

# Northwest Water Planning Alliance

The Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA) was officially constituted by Intergovernmental Agreement on September 10, 2010. It represents five councils of government, including approximately 80 communities (including 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.

The NWPA is specifically targeted to groundwater and inland surface water-dependent communities and suppliers. Its overarching goal is to provide a sustainable water supply for this area that is both economically and environmentally sound.

The NWPA executive committee is the governing/directing group and consists of nine elected municipal representatives and the five county board chairmen. A Technical Advisory Committee, comprised of municipal and county water and planning professionals and consulting agency partners, provides technical expertise and input.

The NWPA is currently working on two initiatives:

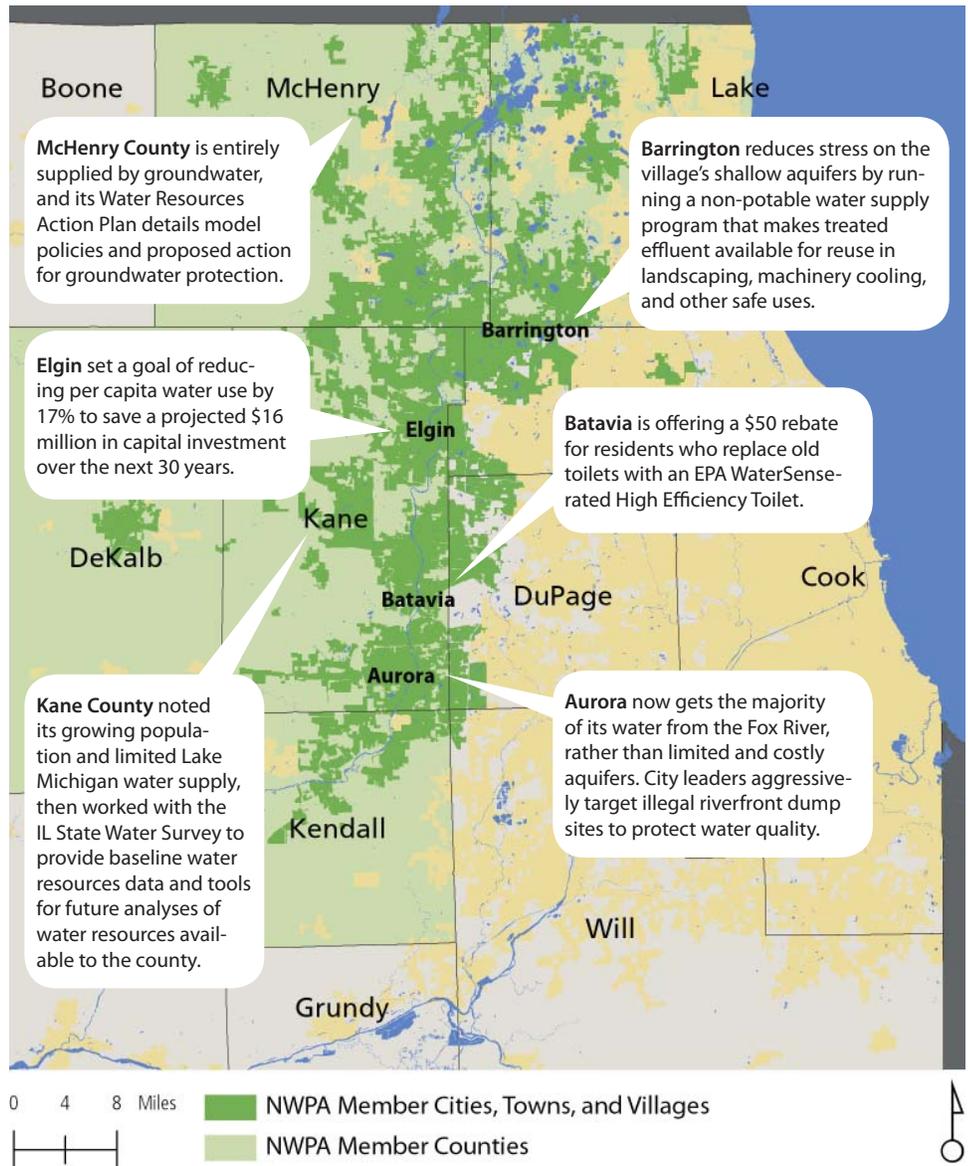
- A cooperation between Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) and water utility operators to measure water levels in deep aquifers.
- A collaboration with CMAP to create educational materials that can be included in newsletters or inserted with water bills.

The NWPA consists of:

- Barrington Area Council of Governments
- Lake County Municipal League
- McHenry County Council of Governments
- Metro West Council of Government
- Northwest Municipal Conference
- DeKalb, Kane, Kendall, Lake and McHenry Counties



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