

Allen County Partnership for Water Quality

WATER MATTERS

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Where Does My Drinking Water Come From?

The St. Joseph River is the sole source of drinking water for the residents served by the Fort Wayne City Utilities. Each day, an average of 34.9 million gallons of water is drawn from the river for treatment, filtration and distribution. Water flows into the St. Joseph River from a watershed that covers more than 694,000 square acres in northeast Indiana, northwest Ohio and south-central Michigan. Springs, creeks and runoff from rain and snow throughout the St. Joseph River watershed feed the river. During drought conditions, City Utilities may also draw upon the Hurshtown Reservoir. Water is brought to the Three Rivers Filtration Plant through the Cedarville and St. Joseph River dams. Raw water is pumped to the plant from the St. Joseph River dam located near North Anthony and Coliseum boulevards.

Fort Wayne City Utilities proudly reports that its water meets or is better than all state and federal water quality standards. To view a copy of the Fort Wayne City Utilities 2004 Annual Drinking Water Report call the ACPWQ at 484-5848 ext.111. or visit the City's website at <http://www.cityoffortwayne.org/new/water/pdf/ccr.pdf>.