but the growing

population of the state and increasing demand for water will strain current sources. Previously, the SWS, the Illinois Interagency Coordinating Committee on Groundwater,

and the Illinois State Water Plan Task Force have identified the Priority Water Quantity Planning Areas that are most at risk for water shortages and conflicts. By December 1006, at least two of those areas will have Regional Water Quantity Plans in process

**Current and Previous Efforts** 

- Three regions have been formed and have created water supply plans:
  - East Central
  - Northeastern
  - Kaskaskia
- Two regions are being formed
  - Middle Illinois
  - Rock River (10 NW IL counties)



**Regional Planning Process** 



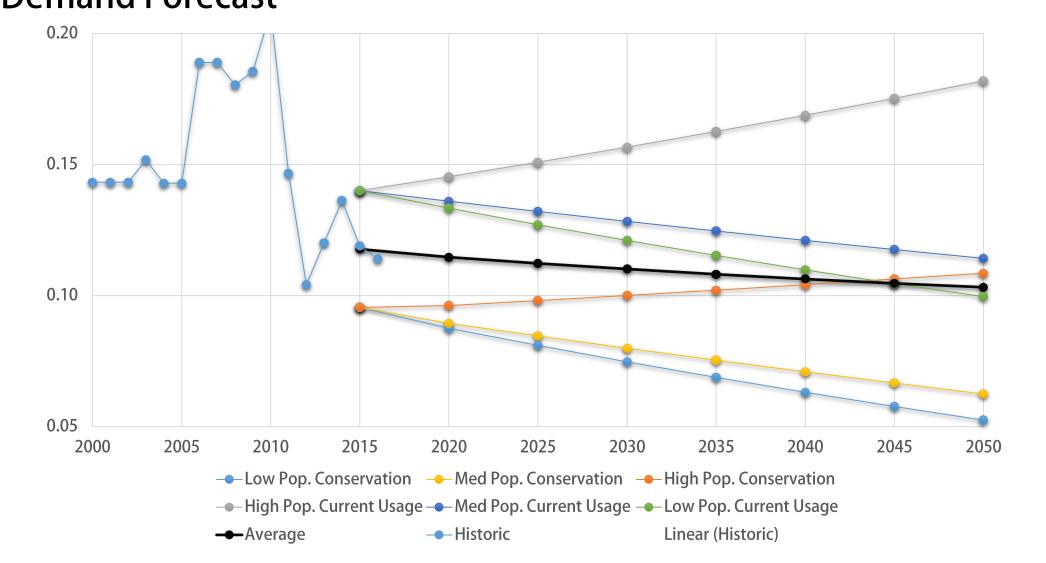




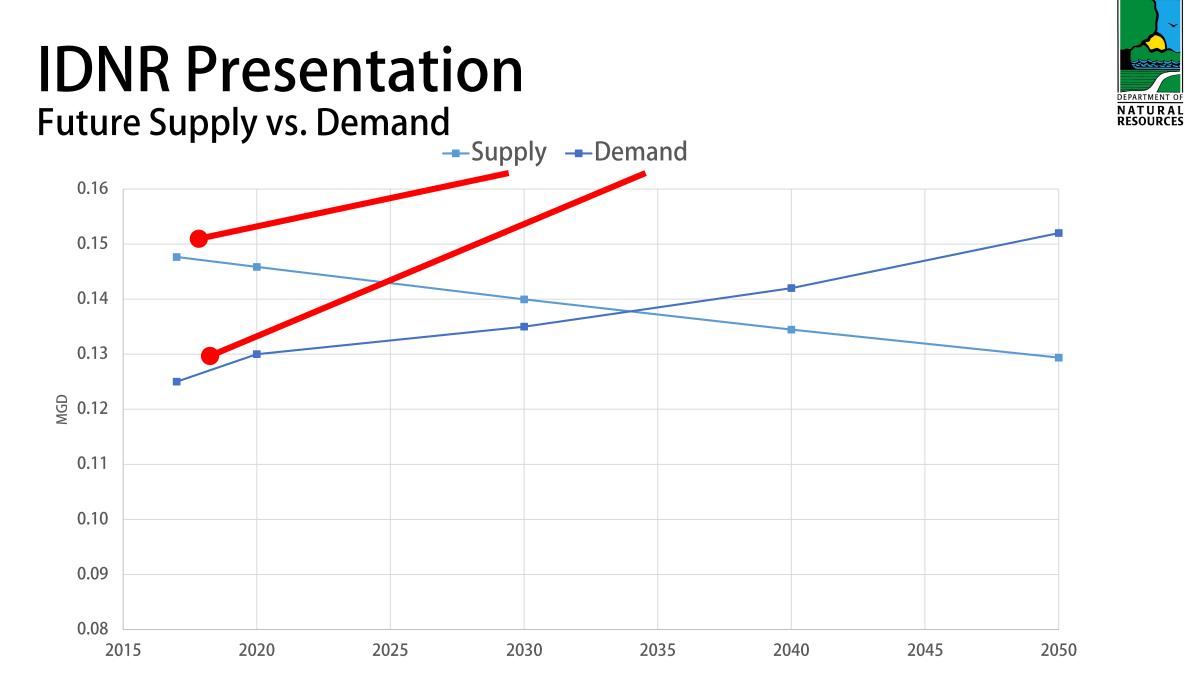
Forming a Regional Committee



#### **IDNR Presentation** Demand Forecast







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#### **IDNR Presentation** Administration

- Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) administers statewide program
  - Oversight of regional committee activities and scientific research
  - Attends meetings and provides guidance to the regional committee

Technical Expertise

- Prairie Research Institute (PRI) provides technical expertise
  - Current and future water demand
  - Scientific assessment of water availability
  - Attend regional meetings for technical support
  - Develop water demand report
  - Develop water availability report





