

ATTENTION: IMPORTANT CITY OF JOLIET WATER INFORMATION

Alternative Water Source Program

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

What is the AWSP?

The Alternative Water Source Program is a regional effort to replace Joliet’s declining groundwater supply with a reliable, long-term supply of treated Lake Michigan water purchased from the City of Chicago by 2030.

BENEFITS:

- Reliable, long-term water supply
- Supports continued growth and development
- High quality, great tasting source water
- Water treated by Chicago experts



Why is a New Source Needed?

Joliet currently relies on groundwater for all of its water needs.



Groundwater is running out and nature can't replace it fast enough.



The Illinois State Water Survey predicts that we have until 2030 before drastic water restrictions would be needed.



A new source is needed to provide you with a reliable, high quality supply of water to meet demands and support continued growth and development in our community.

Program Implementation Schedule



Why was Lake Michigan Water from City of Chicago selected?

Several possible new water sources were studied over a 2.5 year period by a team of water industry experts.



Lake Michigan Water is the most reliable now and into the future.



Lake Michigan Water is able to provide water to not only Joliet but the entire region.



Lake Michigan Water tastes great without the need for home softeners.



How can I learn more?

Visit the program website at www.RethinkWaterJoliet.org to sign up for updates, view reports and ask questions about the program.

A Regional Approach:

The City of Joliet is leading efforts to develop and design the Alternative Water Source Program. These efforts include working with multiple nearby communities to form a Regional Water Commission that would own and operate the new water system. Benefits of a regional approach include:



More people sharing in the costs results in lower water bills for everyone.



Communities working together lightens the load for all.



Program Costs and Affordability:

Water rates in Joliet will have to increase to pay for construction of the \$600 - \$800 million new water supply system, but efforts have already started to manage the increases and create plans to keep water affordable for all.



New commitment from Chicago to charge a fair water rate to Joliet, significantly less than Chicago currently charges.



Joliet is working with state and federal representatives to reduce the cost of the program to Joliet residents.



Strategies are being developed to provide assistance to residents who cannot afford to pay their water bill.



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