



[CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW **YOUR WATER. YOUR DECISION.** CAMPAIGN

Home Get Help Find Allies Get Info Products & Tools Contact Us Members About Us

Sourcewater
COLLABORATIVE

ProtectDrinkingWater.org

A web forum about where America's safe drinking water begins - the lakes, streams, rivers and aquifers we tap for public water systems.

A web portal of the Source Water Collaborative, 23 national organizations united to protect America's sources of drinking water.

Source Water Collaborative

- Twenty-three national organizations have united to protect America's drinking water at the source – in the lakes, rivers, streams and aquifers we tap for drinking purposes. The Source Water Collaborative (SWC) was originally formed in 2006 with 13 groups to combine the strengths and tools of a diverse set of member organizations to act now, and protect drinking water sources for generations to come. Comprised of federal, state, and local partners, the SWC have come together to further the goals of protecting sources of drinking water - recognizing that resources are extremely limited, authorities are split, and the actors who can actually protect source waters are diffuse. Each national organization in the Collaborative understands and appreciates the importance of source water protection. Individually, each promotes implementation of source water protection in their overall mission. Each organization recognizes the synergy of coordinated actions and the need for leveraging each other's resources in order to increase the chances for success over each entity going it alone.

23 National Organizations

1. American Planning Association (APA)
2. American Water Works Association (AWWA)
3. Assoc. of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA)
4. Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA)
5. Association of State & Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators (ASIWPCA)
6. Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)
7. Clean Water Fund
8. Environmental Finance Center Network
9. Environmental Protection Agency
10. The Groundwater Foundation
11. Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC)
12. National Association of Counties (NACo)
13. National Environmental Services Center
14. National Ground Water Association
15. National Rural Water Association (NRWA)
16. North American Lake Management Society (NALMS)
17. River Network
18. Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP)
19. Trust for Public Land
20. U.S. Department of Agriculture; Farm Service Agency
21. USDA Forest Service; Northeastern Area, State & Private Forestry
22. U.S. Geological Survey
23. Water Systems Council

Water Systems Council

- Represents private well owners & the private well industry
- Operates a 24/7 hotline (888-395-1033) to respond to questions from private well owners
- Publishes fact sheets on well construction, well testing, well maintenance, septic systems, ground water contaminants, closing abandoned wells, etc.

<http://www.watersystemscouncil.org/wellcare/info sheets.cfm>

National Environmental Services Center

- Dr. Jerry Iwan, Director
- EPA grant to NESC/RCAP to provide TA to help small water systems protect their source waters from failing septic & sewer systems
- Originally 18-months project started in 1/08 & has recently been extended to end of 2009