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Strategic Water Management in Indiana

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Topics

- Infrastructure and Funding
- Recent Policy
- Planning

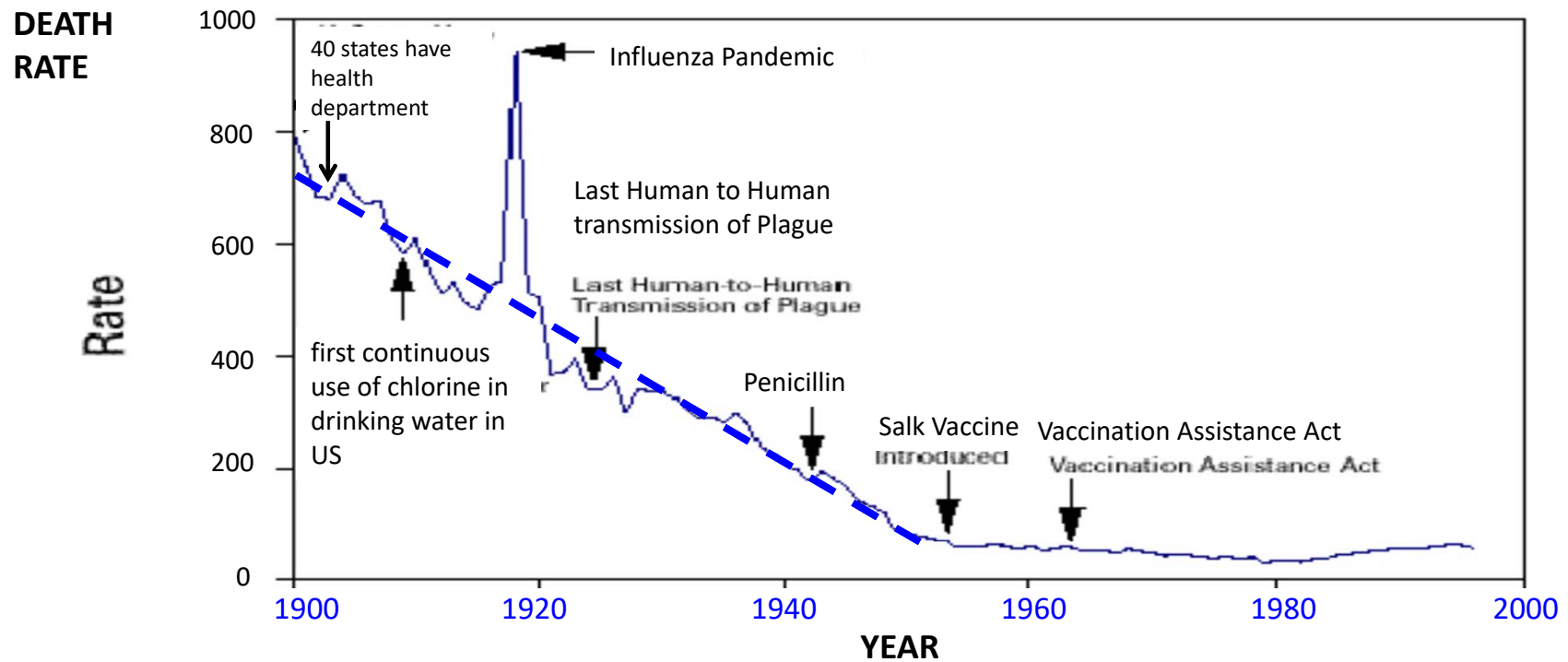
**WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT
WATER INFRASTRUCTURE?**

**WATER UTILITIES:
THE MOST EFFECTIVE PUBLIC
HEALTH INVESTMENT EVER**

History of Water and Public Health

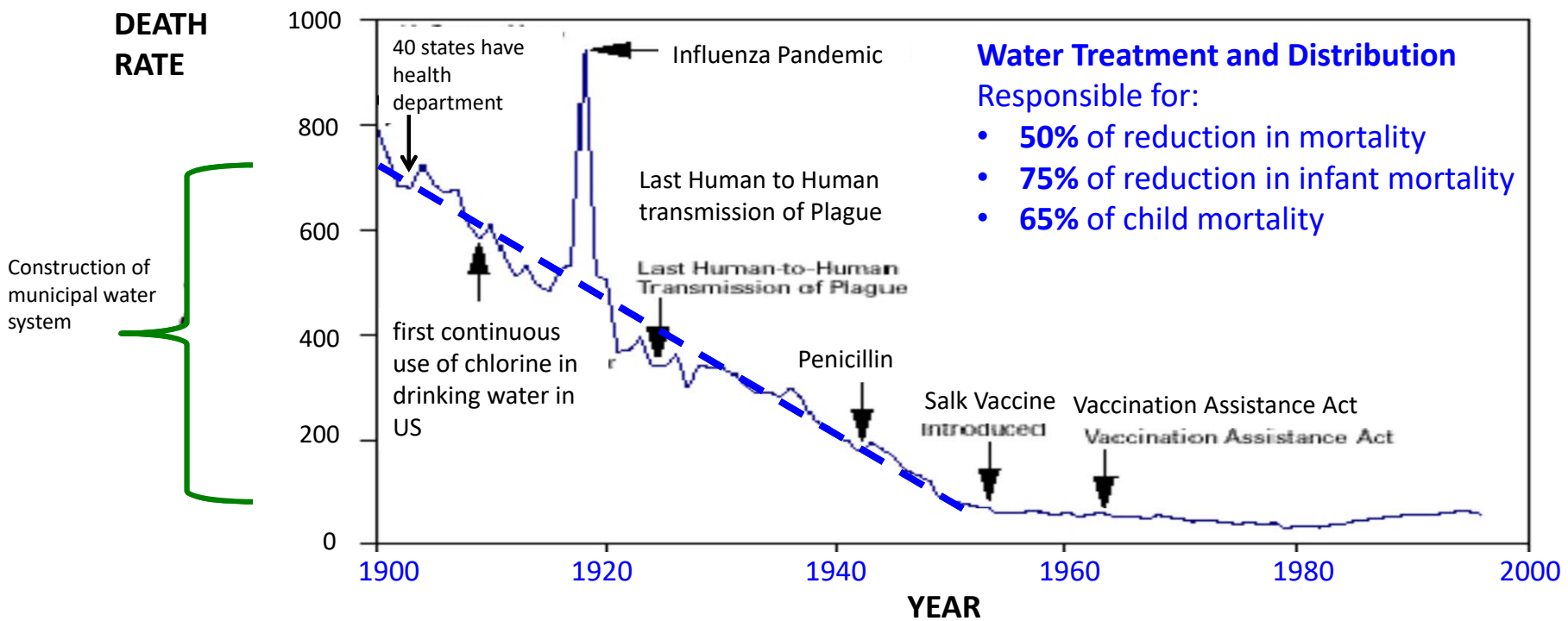
- Pre 1770 – outhouse and wells
- 1770 – invention of water closets
- 1860 – connection to city sewers
- 1880 – widespread river contamination
- 1910 – development of sand filters
- 1920 – use of chlorine as disinfectant
- **1921 – outlaw privies in Indianapolis**
- 1930 – new treatment plants constructed
- 1940 – public health institutions

