

Regional Planning Meeting

Conducted by the Indiana Finance Authority ("IFA")



Hosted by the
Indiana Water Summit
August 12, 2020

Agenda for the next hour:

1. Overview of Regional Planning Meetings
2. One Example of a Regional Planning Group: the Central Indiana Drinking Water Collaborative
3. Alternative Approaches to Defining Regions
4. Q&A
5. Survey – completion of survey required for those utilities that need to comply with the requirement

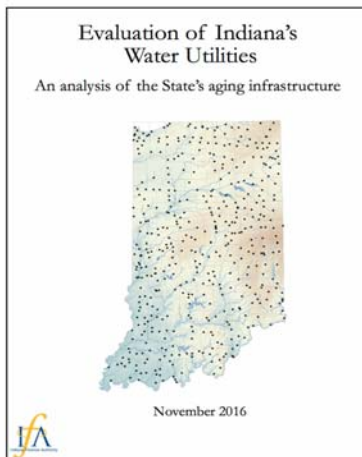
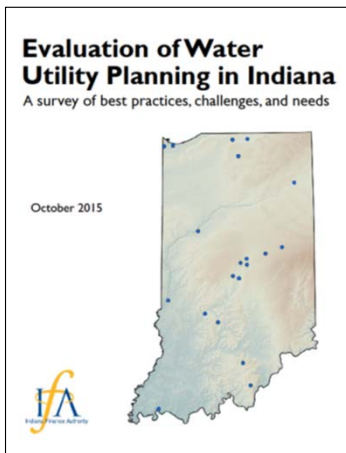
Indiana Finance Authority (“IFA”)

IFA Environmental Programs:

- Brownfield clean-up assistance
- SRF Loans for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure needs
- Coordinate Executive Branch activities related to the State’s water program



IFA Water Studies: 2015, 2016, 2018



SEA 4(2019) requirements: IFA

- IFA divide state into Study Areas (i.e. regions)
 - Based on: watershed, water source, or other relevant factors
- IFA conduct annual meetings with utilities in regions
 - Set expectations, provide training, conduct communications
 - Community Water Systems
 - NPDES Municipal Major and Minor sanitary-type permit holders



