

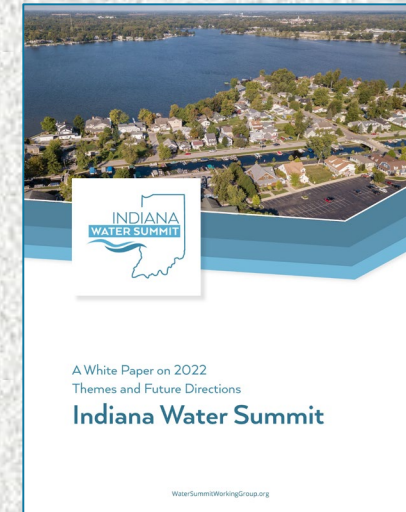
Turning discussion toward action – an interactive Summit conversation

This session – and this
year’s Summit as a whole
– follow on a great deal of
recent studies, reports, and
discussion.



Summit White Paper Themes

- 2022 Summit White Paper Themes
 - Regional Planning and Coordination
 - Water and the Quality of Life in Indiana: Taking an Integrated View
 - Information and Science Are Essential
 - The Importance of Capacity and Commitment
 - Dialogue Is Essential, Too
- 2023 Summit White Paper Themes
 - The Need for More and Better Data
 - The Connections Between Water and Development
 - The Value of Collaboration and Planning at a Regional Scale
 - Incorporating Nonstructural Options and Green Infrastructure into Our Water Management Toolkit
 - The Future Won't Be a Replay of the Past: Resilience and Adaptation Are Essential



Summit Working Group Meeting Topics, 2023-24

- Prioritizing regions and watersheds for future regional studies
- The White River Report Card
- Indiana's groundwater resources and source water protection
- The Farm Bill and source water protection areas
- Monitoring and source water protection
- Increased flood risk and community responses
- Infrastructure funding opportunities and helping communities access it
- Green infrastructure funding
- Evaluating the impact of green infrastructure: a case study
- The monitoring network enhancement project
- The 2024 regional water studies
- The utility personnel issue
- Local and regional planning – emergency preparedness, regional resilience, and making land-use planning more comprehensive
- New federal coal-ash and wastewater discharge regulations

Pre- and Post-Summit “Science & Policy” Forums, 2023-24 (in partnership with Purdue)

- *Water Withdrawals, Transfers, Sustainable Use and Policy in Indiana*
- *A Current Look at Climate Change and Water in Indiana: The Science and the Solutions*
- *Which Way Does It Flow: Groundwater-Surface Water Interaction*
- *Water and Recreation in Indiana*

Recent State Agency and Task Force Reports

- IURC, *Water Utility Resource Report: A Look at Indiana's Water Supply and Resource Needs*, 2013
- Water Infrastructure Task Force, report issued 2018
- Storm Water Management Task Force, report issued 2019
- Task Force on Wastewater Infrastructure Investment and Service to Underserved Areas, report issued 2021
- Wetlands Task Force, report issued 2022

* There was also a Drainage Task Force that met during 2023-24 but did not issue a final report and recommendations.

Recent Other Reports

- Indiana Chamber, *Modernizing the State's Approach to a Critical Resource*, 2014
 - Indiana Chamber, "Water Policy and Planning: A 10-Year Update," 2024
- Conservation Law Center, *Water and Quality of Life in Indiana*, 2017
- Purdue University's Indiana Climate Change Impact Assessment, *Managing Water in a Wet State*, 2023



OK, so now what?

Let's talk about that.

Your panel

- Megan Freveletti, Conservation Law Center
- Kay Hawthorne, Friends of White River
- Matt Meersman, St. Joseph River Basin Commission
- Jack Wittman, INTERA

This is your conversation too... please post thoughts, suggestions, and questions on mentimeter.