Death Rates Fall with Treatment



Crude Death Rate for infectious diseases – United States 1900-1996

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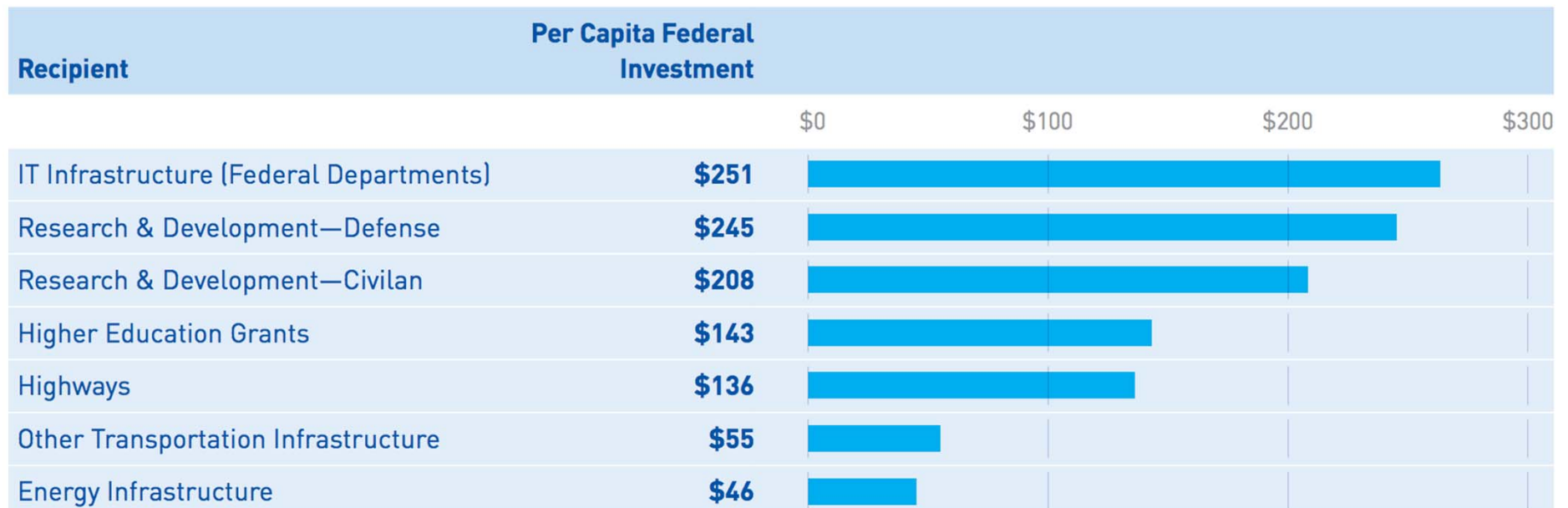


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Infrastructure – National / State Picture

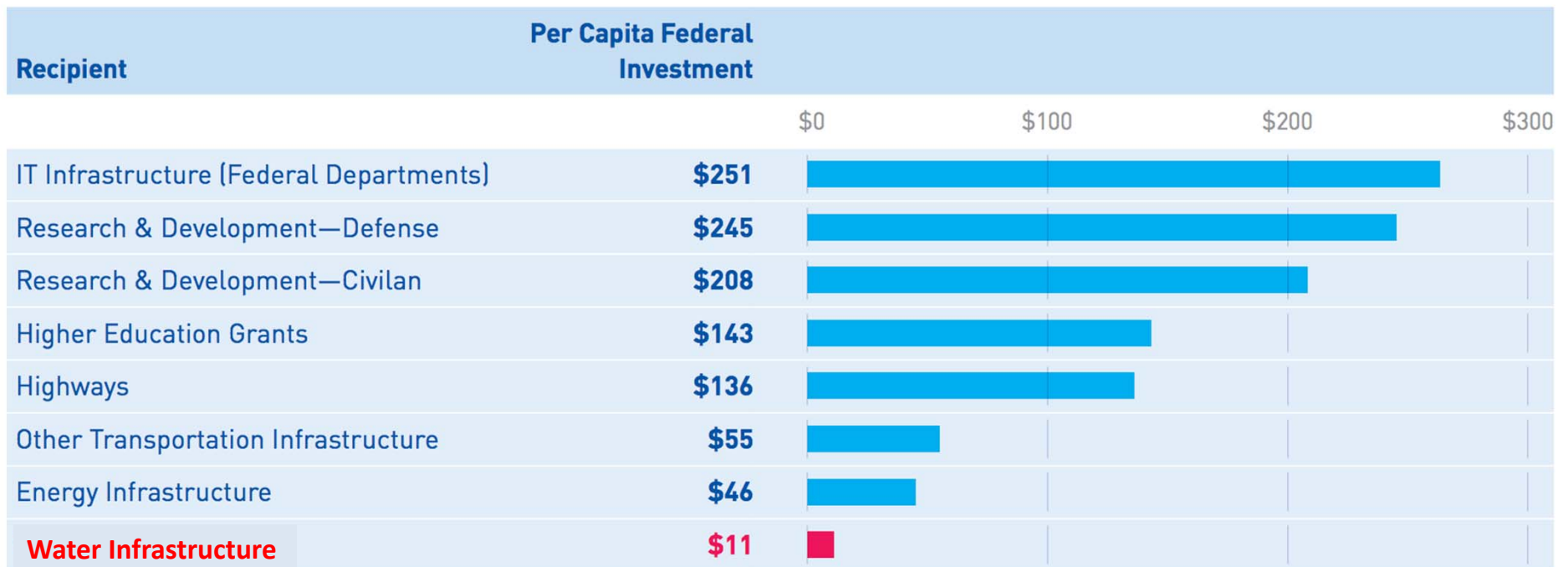
- Federal Funds
 - Omnibus Bill -> WIFIA
- State Role
 - WIFIA -> Indiana Finance Authority -> utilities
- Estimated Funding Need
 - \$2.3 B now + \$800 M/year for 20years
- Current Status
 - limited resource knowledge but new statute (Water Task Force)