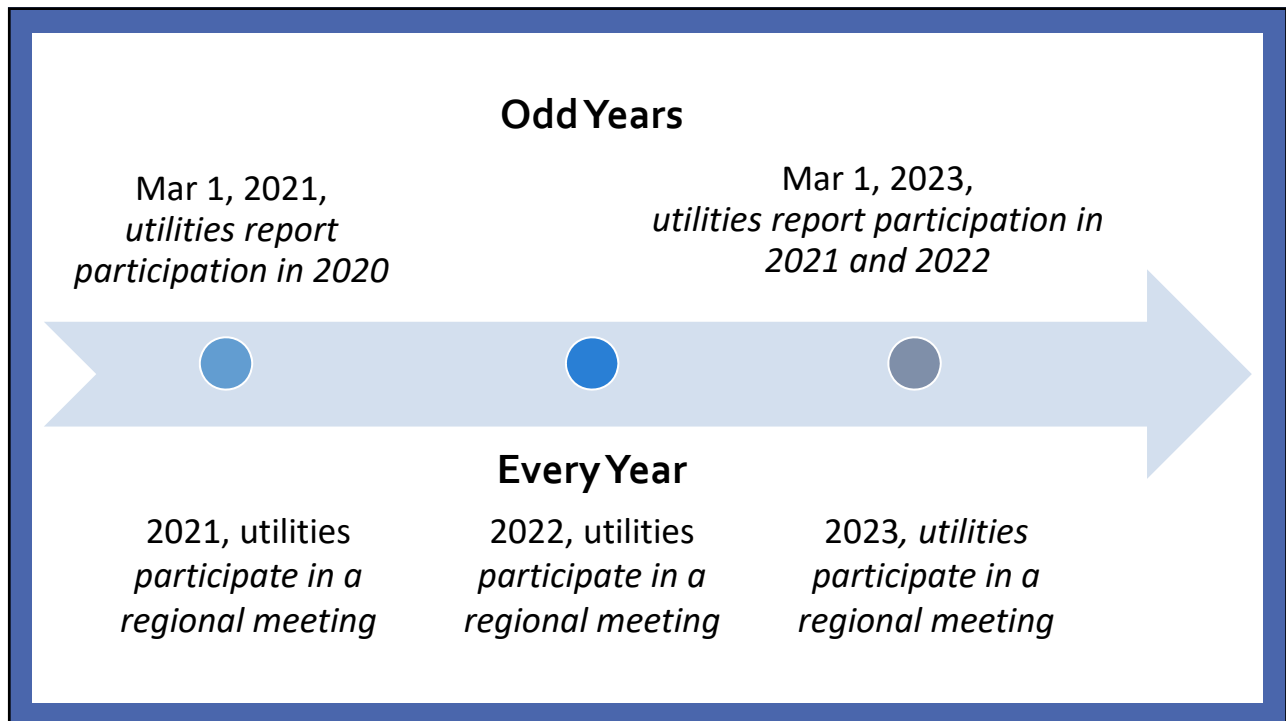
SEA 4 requirements: utilities

- Utilities set meeting agendas
- Utilities determine the water and wastewater priorities for the region
- Consider matters like:
 - Promoting cooperation
 - Promoting mutual assistance
 - Facilitating infrastructure investment
 - Protecting public health
 - Management of water resources
 - Projecting water supply and demand



SEA 4 requirements: reporting

- Utilities report to IFA by March 1, 2021 (and March 1 of each odd-numbered year thereafter)
 - Completing today's survey meets the March 1, 2021 requirement
- IFA reports to Legislature by November 1, 2021 (and March 1 of each odd-numbered year thereafter)
- Required for assistance from the DW and WW SRF Loan Programs



Our goals

- Formation of utility-led, independent, long-term regional planning groups
- Regional Planning = local utilities working together on long-term issues
- Do not re-create the wheel; invite us to your existing utility-led regional planning meeting
- Partner with existing organizations at existing meetings
- Easy reporting; complete today
- Offer CEUs




Going forward

- Utility-led, planning groups starting to form
- Annual IFA Regional Planning Meetings
- Establishing regional boundaries (“Study Areas”)



2020 IN Regional Meetings

IFA Regional Planning Survey - January 2020



Contact Information

1. Contact Info

First Name Last Name

Title

Email Address

Phone Number

Please add my email address to the IFA Regional Meeting contact list

Yes

No

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Utility Organizations

Utility Info

Utility Name *

What type of utility do you represent? *

drinking water

storm water

waste water

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Non-Utility Organizations

What type of organization do you represent? *

Local government

State government

Federal government

University

Advocacy Group

Other - Write In

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IFA Meeting Attendance

Which IFA Regional Planning meeting are you attending? *

01/29/2020

Do you represent a utility? *

Yes

No

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Regional Boundaries

1. In your opinion, what is the best to divide up the state into regions for water planning?
Check all that apply.

- County
- Populated Areas
- Water source
- Water use
- Watershed
- Other - Write In

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Current Regional Planning

2. If you **currently** participate in regional planning, who/what other groups **currently** participate with you?
Check all that apply

- County Surveyors
- Elected officials
- Economic development/Chamber of Commerce
- Farmers/agricultural groups
- Neighboring utilities
- Planning groups
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- State/Federal officials (IDEM, DNR, USGS, FEMA, etc.)
- Watershed groups
- Other - Write In

3. If you **currently** participate in regional meetings, what topics are discussed?
Check all that apply.

- Economic development
- Employment (recruitment, retention, etc.)
- Flooding
- Irrigation (agricultural & residential usage)
- Mutual aid agreements
- Regulatory compliance
- Supply/demand (population growth, drought planning, etc.)
- Water quality (PFAS, algal blooms, fluvial erosion, etc.)
- Other - Write In

Future Regional Planning

4. Who/what groups should be invited to participate in **future** regional planning that may not currently participate?
Check all that apply.

- County Surveyors
- Economic development/Chamber of Commerce
- Elected officials
- Farmers/agricultural groups
- Neighboring utilities
- Planning groups
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- State/Federal officials (IDEM, DNR, USGS, FEMA, etc.)
- Watershed groups
- Other - Write In

5. What topics should be discussed at **future** regional planning meetings?
Check all that apply.

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- Employment (recruitment, retention, etc.)
- Flooding
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- Other - Write In

****Survey link active until the end of today's presentations****

Questions?

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