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#### **IDNR Presentation** Facilitation

- Blackhawk Hills Regional Council (BHRC) facilitates process with support of other regional planning organizations
  - Facilitate meetings of the regional committee
  - Provide guidance to the regional committee
  - Manages funding for the regional committee
  - Coordinates between the regional committee and IDNR / PRI



**Local Review** 

### Regional Committee

- Attend meetings
- Provide feedback on water demand and water availability reports
- Represent your sector
- Develop report recommending solutions to water conflicts and shortages

#### IDNR Presentation Intended Outcomes



- Determine water supply shortages and conflicts for all users and implement a solution prior to experiencing them.
- Sustainable water supply management plans with reoccurring planning reports revisions

Statewide Water Supply Planning

- Establish all 10 regional committees with updated water supply reports
- Plan for an adequate water supply for current and the future growth of users and work to resolve water supply conflicts
- Provide resources for critical issues





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## **ISWS Presentation**

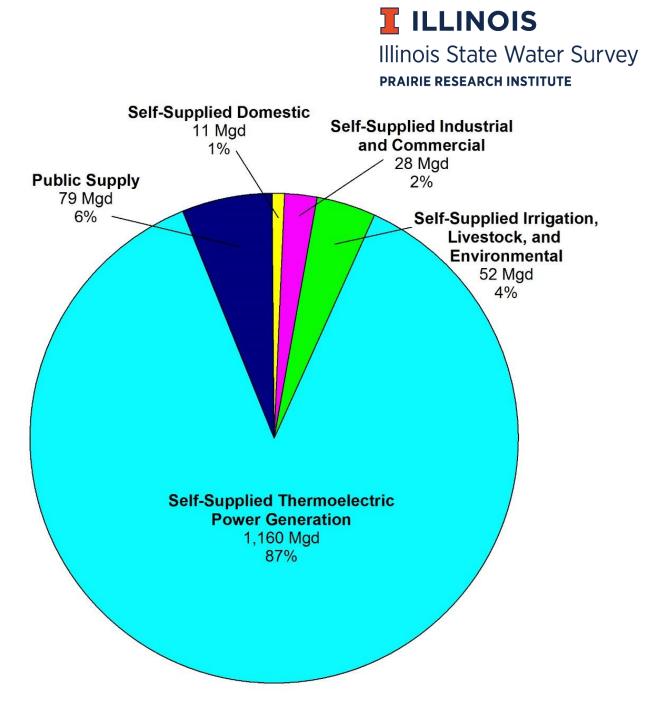
**ISWS Involvement** 

### • What the ISWS is providing:

- Future water demand scenarios
- Report currently in draft form
- Scientific assessment of water supply
- Web maps and other online tools