Annual Federal Investment



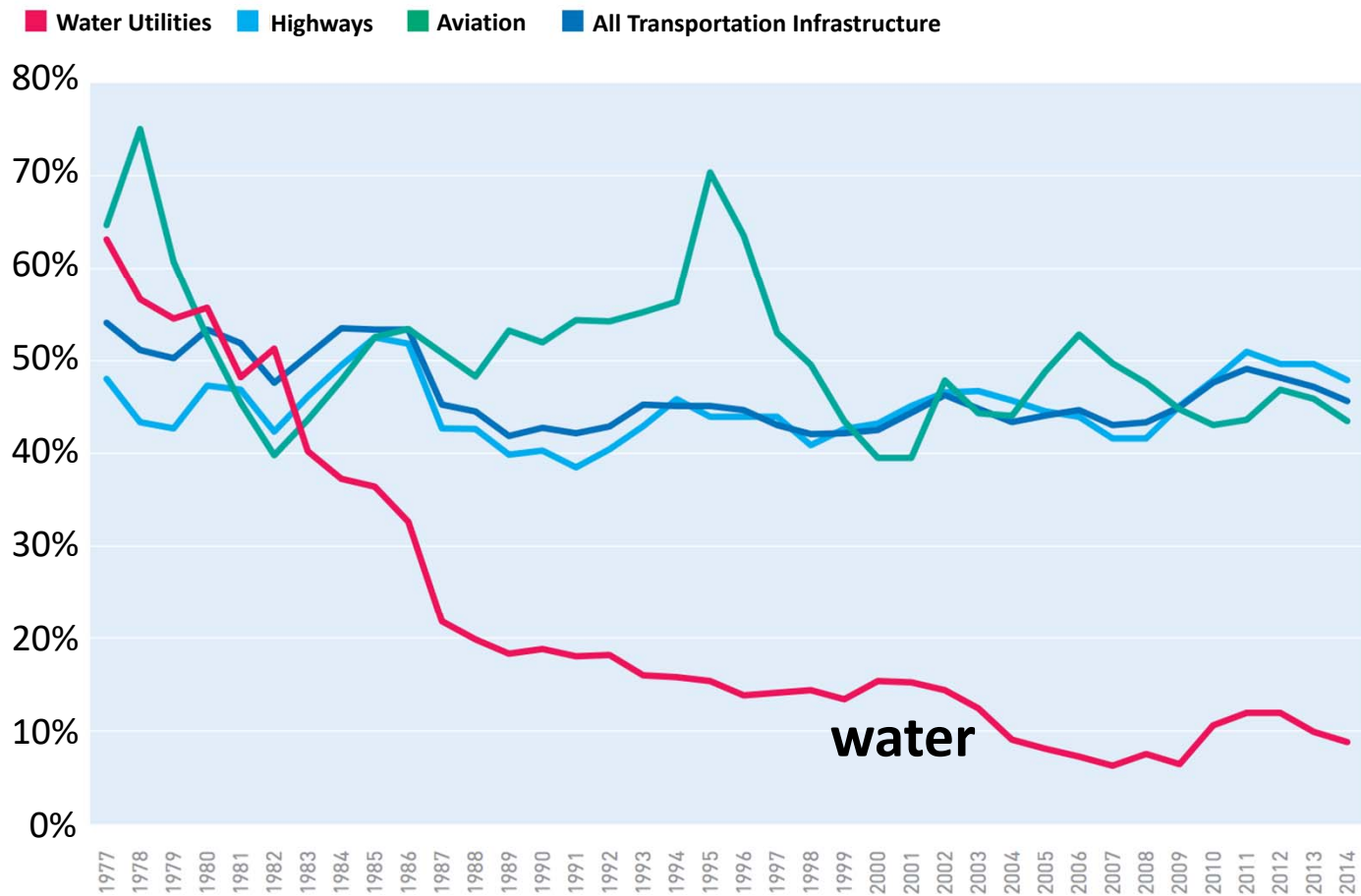
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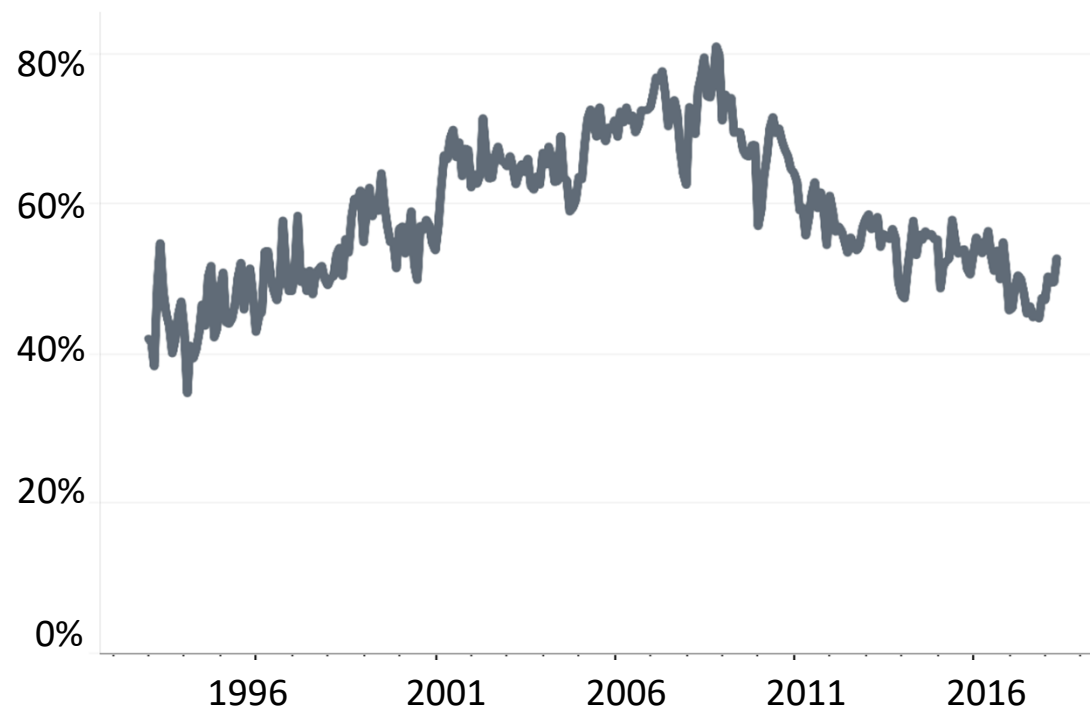
Federal Contribution (1977 - 2014)



Source: CBO 2015.

State and Local Construction Spending

State and Local Government Construction
Water supply Spending Annual Rate



Note: Spending totals represent the value of U.S. construction put in place, not when costs are incurred.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, seasonally adjusted data. Inflation adjustments calculated using CPI-U.

CRITICAL TO THE FUTURE

- FEW FEDERAL DOLLARS**

- LESS STATE SUPPORT**

INDIANA NEEDS EFFECTIVE POLICY

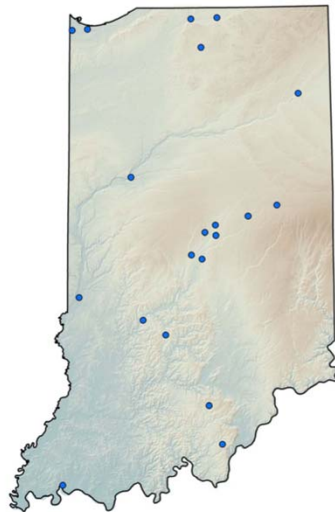
Data-Driven Policy

2015

Evaluation of Water Utility Planning in Indiana

A survey of best practices, challenges, and needs

October 2015



2016

Evaluation of Indiana's Water Utilities

An analysis of the State's aging infrastructure

November 2016



2017

Southeastern Indiana Regional Water Supply

Feasibility and cost analysis

January 2018



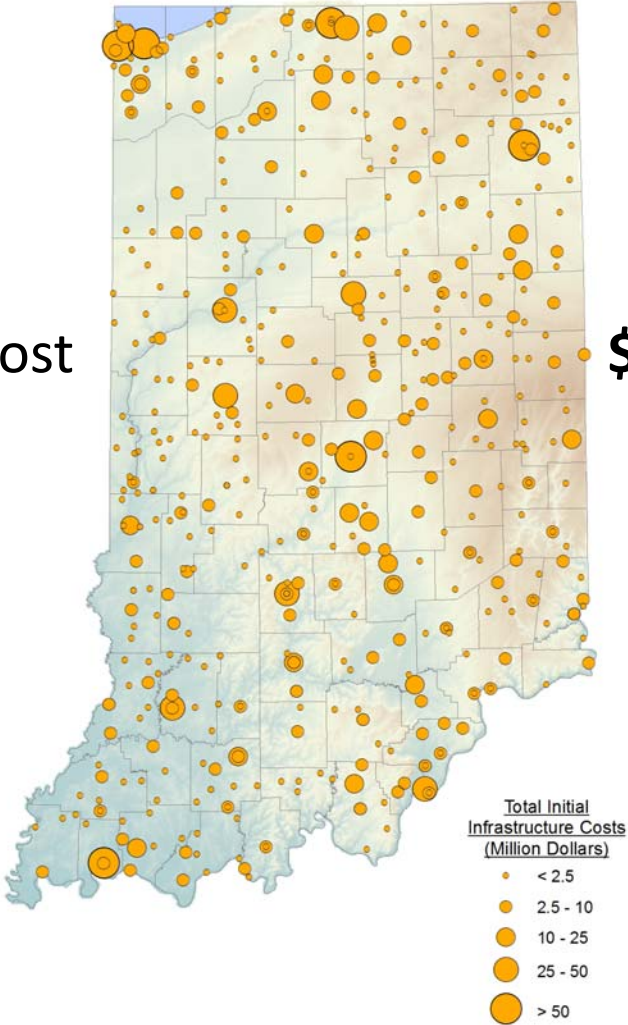
Key Insights

FINDINGS

How is need distributed across the state?

