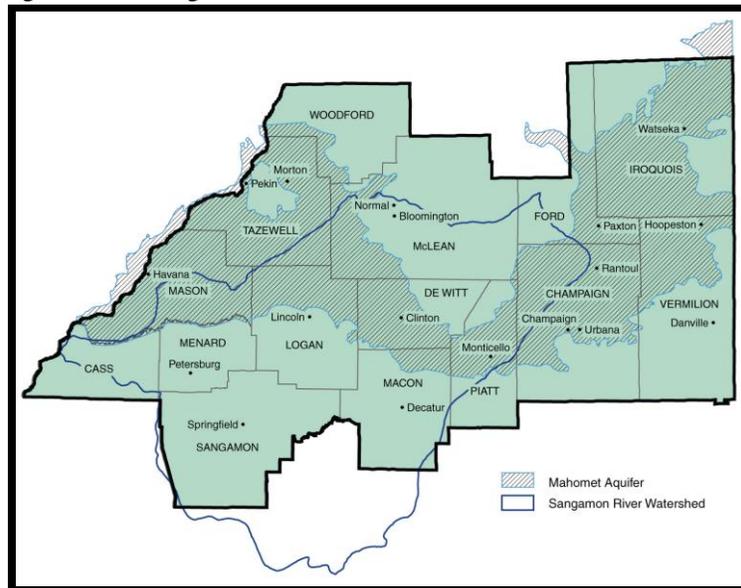


Water—What is it worth to you?



Mahomet Aquifer Consortium

Securing the future of East-Central Illinois' water resources



Proposal for Partnership



What is the Mahomet Aquifer Consortium?

The Mahomet Aquifer Consortium's (MAC's) MISSION is to further study the Mahomet aquifer system, the river basins, and surface waters located in the 15 county regional water supply planning area and to develop and recommend options for the planning and management of these valuable public resources.

In 1998, volunteers and professionals concerned about the long-term quantity and quality of water from the aquifer formed the Mahomet Aquifer Consortium. In 2010, MAC broadened its scope to include surface waters in the region. MAC members come from the general public, conservation groups, water authorities, water companies, all levels of government, and academic institutions. MAC members understand the important need to improve our knowledge of the region's water resources and to apply that knowledge to help assure its quality and productivity for future generations.

MAC's Efforts

- MAC's efforts cover 15 counties in east-central Illinois including Cass, Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Logan, Macon, Mason, McLean, Menard, Piatt, Sangamon, Tazewell, Vermilion, and Woodford.
- Since 2006, MAC worked with IDNR Office of Water Resources to assemble and manage a grassroots, regional water supply planning committee.
- Since 2007, MAC & the Regional Water Supply Planning Committee of East-Central Illinois (RWSPC) have conducted numerous educational meetings throughout the region describing the region's water resources and options for water resources management. MAC & RWSPC host regular and open meetings where water resources, planning and management topics are discussed. MAC has created a CD and YouTube videos to describe the area's water supply and use.
- In 2008, RWSPC released a report describing current and future water demand-- *Water Demand Scenarios for the East-Central Illinois Planning Region: 2005-2050*
- In 2009, RWSPC released its water supply planning report-- *A Plan to Improve the Planning and Management of Water Supplies in East-Central Illinois*
- MAC has sponsored workshops that help teachers develop curriculum for their school districts regarding water resources, water use and water conservation.
- MAC promotes scientific investigation of the region's water resources and advocates the application of scientific principles in planning and management.

Why Water Planning is Important

Water is vital for human health, environmental health, and economic vitality. Water is an essential commodity in modern life.

We pump water from reservoirs, rivers, and aquifers for water-supply purposes, but the ultimate source of our water supply is precipitation. Records clearly show how precipitation varies over time. Significant droughts have occurred in our region in the 1930s, 1950s, and 1980s. Droughts will occur again, but how can we be better prepared?

As your community grows, how much water will be needed in the future? How will these needs be met while protecting aquifers and streams? How can we ensure reliable and adequate supplies of clean water for our grandchildren? What role does conservation play in water supply planning?

With your input, water supply planning can help answer these important questions.

Mahomet Aquifer Consortium Partnership

To help the MAC continue its mission, we need your support to pursue state, federal and local funding, maintain and intensify MAC's educational efforts, and provide local support for scientific studies and the development of planning and management options. MAC is a voluntary 501(c)3 organization with no current regular funding. Contributions to MAC are tax deductible and can be mailed to:

Mahomet Aquifer Consortium, 201 Devonshire Drive, Champaign, IL 61820

MAC Partnership Levels:

Level	Suggested donation	Amount of donation
Platinum	\$10,000 or more	
Sustaining	\$5,000 annually	
Supporting	\$2,500 annually	
Corporate	\$1,000 annually	
Individual	\$500 annually	
Other	Any amount	

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