

Understanding Your Environment: Land Use Planning Activity 1 - Your Community's Water Resources

This investigation will help you to:

- Water Sources and Land-Use Planning
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Water Sources and Land-Use Planning

- Clean Water Action Plan
The home page for the Clean Water Action Plan, an initiative for restoring and protecting the nation's water resources. Click on the links to review the details of the Plan, to learn the most recent actions related to the Plan, and also to move to other related links.
- "Water-Managing a Natural Resource" - USGS Fact Sheet
This site briefly reviews the role of the USGS in managing the water resources of the United States. Topics covered include reservoir management, in-stream management and recreation, groundwater as a resources, groundwater contamination, and much more. Site also contains links to regional (Northeast, Southeast, Central, and Western US) hydrologists. Clicking on these links will take you to sites which give more detailed, regionally focused information.
- "AWRA State Section Websites" - American Water Resources Association
Click on your state to be taken to a list of links which will connect you with up-to-date information about water resources specific to your state.
- Water Use in the United States- USGS
Data is from 2010. The USGS works in cooperation with local, State, and Federal environmental agencies to collect water-use information.

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- "Water Where You Live" - EPA Office of Water
Click on your state to receive a list of links which provide information about water quality issues in your state, as well as real time data and general environmental links.
- "Local Offices for Water Resources" - USGS
Click on your state to link to the USGS Water Resources office in that state. Each state site is slightly different, so you will need to do a bit of exploring.

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