\$2.3 Billion initial cost

\$815 Million/yr for 20 years



Consensus of Utilities Surveyed

- Would like State to structure regional planning
- Water quality is a serious constraint on availability
- Not sure who is in charge
- None able to replace water mains in less than 100 years
- Regional cooperation among all users should add resilience to supplies and more efficient service

Should the Infrastructure Problem be Solved by Future Generations?

- The surveyed utilities felt that, while infrastructure needed to be replaced, the rate payers were not willing to pay more. They said they had no choice but to leave this problem to future generations.
- Recent laws address the needs described by all water utilities across the state.



Regional Planning

- Why
- How
- Initiation

Why plan?

Economics and quality of life

- Economic Development depends on a reliable supply of water and Indiana depends more than any other state on abundant supplies (Rosaen, 2014).
- Quality of life is enhanced by a healthy environment. This is a multi-million dollar asset that deserves protection.

Why plan?

We are competing with every country in the world for business.

If Indiana wants to **add manufacturing, increase agricultural productivity and be an attractive place to live**, we need to know our priority basins and our priority uses of water.

Our water stretches across state boundaries.

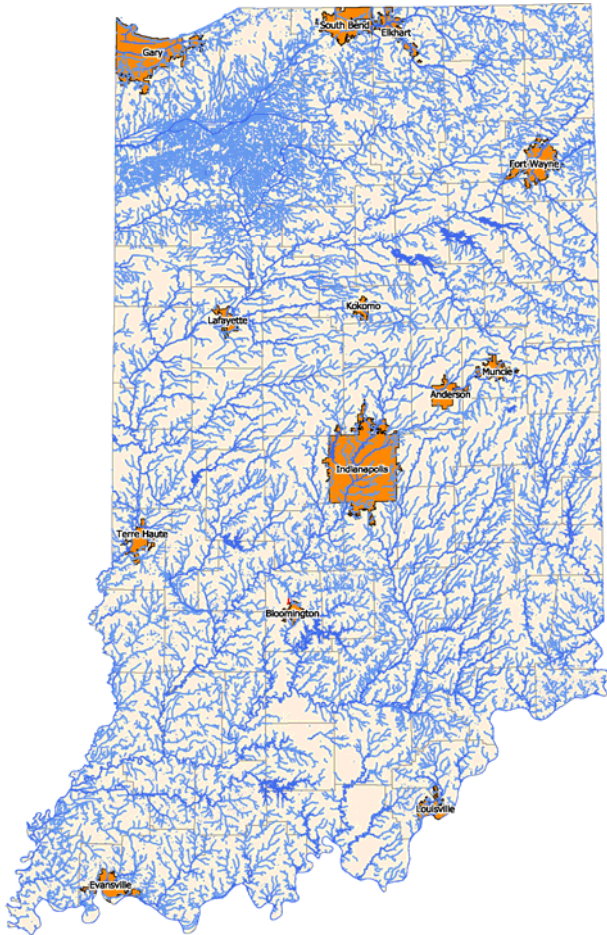
Communities in NW Ohio are considering tapping an aquifer that stretches into SW Michigan and NE Indiana

Why plan?

To be prepared for drought.

Climate change patterns suggest that groundwater is less available than in the past. We need to be ready to manage the roller coaster of variation that affects our options.

Where do we use water?

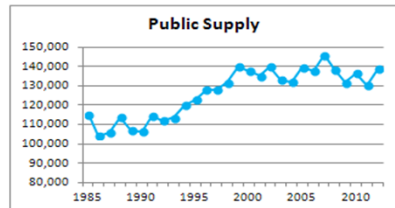
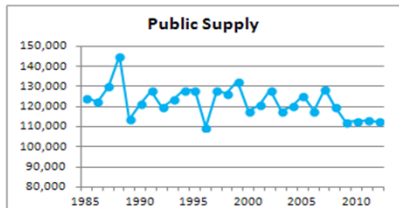
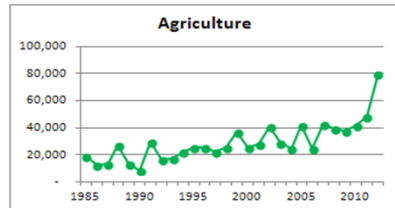
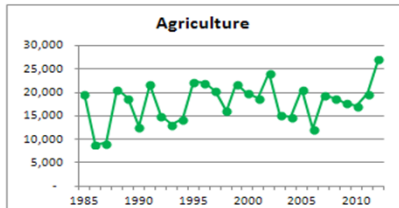
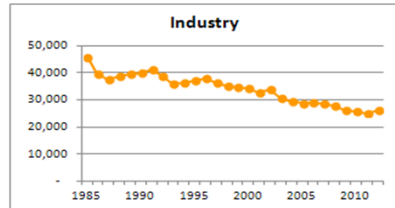
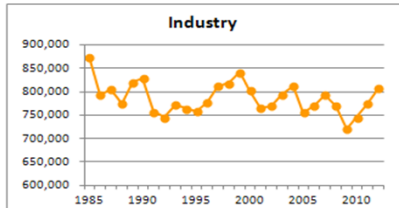
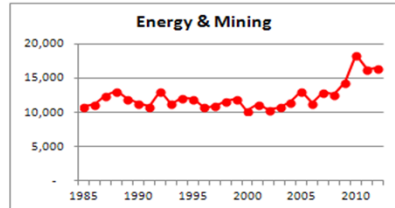
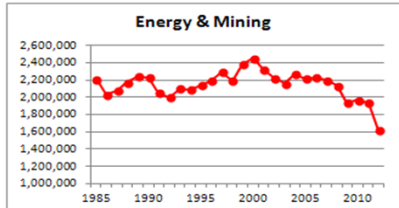
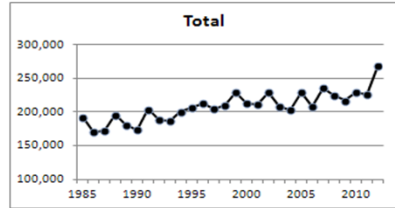
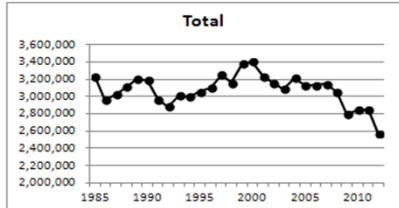


- Cities
- Power Plants
- Industrial facilities
- Agriculture/Irrigation

Annual Withdrawals (Millions of Gallons)

