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## ***A Watershed Approach to Water Quality Planning in Northeastern Illinois***

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## **Acknowledgments**

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- Clean Water Act (P.L. 92-500)
- Illinois EPA, Bureau of Water
- Local planning partners
  - Fox River Study Group
  - Illinois State Water Survey
  - Fox River Ecosystem Partnership
  - The Conservation Foundation
  - Environmental Defenders of McHenry County
  - Other stakeholders and landowners



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# CMAP

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\* Regional Planning Agency (Public Act 095-0677)

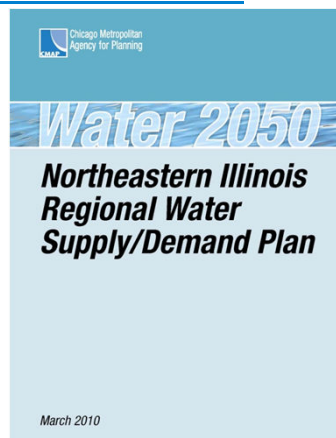


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# CMAP

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- Led development of



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## **CMAP = Areawide Water Quality Planning Agency**

- Areawide Water Quality Management Plan
  - Purpose: eliminate water pollution!
  - Four goals
  - 25 objectives, among them:
    - Reduce nonpoint-source pollution from ...
    - Reduce wastewater volumes
    - Reliance on local governments to ...
    - Citizen involvement

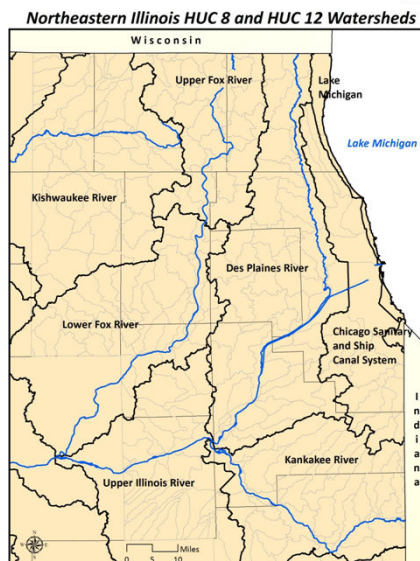


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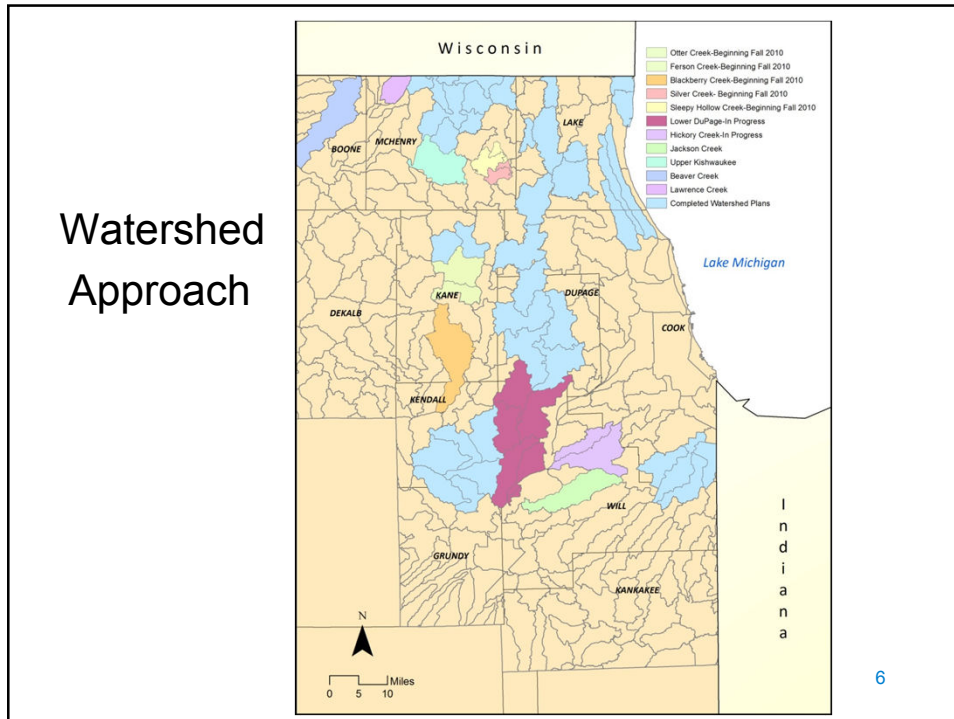
## **Areawide Planning**

- \* River Basin Approach
- \* Comprehensive



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## Watershed Approach



## Why Watershed Planning?

- Benefits:
  - Shared problem solving
  - Focal area = resource issue
  - Neighboring communities as a collective
  - democratic “*all politics are local*”
  - Enables learning
  - State programs integration

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# Thank you!

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