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Media Release

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**ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE STUDY UNDERWAY**  
***ReTHINK Water Joliet***

**Joliet, IL** - The City of Joliet is undertaking a Study to evaluate multiple sources of water to provide a sustainable supply for the future. In a recent report the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) found that at the current rate of usage, the aquifer supplying the majority of the City's water will no longer be sustainable by 2030.

The Study identified 14 potential sources and through initial evaluation eliminated nine of these sources. The remaining five, Illinois River, Kankakee River, Lake Michigan through the Chicago Department of Water Management, Lake Michigan through the DuPage Water Commission, and Lake Michigan through the Southland Water Commission will undergo a detailed analysis during Phase II. This analysis will include identification of needed improvements and the associated costs. A preferred alternative is expected to be identified by the end of the year.

This issue is important to our community and an awareness campaign has launched. Citizens and businesses are encouraged to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and visit our website [cityofjoliet.info](http://cityofjoliet.info) and click on the Rethink Water tab for more information and to sign up for the mailing list.

Updates will be sent via email throughout the study. Representatives will be on hand at local events and festivals to provide information on the study and ideas for conserving water at home.

**Martin J. Shanahan Jr.**  
**Interim City Manager**

The City of Joliet is the third largest city in the state of Illinois and home to over 149,000 residents. Joliet sits 35 miles southwest of Chicago and is easily accessible by auto, train and bus; making it the perfect place to live, work and play. Joliet is constantly striving to promote growth and diversity. For more information on Joliet visit [www.cityofjoliet.info](http://www.cityofjoliet.info) or call 815-724-4000. The City of Joliet's Media Releases are always available on our website.