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TRENDS 1987-2013

Power plants and mining

Self-supplied industrial

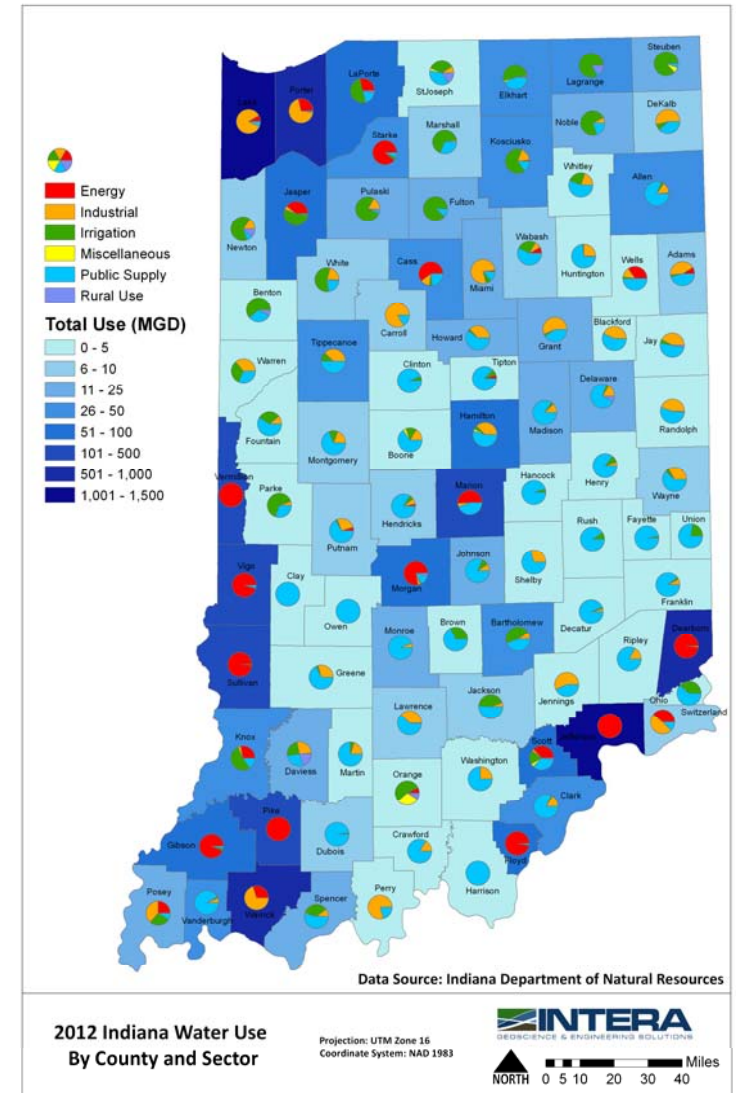
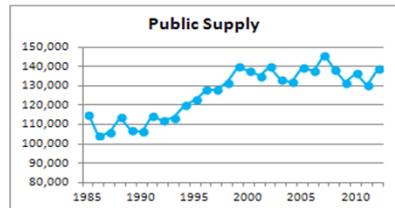
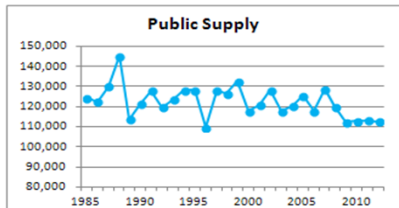
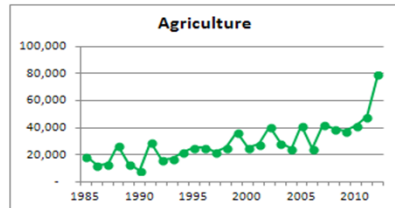
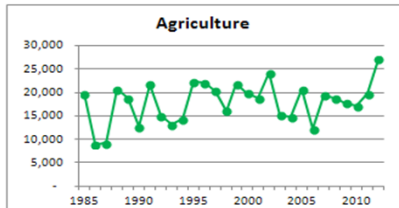
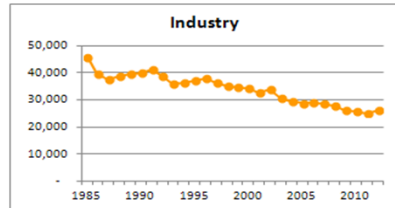
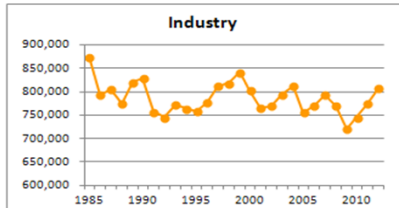
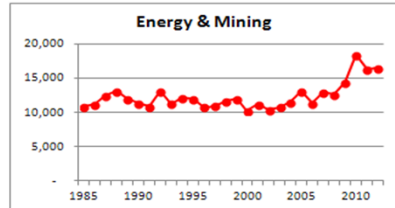
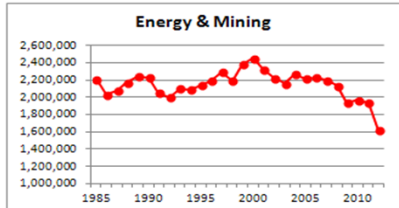
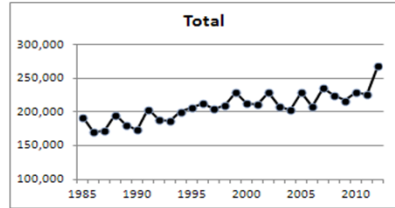
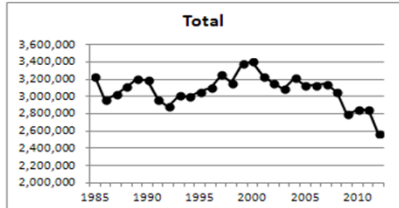
Agricultural Irrigation

Public supplies

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2012 Indiana Water Use
By County and Sector