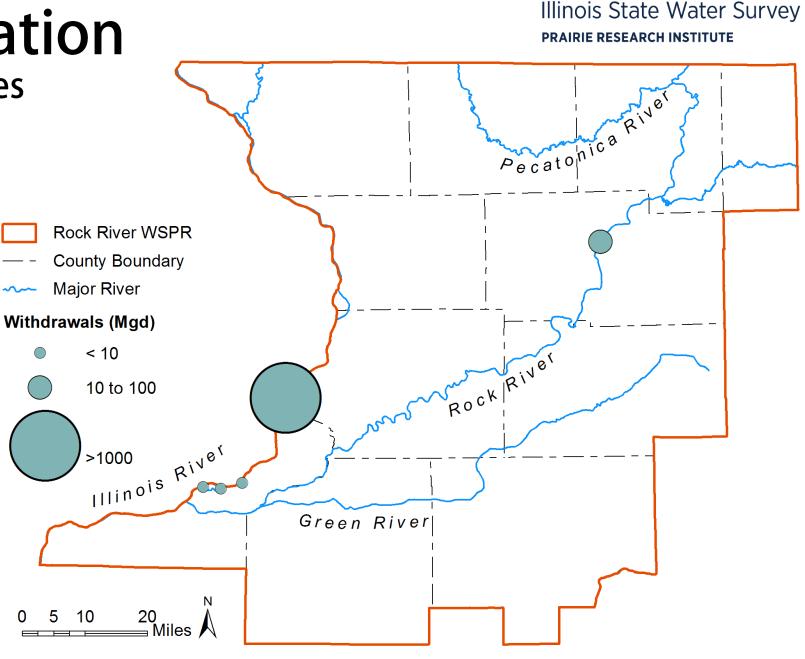
**Future Water Demand Scenarios** 

- Water use data from Illinois Water Inventory Program (IWIP)
- Assessing 5 major water use sectors
- Demands out to 2060
- Need input and guidance from regional committee



