## Source Water Collaborative Tools and Resources

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## Source Water Collaborative Members

## **27 National Organizations**

- American Planning Association
- American Rivers
- American Water Works Association
- Association of Clean Water Administrators >
- Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
- Association of State Drinking Water Administrators
- Clean Water Action
- Clean Water Fund
- Environmental Finance Center Network
- Ground Water Protection Council
- Groundwater Foundation
- National Association of Conservation Districts

- National Association of Counties
- National Environmental Services Center
- National Ground Water Association
- National Rural Water Association
- North American Lake Management Society
- River Network
- Rural Community Assistance Partnership
- Smart Growth America
- The Trust for Public Land
- USDA Farm Service Agency
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Forest Service (Northeastern)
- U.S. Geological Survey
- Water Systems Council

# SWC Reach = 1,000's of People

- 27 Member's Members
  Represent All Local Partners
  - Federal, state, and local government
  - Water utilities
  - Farmers and Foresters
  - Land Use Planners
  - Environmental Advocates
  - Educators
  - Communities
  - Technical Assistance Providers



## A CALL TO ACTION -

# A RECOMMITMENT TO ASSESSING AND PROTECTING SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER

### **KEY ACTIONS FOR:**

Drinking Water Utilities, Local, State, and Federal Governments, and Other Source Water Partners

# To accomplish this vision, we recommend the following key actions:

- Update/improve source water assessments and protection plans to prioritize risks and actions, by leveraging new data and tools.
- Take priority actions to protect sources of drinking water, working with key partners.
- Coordinate, plan, and communicate in advance with key "upstream" partners as well as within water utilities to help ensure that, in an event, rapid emergency notification is provided to facilitate activation of mitigation measures.



### **Our Vision**

All drinking water sources are adequately protected. As a result, the nation gains profound public health advantages as well as economic benefits.

# STATE DRINKING WATER AND OTHER PROGRAMS

- Encourage and engage in targeted updating of source water assessments in collaboration with drinking water systems, and other state, federal, and local officials.
- Leverage the Clean Water Act and other programs and authorities to protect water supplies.
- Communicate key information from source water assessments to stakeholders to guide priority actions and advance protection.
- Factor source water protection needs into land acquisition and management strategies.
- Partner with communities and other watershed and ground water stakeholders to implement priority actions.
- > Facilitate community and state-level all-hazards planning.



# **Celebrating 10 Years**



## **Goal: Share & Learn**

- Success Stories
- Webinars and Events
- ➤ Resources and Tips
- Communications
- ➤ Social Media

# **Monthly Themes**

- August Creative Partnerships
- September Collaboratives
- October Funding Ideas
- November Nutrient Reduction
- December Messaging

# >2017 Webinars (to be continued quarterly)

- Emergency Notification and Preparation
- Working with Ag and Land Conservation Series
  - USDA RCPP Projects

### >2016 Webinars

- August 25 Creative Partnerships
- September 27 Forming and Sustaining Collaboratives
- November 2 Accelerating Investment in Watershed Protection
- November 10 Funding Source Water Protection
- December 6 Successful Outreach and Messaging Efforts with Agricultural Communities

# 2016 CWA-SDWA Case Studies

- Kansas Develops Drinking Water Protection Program to Support Assessments and Implementation Actions
- Maine CDC Drinking Water Program and Maine Department of Environmental Protection Collaboration Efforts
- Minnesota Aligns CWA-SDWA Program Activities for Water Quality and Drinking Water Benefits
- Nebraska DEQ Source Water Protection and CWA 319 Programs Coordinate to Develop and Implement Drinking Water Management Plans
- New Hampshire Helps Pennichuck Water Works Develop a Watershed Management Plan and Implement Restoration Projects
- ➤ **Virginia** Watershed Program Uses Drinking Water Intake Locations to Prioritize Impairments for TMDL Development
- Rhode Island CWA and SDWA Programs Join Efforts to Develop Source Water Protection Initiative for Newport's Water Supply Reservoirs





As part of its 10 year anniversary, the Source Water Collaborative has launched the Learning Exchange – a platform for discussing current challenges, sharing stories, and transferring knowledge on source water protection (SWP).

CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

FORMING & SUSTAINING COLLABORATIVES

FUNDING FOR SWP NUTRIENT REDUCTION SUCCESSES SWP MESSAGING

# **FUNDING FOR SOURCE WATER PROTECTION**



### October Learning Exchange Theme: Funding Source Water Protection

Securing clean drinking water is increasingly difficult in the United States. Aging infrastructure, increasing demand, extreme weather fueled by climate change, and rapidly developing landscapes are taxing capacities, driving up cost of water treatment, and posing challenges to the long-term (...)

