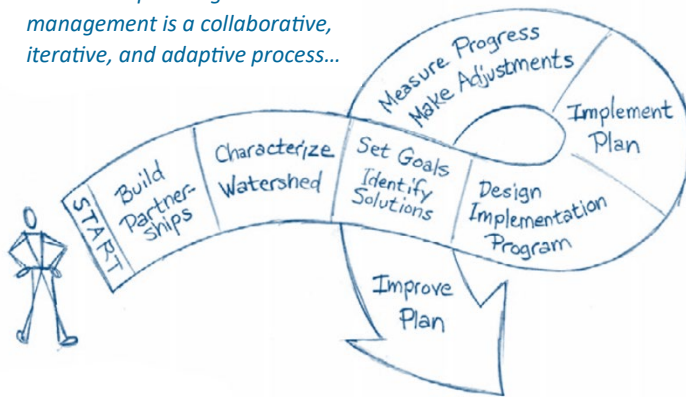


Watershed Planning & Management: A Community Process

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Watershed planning and management is a collaborative, iterative, and adaptive process...



From Handbook for Developing Watershed Plans to Restore and Protect our Waters (USEPA 2005)

Planning for and managing the water resources in your community takes everyone working together. From county, township, and municipal staff and officials – to park and forest preserve and conservation districts – to businesses, organizations, and homeowner’s associations – to *YOU*, we can all play a part. You can learn more about your watershed and opportunities to contribute to healthy waters – and healthy communities – through the resources listed below.

Online Resources

Water quality assessments and information:

- U.S. EPA’s How’s my Waterway (web application)
<https://www.epa.gov/waterdata/how-s-my-waterway>
- Illinois EPA’s Water Resource Assessments
<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/resource-assessments.html>
- Illinois Integrated Quality Report & Section 303(d) List
 - Report: <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/tmdls/303d-list.html>
 - Web application: <https://illinois-epa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=773c1711e0e9417ea7cd6cad8afb66ea>

Watershed-based planning:

- Handbook for Developing Watershed Plans to Restore and Protect our Waters (USEPA 2008)
<https://www.epa.gov/nps/handbook-developing-watershed-plans-restore-and-protect-our-waters>
- A QUICK GUIDE to Developing Watershed Plans to Restore and Protect Our Waters (USEPA 2013)
https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-12/documents/watershed_mgmnt_quick_guide.pdf
- Guidance for Developing Watershed Action Plans in Illinois (CMAP and IEPA 2007)
<https://epa.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/epa/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/documents/watershed-action-plan-guidance.pdf>

Watershed-based plans:

- Fox River Ecosystem Partnership
<https://foxriverecosystem.org/fox/planning>
- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
<https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs/water/water-quality-management/watershed-planning>
- DuPage County Stormwater Management
https://www.dupagecounty.gov/government/departments/stormwater_management/water_quality/
- Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/2375/Watersheds>
- Illinois EPA
<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/watershed-based-planning.html>