**Surface Water Resources** 

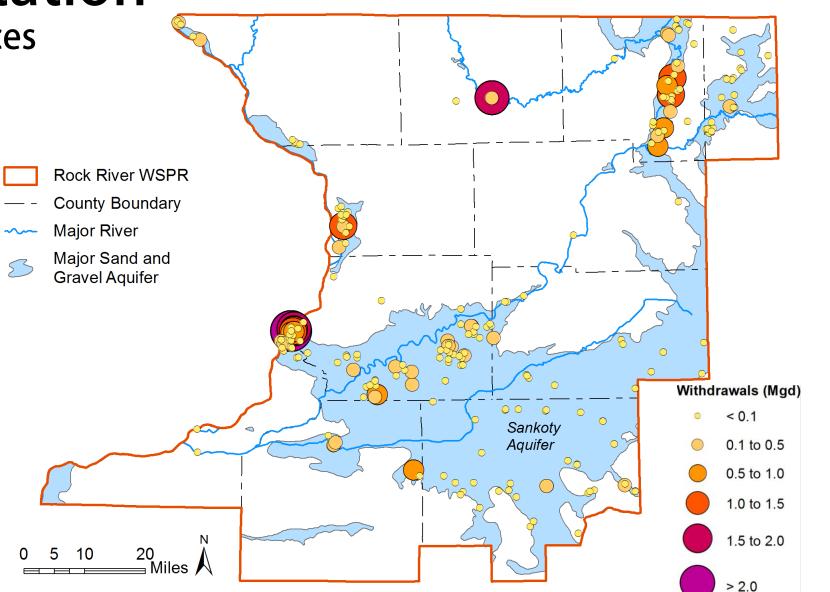
 Mississippi River and Rock River



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**Groundwater Resources** 

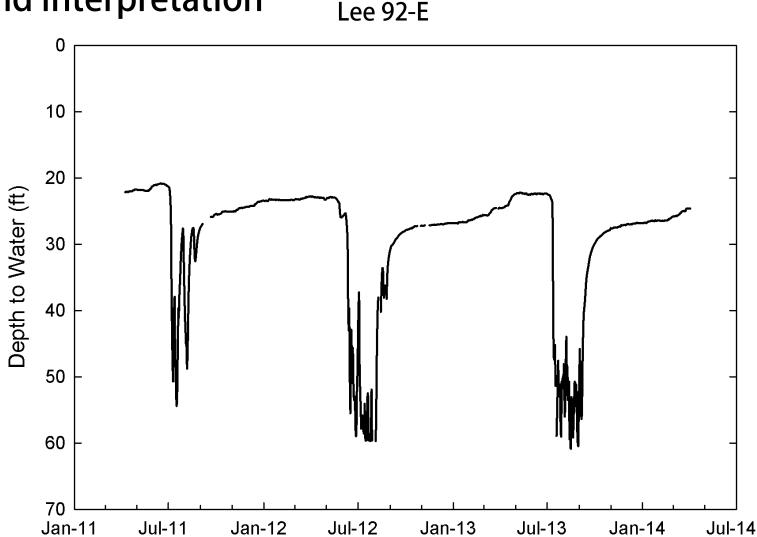
- Shallow sand and gravel aquifers
- Bedrock aquifers



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General Data Collection and Interpretation

• Collect and interpret geological, hydrogeological, hydrologic, and water quality data



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**General Data Collection and Interpretation** 

- Develop models to evaluate future scenarios
- Web page will contain information, links to reports and data, interactive webmaps
- <u>https://www.isws.illinois.edu/illinois-water-supply-</u> <u>planning/rock-river-region</u>



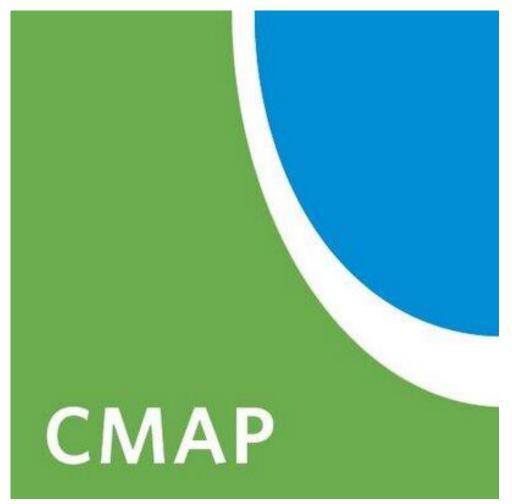
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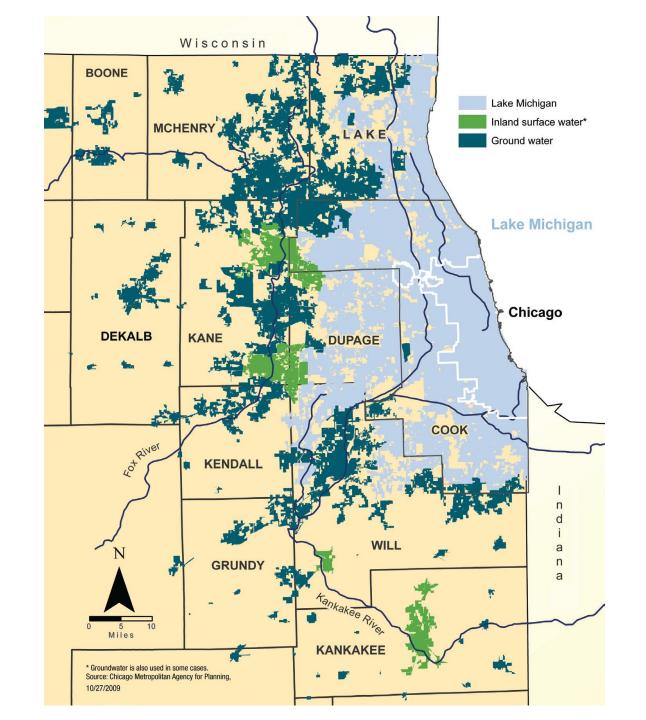
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#### Water 2050 (Northeast Illinois) Neighboring study background

- Plan for Northeast Illinois
- Effort led CMAP
- 11 counties included
- Report published in 2010