Projection: UTM Zone 16
Coordinate System: NAD 1983

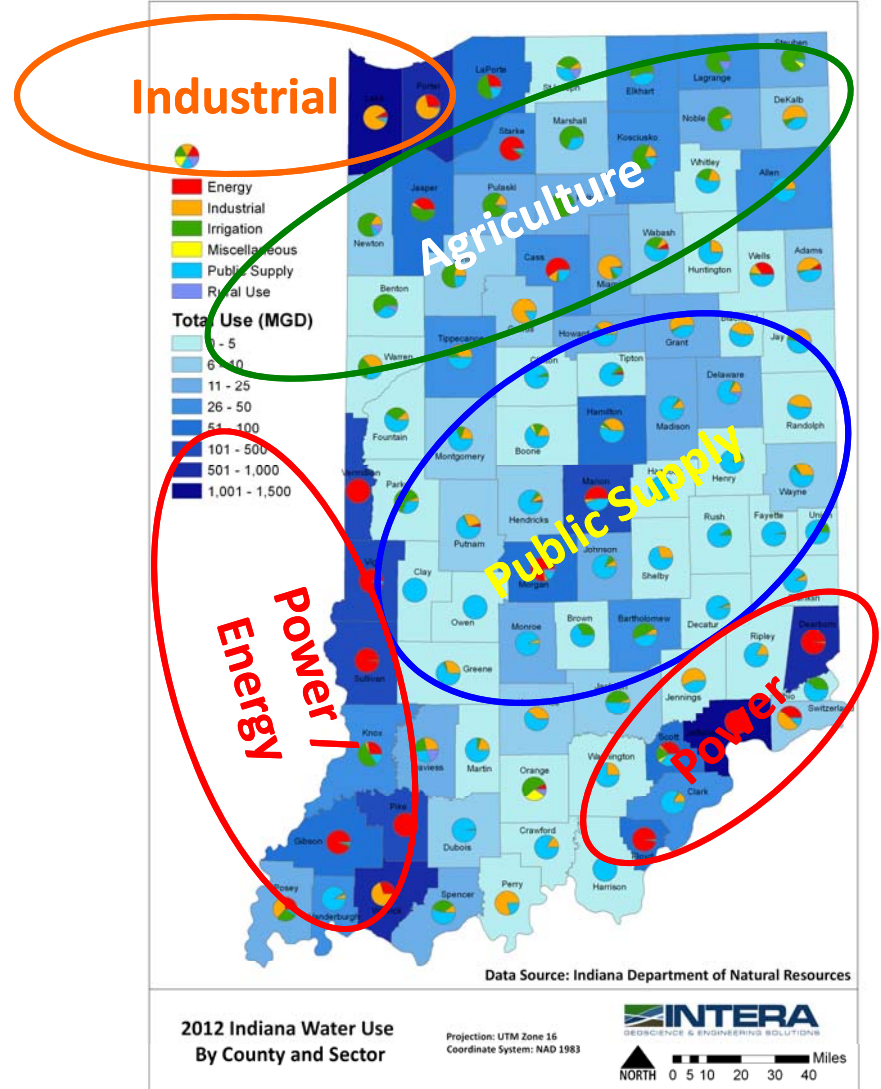
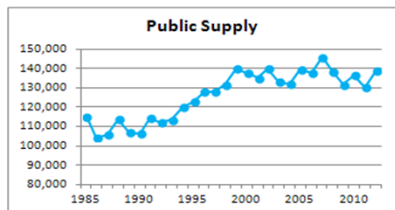
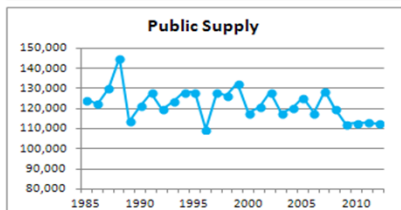
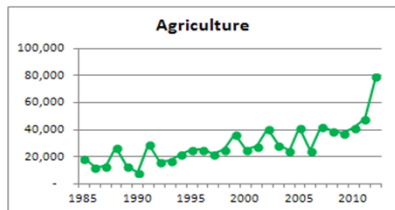
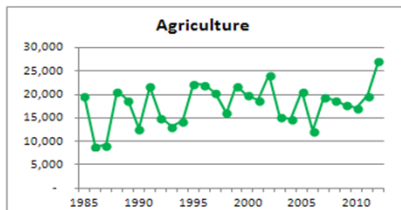
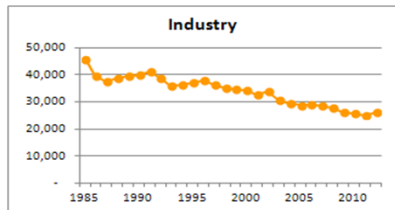
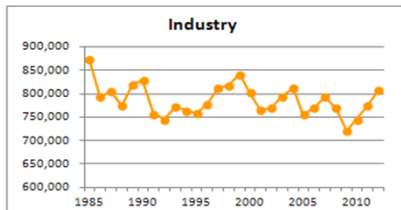
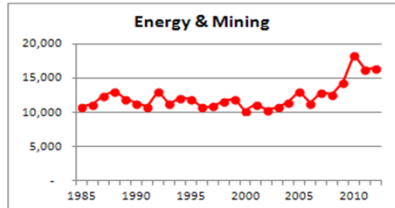
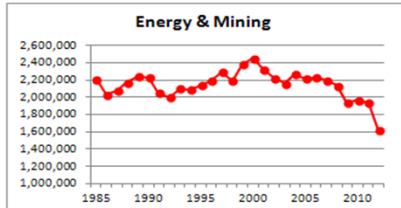
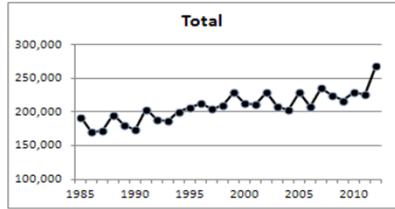
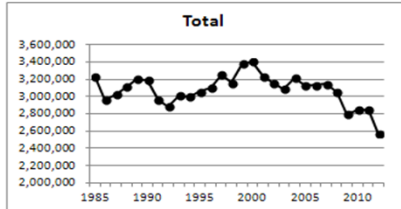
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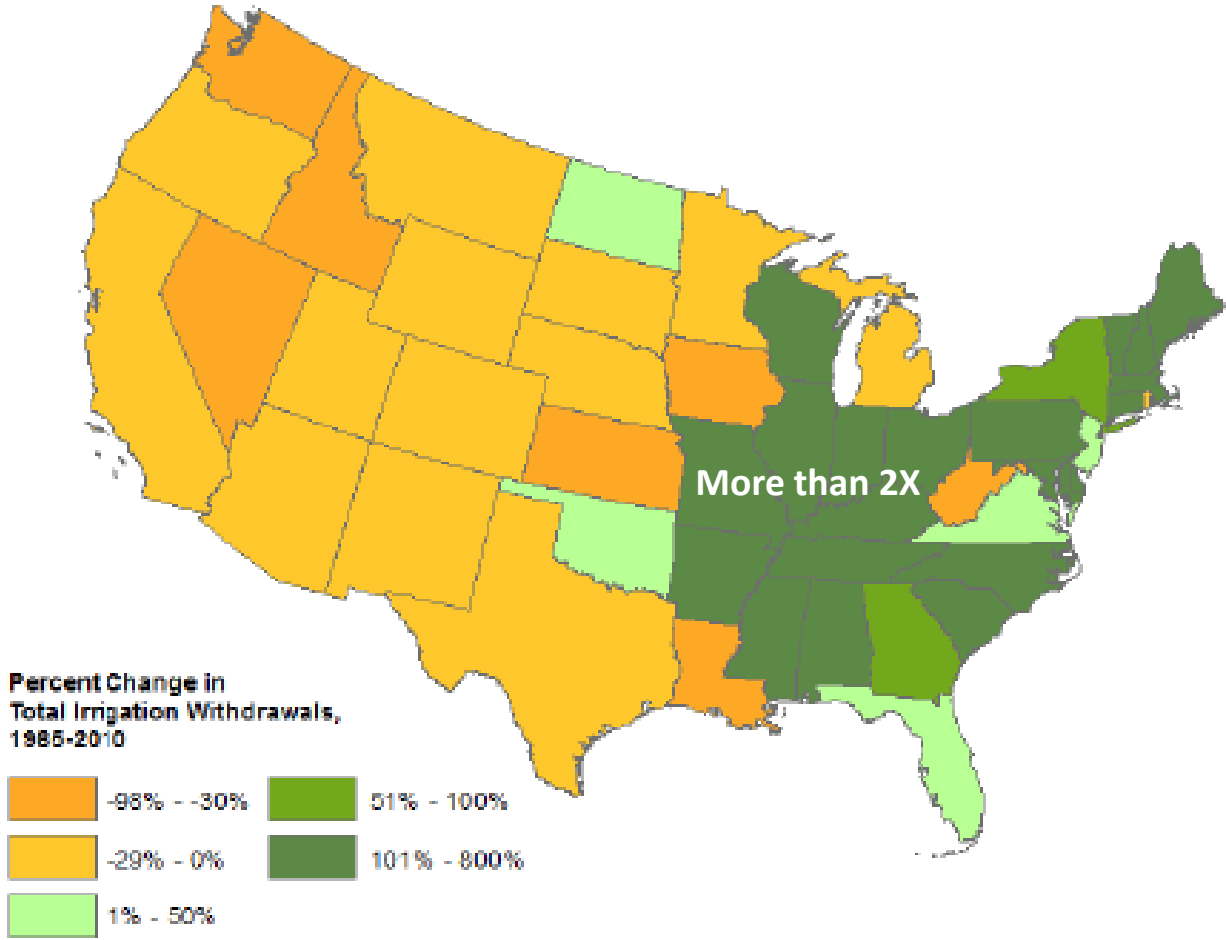
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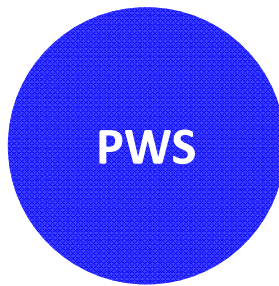
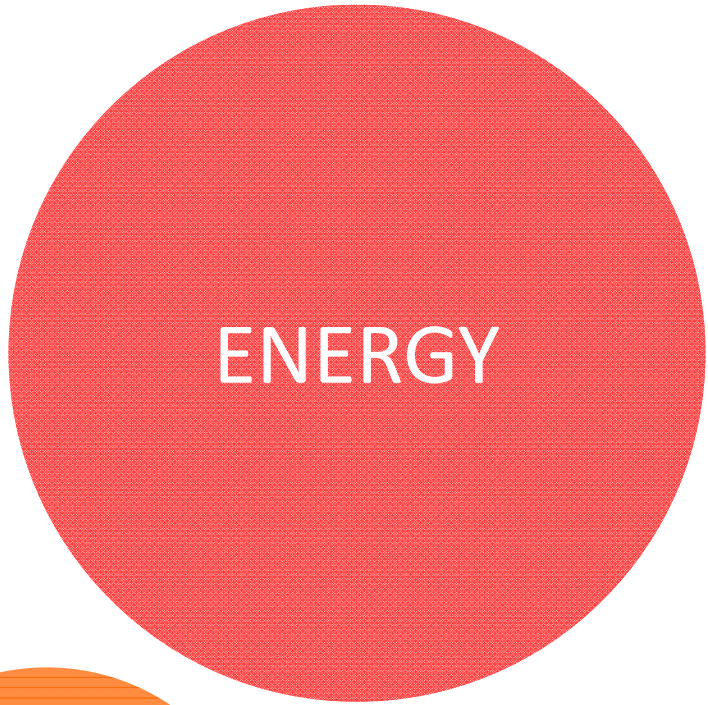


