Regional Water Quality Management Planning: What We Know About the Current State of Our Water Resources
SEWRPC Regional Water Quality Management Plan Update for the Greater Milwaukee Watersheds

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Cooperative, Intergovernmental, Watershed-Based Planning Program

Partners:
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANNING IN SE WISCONSIN

- Initial 1979 Regionwide Plan
- Amended by SEWRPC Milwaukee Harbor Estuary Study in 1987
- Continuing Program is Ongoing—WDNR & SEWRPC Cooperative Program with U.S. EPA Support (sewer service areas, environmental corridor protection, etc.)
- 2003-2007 RWQMPU for Greater Milwaukee Watersheds
208 Plan Objectives

• Develop a watershed-based plan
  – Holistically address all water pollution sources
  – Cost-effectively improve water quality
  – Meet designated water use objectives and water quality standards/criteria to the degree possible
  – Consider alternatives to simply meeting current regulations for point source control if a greater improvement in water quality can be achieved cost-effectively
SEWRPC Regional Water Quality Management Plan Update Study Area
CIVIL DIVISIONS WITHIN THE ROOT RIVER WATERSHED: 2000
SEWRPC Regional Water Quality Management Plan Update

- SEWRPC has Prepared Two Reports:
  - Planning Report No. 50, *A Regional Water Quality Management Plan Update for the Greater Milwaukee Watersheds*
  - Technical Report No. 39, *Water Quality Conditions and Sources of Pollution in the Greater Milwaukee Watersheds*
  - View reports at sewrpc.org under “Water Quality Management Plan” and “Plan Chapters”