- Sources of water supply
  - Light blue = Lake Michigan
  - Green = Inland surface water
  - Dark blue = Ground water

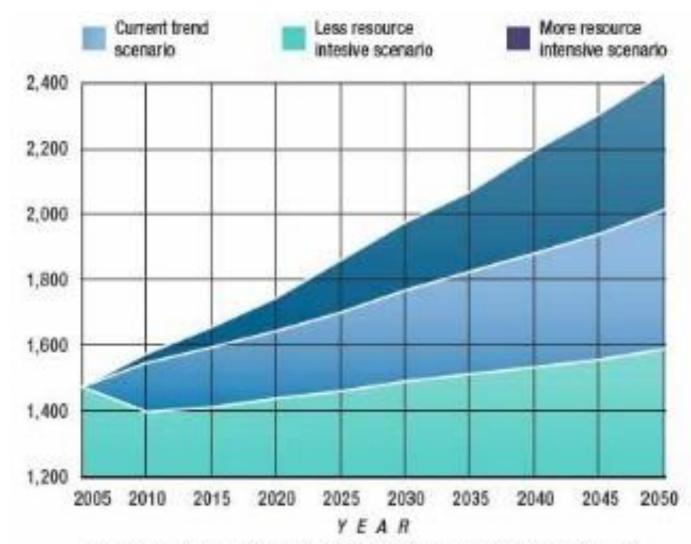


• 2005 withdrawals by water source



Sources: B. Dziegielewski and F.J. Chowdhury, Southern Illinois Unversity Carbondale; Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

- Scenario water withdrawals
  - Numbers represent million gallons per day



Source: B. Dziegielewski and F.J. Chowdhury, 2008, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

- Demand management and other strategies including:
  - Recommended conservation approaches
  - Public information and education

Water conservation strategies, in million gallons per day (MGD)







Update faucets and shower heads and test for leaks. The region could save if 10% retrofitted: 5.2 MGD if 50% retrofitted: 26.0 MGD Make the switch to high-efficiency toilets. The region could save if 10% used HETs: 15.0 MGD if 50% used HETs:

74.8 MGD

Get rid of the top-loader. The region could save If 10<sup>%</sup> got HEWs: **3.2** MGD If 50<sup>%</sup> got HEWs: **16.1** MGD



Don't waste water. The region could save It 10% noted rules: 12.1 MGD

If 50% noted rules: 60.3 MGD

We could save 35.5 MGD if  $10^{\%}$  did all of the above together, 177.2 MGD if  $50^{\%}$  did all of the above together.

### Water 2050

Real world example: Joliet

- 2017 article in **Chicago Tribune**
- Reported that municipal wells in Joliet could run dry in 15 years
- Data comes from ISWS
- As a result, city and county working on conservation measures and alternative sourcing



### Regional Water Supply Planning - BHRC Daniel Payette, Executive Director

Blackhawk Hills Regional Council

### **10-County Water Study Kickoff** Initiator

- State of Illinois, through a 2006 executive order
- IDNR & ISWS given planning responsibilities and have since coordinated with regions