"Securing a sustainable source of funding was key to our success.
Together, eight cities and water districts that provide drinking water to over 300,000 Oregonians could maximize impact and save money by capitalizing on economies of scale, and could do so in a mamer that was

# LEARNING EXCHANGE

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NUTRIENT REDUCTION SUCCESSES

SWP MESSAGING

### Featured Resources



#### Watch The Funding For Source Water Protection Webinar

Hear about new eligibilities for accessing the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds for source water protection, and tips for leveraging ...



#### Watch The Accelerating Investment In Watershed Protection Webinar

Featured panelists: U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities; World Resources Institute; and Beaver Water District



### Key Funding Resources Every Source Water Stakeholder Should Know

Download a resource document with quick links and descriptions of various government and private grants.



Featured Story: Nebraska Pioneers DW Management Plans To Access CWA Funds For Source Water Protection



### Featured Story: Oregon Coalition Pools \$ To Finance Source Water

Learn how Clackamas River Water Providers combines membership dues and grants to fund projects and research.



### Featured Story: Leveraging Federal Funding To Restore New Hampshire Drinking Water

Restoring Pennichuck Water Works' Source Watershed



### Sample Tweets

Help promote this month's Learning Exchange by tweeting about our activities and resources.

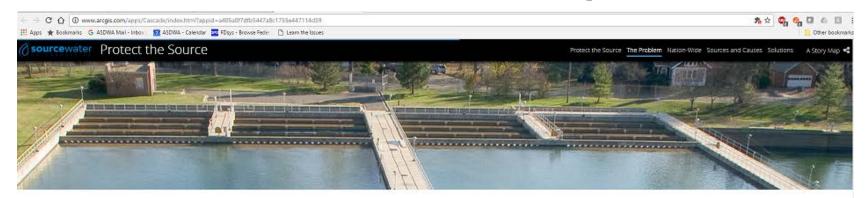
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Panel of #SourceWaterProtection experts provide insights & answer questions on watershed investment programs,



# **Nutrient Story Map**

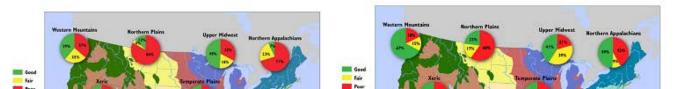


Every dollar spent on protecting sources of drinking water saves in water treatment costs.



Nutrient pollution affects a substantial portion of the Nation's waters.

The 2009 National Rivers and Streams Assessment found that 46 percent of river and stream miles had high levels of phosphorous and 41% had high levels of nitrogen.





### **COLLABORATION TOOLKIT:**



### PROTECTING DRINKING WATER SOURCES THROUGH AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION

Are you interested in getting more agricultural conservation on the ground to help protect sources of urinking water? An important natural ally is the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS, U.S. Department of Agriculture) State Conservationist's or District Conservationist's office. Another key set of allies is conservation districts - important partners at the local level, who also have helpful contacts at the state level. The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) recently joined the Source Water Collaborative, committing to link its members to information about the value of their work in protecting sources of drinking water.

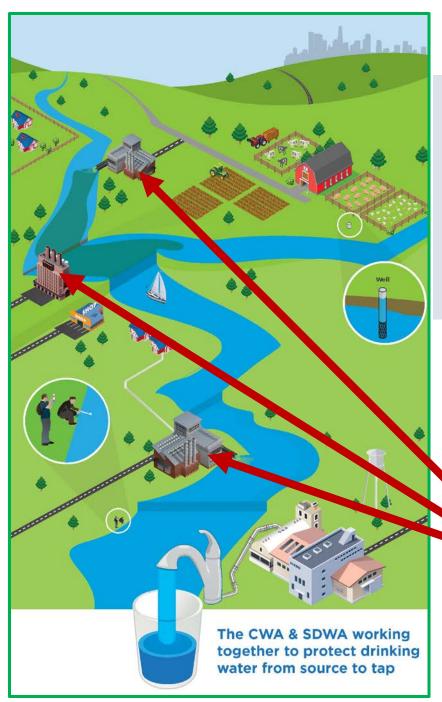
This toolkit, developed as a result of extensive collaboration between members of the Source Water Collaborative, NACD and the NRCS, offers a step-by-step approach. The resources inside are useful for anyone working in source water protection: from those who already know their State Conservationist or District Conservationist (NRCS) or Executive Director/Board Member or Conservation District Manager (NACD), but may be looking for new ideas, to those aiming to build a successful relationship. Each insightful tip is based on advice we received from NRCS and NACD, and from state and regional source water coordinators who recently fostered effective partnerships.

