



Reconnecting the Great Lakes Water Cycle

Breaking Down the Silos

A Municipal Guide to Organizing Inter-Departmental
Workshops on Integrated Water Resources
Management

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Getting in front of the next water crisis







Borman Exwy I-80/94, Kennedy Av Hammond IN 2008/09/15 - Chicago Trib pic

The problem



Source: Center for Sustainable Infrastructure at The Evergreen State College

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IWM Defined

IWM is managing **human activities** and **natural resources** in an area defined by **watershed boundaries** aiming to protect and manage all natural resources and their functions today and into the future.

One Step Toward Breaking the Silos

- Get the right people talking



The Greater Lakes Project Experience

- IWM workshop in Guelph, Ontario, March 2014
- 30-40 people attended from neighboring communities and Guelph municipal departments





General Comments from the Guelph Workshop

- “This was an excellent networking opportunity.”
- “It was good to bring us all together. I hope this will initiate more integrated thinking for better collaboration among agencies.”
- “More people should be involved such as: politicians (councillors), developers and technical private consultants.”
- “Great discussion, good participation by all!”

New IWM Ideas for Guelph

- Subwatershed planning
- Integrated neighborhood planning
- Identify quick fix retrofit opportunities as demo projects
- Require integrated planning in official community plans.

Outline of the Guide

- Identify champions
- Set the agenda
- Getting the right people to the table
- Continuing the momentum
- Additional IWM References and Resources

The Agenda

- Present real-life case studies of IWM
- Get experts to speak
- Get a good facilitator
- Block plenty of time for discussion
- Identify concrete actions and implementation opportunities

Coming this Fall to the Greater Lakes Project Website

<http://glc.org/projects/water-resources/greater-lakes/>

- Water Resources Impact Tool
- Breaking Down the Silos Guide

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