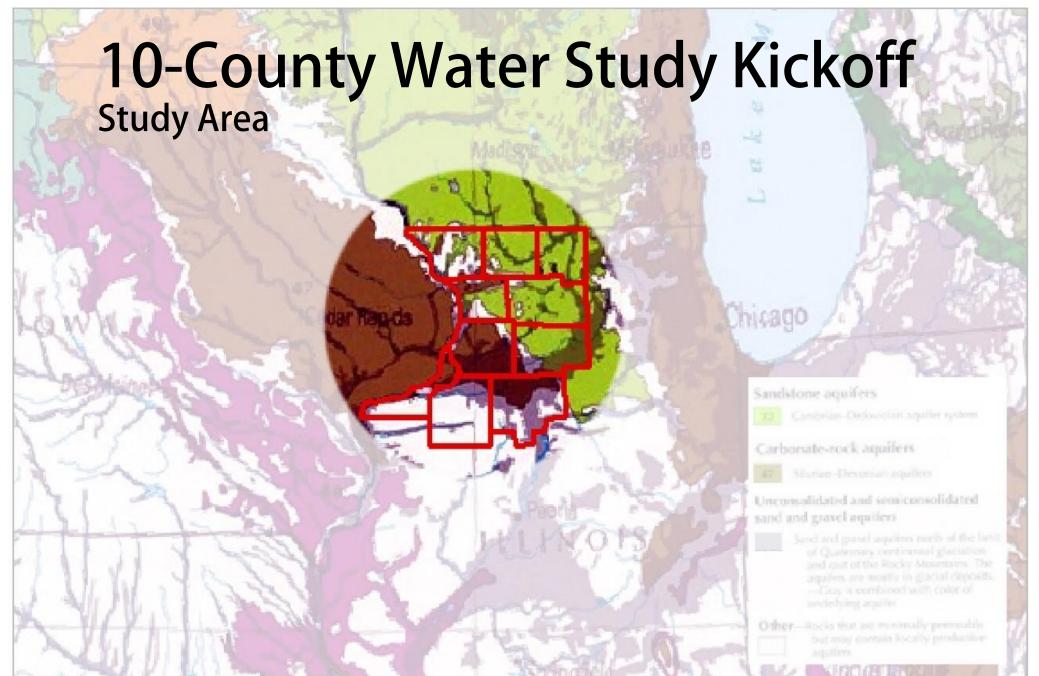
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### **10-County Water Study Kickoff** BHRC Background

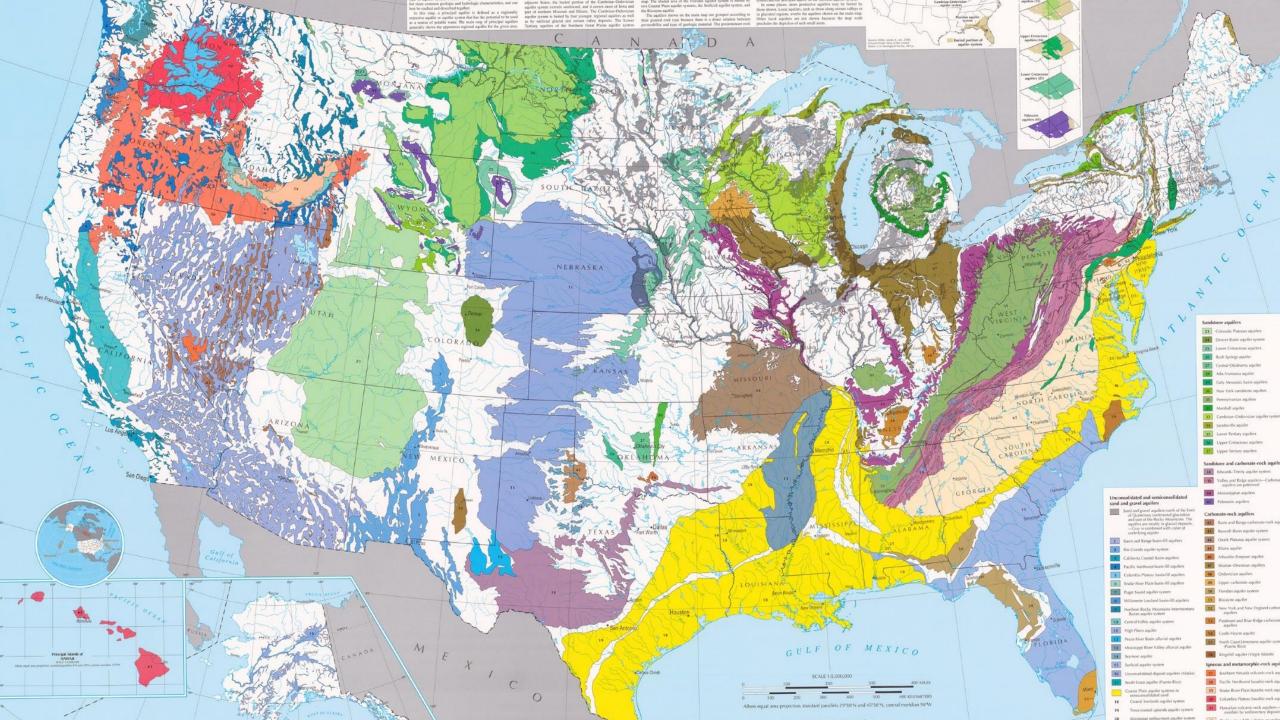
- Regional planning organization for Northwest Illinois (est. 1974)
- 6 counties, 18-member board
  - 3 reps from each of the following counties: Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, & Whiteside
- Community & economic development
- Natural resources conservation
- General planning
  - Comprehensive plans, freight, greenways/trails, water, energy efficiency, broadband, strategic planning, etc.
- Grant, incentives, & program assistance/administration