Note that many successful projects rely on participation from local conservation districts and the office of the NRCS State Conservationist. Both can bring key partners, especially producers and private landowners, to the table for project planning or implementation. And both often have access to technical and financial resources, as well as credibility with local and state leaders. Where you start can depend on your own network of connections or on a personal introduction you are able to get through one of your contacts. Either path of this toolkit can help you access a useful network of state and local participants. Depending on current priorities, you may find that some are more receptive to further discussions about source water protection needs, and will contribute to the success of your source water protection project.

### **CLICK BELOW TO GET STARTED:**

**HOW TO WORK WITH** 

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#### POINT SOURCE POLLUTION

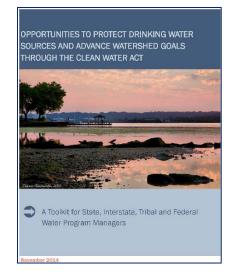
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

These industrial, commercial, and municipal facilities threaten downstream drinking water sources by discharging wastewater with various potentially harmful contaminants into the river. Wastewater is a type of point source pollution, or pollution that enters water from a discrete point.

The Clean Water Act regulates wastewater discharges and other types of point source pollution through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, or NPDES. NPDES permits establish pollutant discharge limits for facilities to allow water bodies to meet state water quality standards (see Water Quality Criteria).

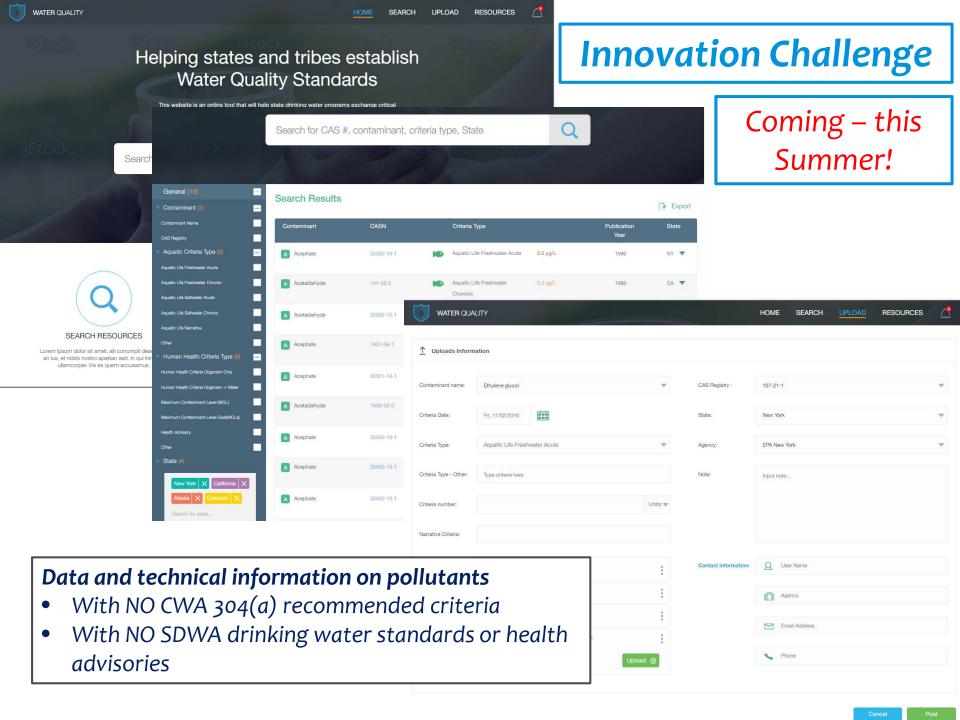
What can I do to protect sources of drinking water?

Participate in development and renewal of NPDES permits to:



### **Clean Water Act**

- Water Quality Standards
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Public Water Supply -Designated Uses
- TMDLs
  - Permits
    - NPDES
    - Stormwater
    - CAFOs
- Nonpoint Sources





## THE SOURCE WATER COLLABORATIVE CAN HELP YOU.



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# Questions?

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