Changes in Irrigation Water Use: 1985 - 2010

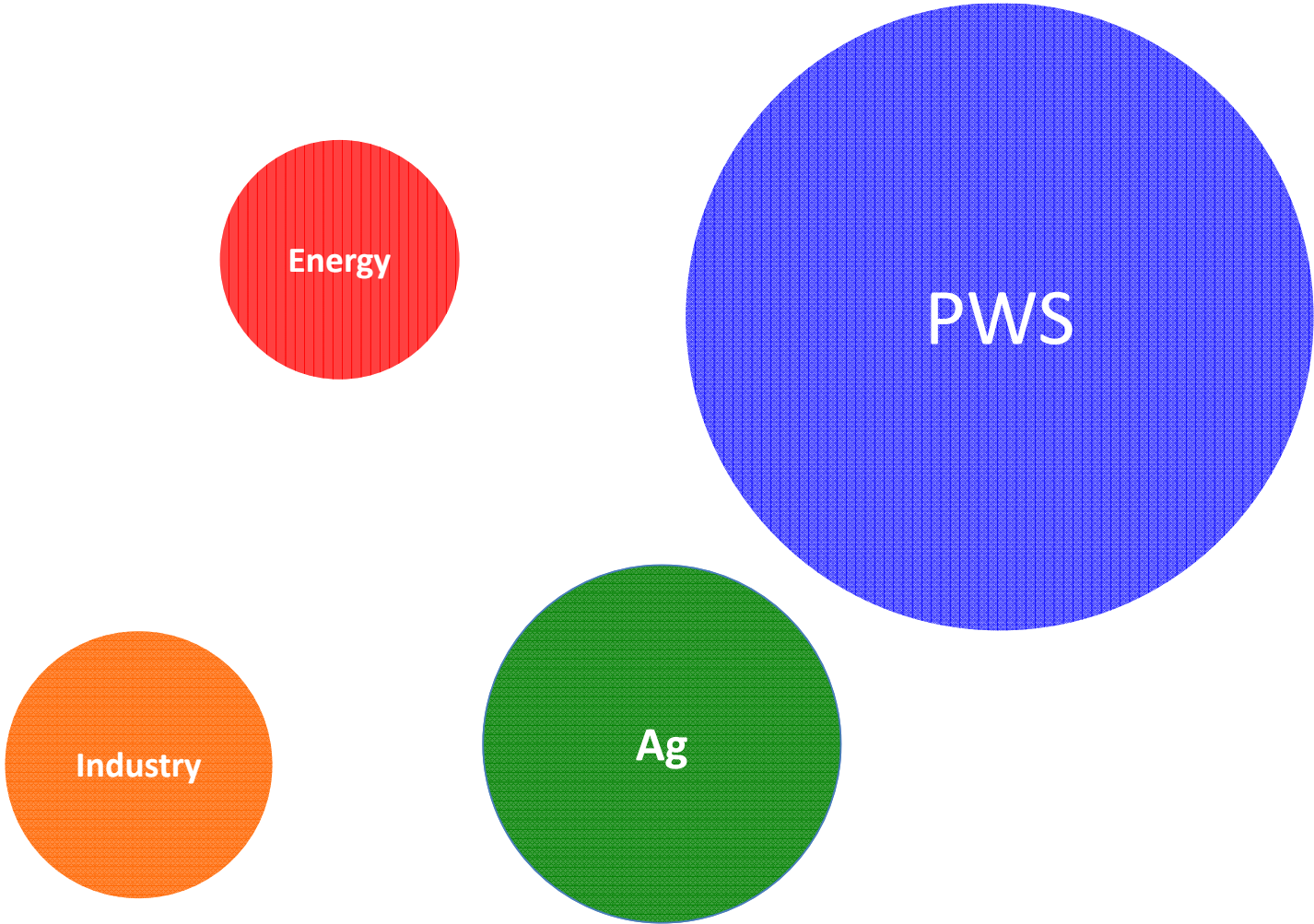


Source: USGS historical irrigation water withdrawals for the U.S.