- Bureau
- Carroll
- Henry
- Jo Daviess
- Lee
- Ogle
- Rock Island
- Stephenson
- Whiteside
- Winnebago





### **10-County Water Study Kickoff** Partners



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- Bi-State Regional Commission
- Blackhawk Hills Regional Council
- North Central Illinois Council of Government
  - Region 1 Planning Council

• Illinois State Water Survey

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• Illinois Department of Natural Resources



### **10-County Water Study Kickoff** Timeline for Phase 1 — Q1 & Q2 2018 (two-year process overall)

	March '18	April '18	March '18	May '18	June '18	July '18 - December '19	
Authorization							
Preparation							
Kickoff Meetings				<del>&lt;</del>		<u> </u>	
Steering Committee Formation				W	e are here		
Water Stakeholder	- Survey						
Review Committee	e Meeting #1						
*Includes demand mo review/discussion/co							
Review Committee	e Meeting #2						
*Includes yield analys review/discussion/co							
Draft Comments S	ubmitted to ID	NR					
Next Phases							



- 1. SWOT
- 2. Discussion
  - What is my greatest concern re: water supply?
  - What is the region's greatest opportunity re: water supply?
  - What is the region's greatest challenge re: water supply?
  - What do I, my community, or my business want out of this planning process or addressed in the final report?
  - Who needs to be on the regional committee?



Forming the regional committee

- Phase 1 includes two regional committee meetings
  One in May 2018, one in June 2018
- Need regional committee volunteers (representatives) now
- Representatives will include...



Forming the regional committee

Representatives by Geography				Representatives by Industry				
<u>Jo Daviess</u>	<u>Stephenson</u>	<u>Winnebago</u>		<u>Recreation &amp;</u> <u>Hospitality</u>	<u>Manufacturing</u>	<u>Agriculture</u>		
<u>Carroll</u>	<u>Ogle</u>	Regional BHRC BSRC NCICG R1PC		<u>Food</u> Processing	<u>Municipal &amp;</u> <u>Public Sector</u>	<u>Individuals</u>		
<u>Whiteside</u>	<u>Lee</u>			Public Safety	<u>Energy</u> <u>Production</u>	<u>Transportation</u>		
<u>Rock Island</u>	<u>Henry</u>	<u>Bureau</u>		<u>Other</u>				



Forming the regional committee

- Regional committee will be asked to contribute:
  - General comments, critiques, and ideas
  - Future land use and development
  - Population growth and decline
  - Impacted industries
  - Trends and anticipated trends
  - Other issues that arise through discussion
- BHRC will support to the committee



#### **10-County Water Study Kickoff** Water survey

Section 1: If you DON'T own or manage a farm or business located in Northwest Illinois, please skip this section.

If you own or manage a farm or business in Northwest Illinois, where does your farm or business get water? Check all that apply.

- Municipal system
- Private well
- Surface water (lake, rivers, etc.)
- □ I pick up water or it is delivered to my farm or business
- I don't know
- Other:

What is my primary industry? (e.g., food processing, manufacturing, energy production, etc.)

What are the most important uses of water at my farm or business? (including specific industrial or other processes)

#### My farm or business' use of water is

- O Increasing
- O About the same
- O Decreasing
- O I don't know
- My farm or business has a continuity plan for dealing with water supply shortages. O Yes
- O No
- O I don't know

How important is ground or surface water to your farm or business?

- O Very important
- O Important
- O Somewhat important
- O Not important

Does your farm or business in Northwest Illinois have stormwater runoff issues? Check all that apply.

- □ Yes (on my farm or business property)
- □ Yes (on another person's property) □ Yes (on public property)
- D No

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