

Education Efforts

- ◆ Groundwater Education Field Days and Teacher Training Workshops
- ◆ Groundwater Education Project in partnership with Regional Offices of Education held to-date in Kane, Will, Kendall, Kankakee and DuPage Counties

Local Government Assistance

- ◆ Sponsoring pollution prevention graduate student internships
- ◆ Workshop for Water Operators: "Communities Protecting Their Drinking Water Supplies"
- ◆ Support Community drinking water protection efforts and promotion of the Groundwater Guardian Program
- ◆ Bentonite provided at a reduced cost through local Health Departments to facilitate proper well sealing

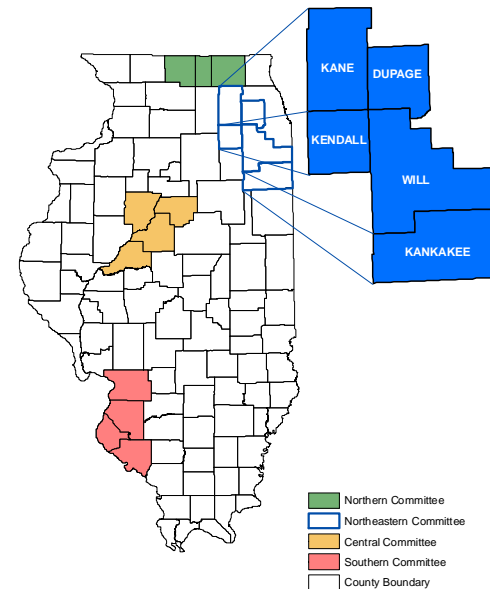
Groundwater Lending Library

The Committee has two Groundwater lending Libraries with resources available for loan. Contact the Northeastern Illinois Regional Groundwater Protection Planning Committee through Amy Serby at the Kendall County Health Department at (630) 553-9100

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Northeastern Illinois Regional Groundwater Protection Planning Committee



What is a Regional Groundwater Protection Planning Committee?

Under the Illinois Groundwater Protection Act of 1987, the Illinois EPA is directed to establish regional groundwater protection planning programs and designate priority groundwater protection planning regions. Priority regions establish committees to develop the programs and carry them out.

The Northeastern Illinois Regional Groundwater Protection Planning Committee acts as a catalyst for implementation of groundwater protection tools through meetings and presentations with local officials and businesses. It also conducts Groundwater Protection and Education Workshops for the general public and other target audiences. The Committee focuses on educating middle school teachers on the importance of incorporating groundwater science into their curricula.

Regional Priority Groundwater Protection Planning Committees include:

- North and Central regions, est. 1991
- Southern region, est. 1992
- Northeastern region, est. 1995

Members of Regional Groundwater Protection Planning Committees provide a mechanism for broad interest group input and networking with local community officials.

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Why have a Northeastern Illinois Regional Groundwater Protection Planning Committee?

- ◆ A majority of people living in Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, DuPage, and Will counties depend on groundwater as their sole drinking water supply;
- ◆ The geology of these counties makes their underground water supplies extremely susceptible to spills, runoff, and other forms of contamination;
- ◆ To maintain ongoing general education for citizen groups, schools, governing agencies and other interested parties on the importance of groundwater protection;
- ◆ To promote the use of voluntary best management and Pollution Prevention (P2) programs for businesses and residences located within groundwater recharge areas;
- ◆ To work with county, municipal and other special units of government to implement groundwater protection tools such as local zoning, maximum setback zones, and defining recharge areas.



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