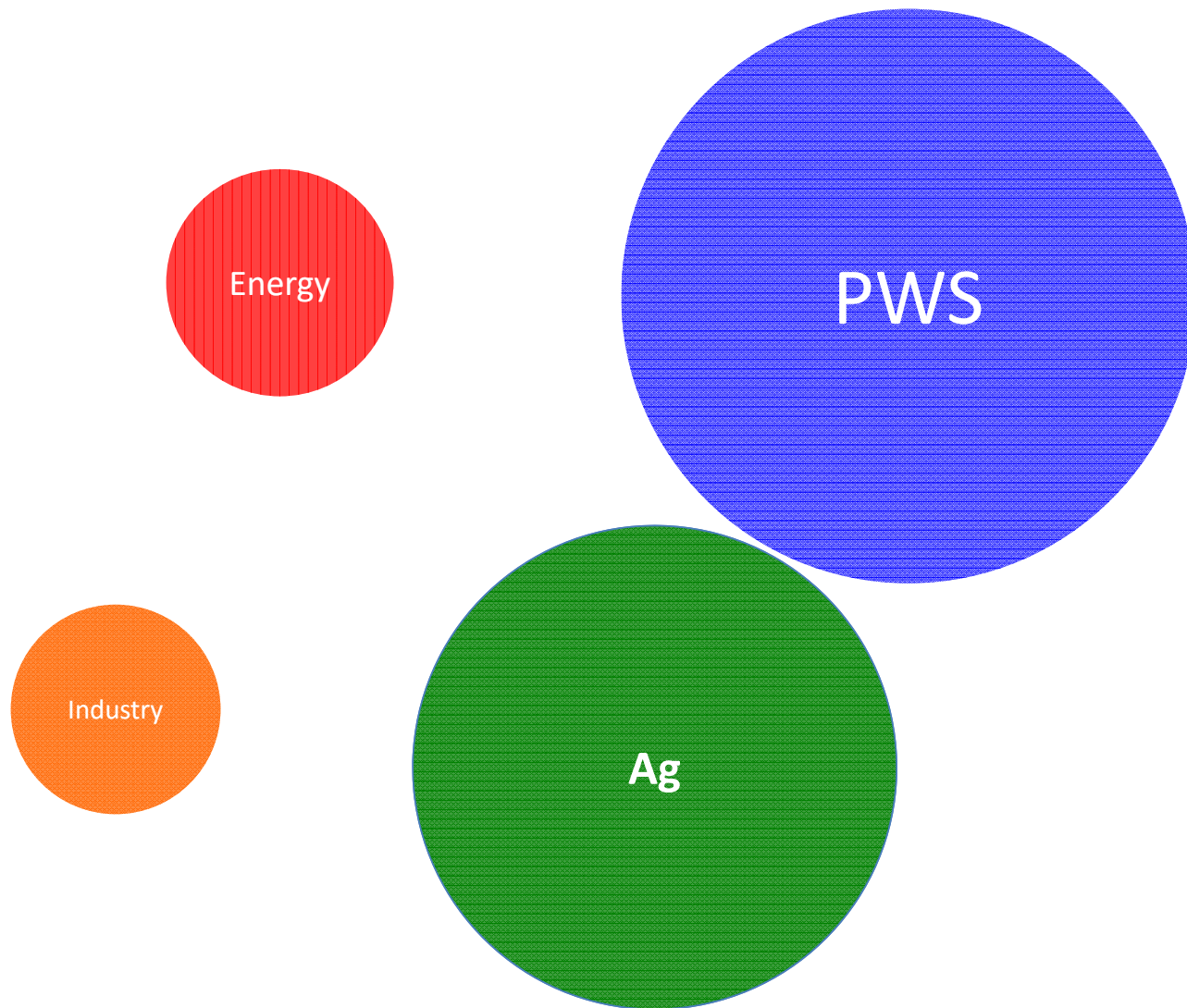
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TOTAL 2013 WATER USE
Size proportional to use



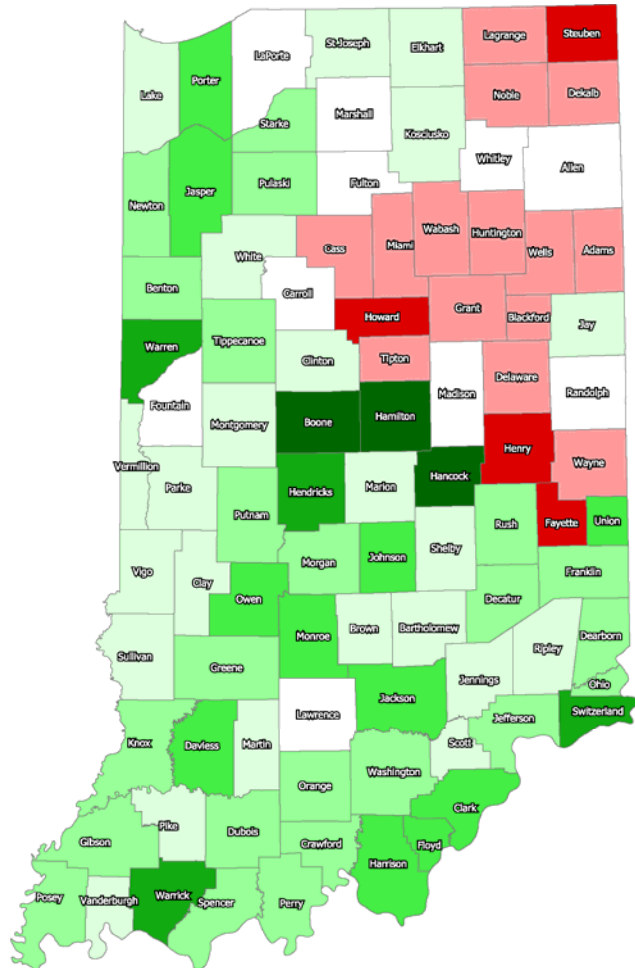
TOTAL GROUNDWATER USE



SEASONAL (Summer)
GROUNDWATER USE



Population Change



- Populations changing
- Power shifting
- Industrial needs less
- Agricultural irrigation

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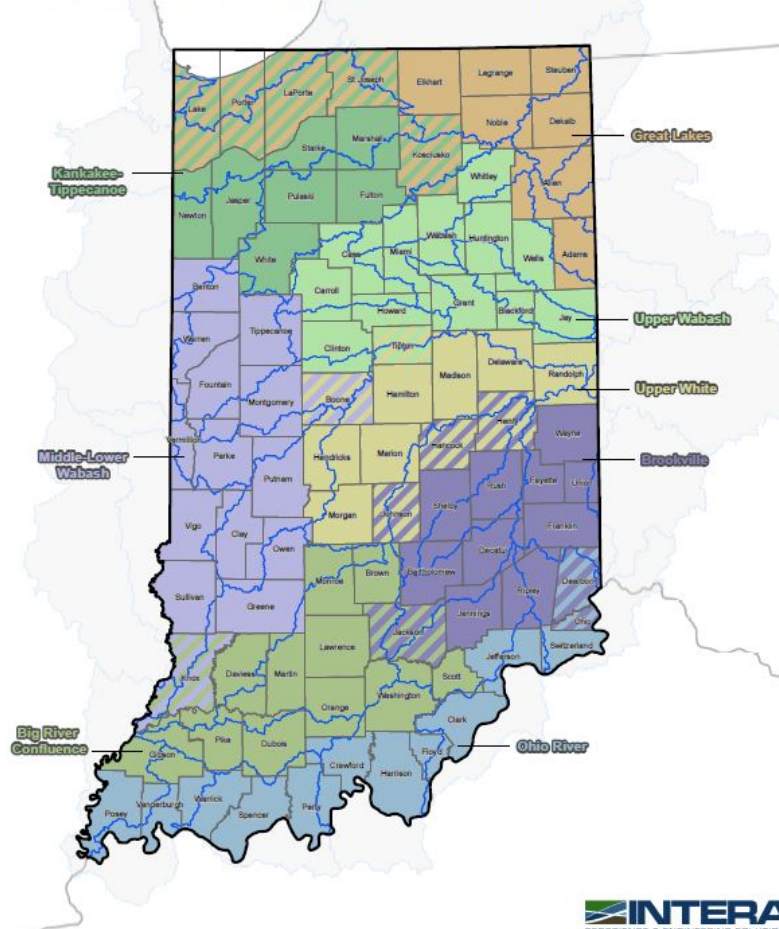
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- What are the supply options given expected demand?

Regional Planning Needs to Begin

Proposed Water Supply Planning Regions in Indiana



Potential Pilot Basin



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