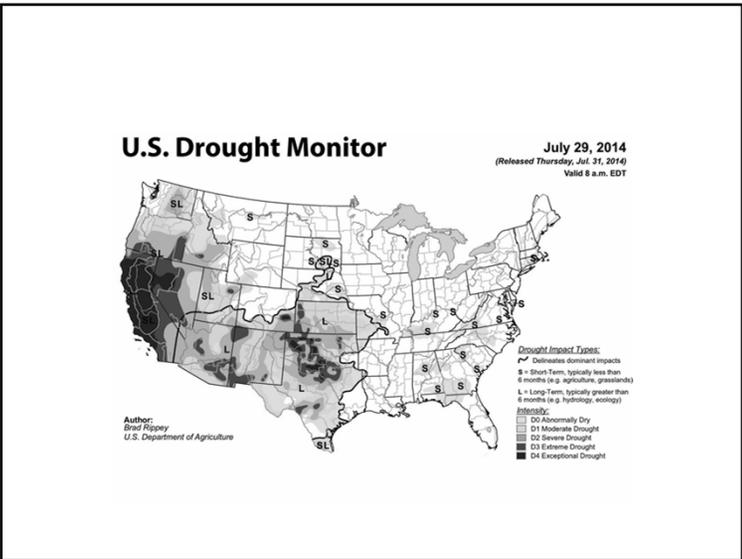
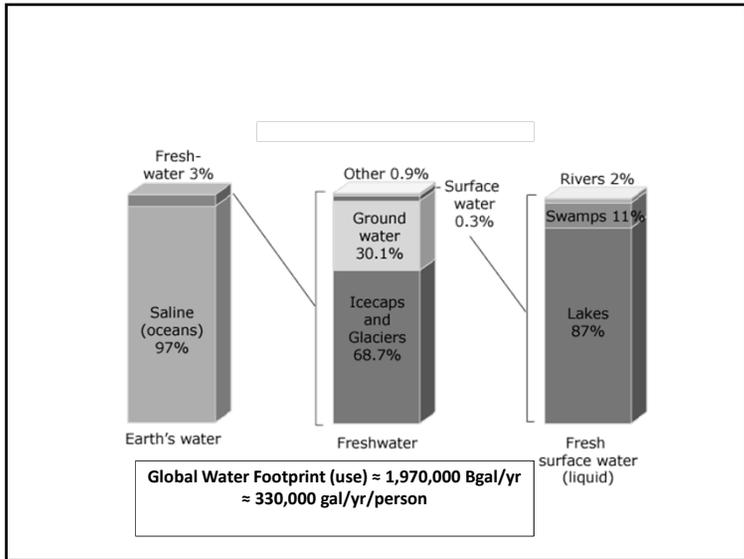




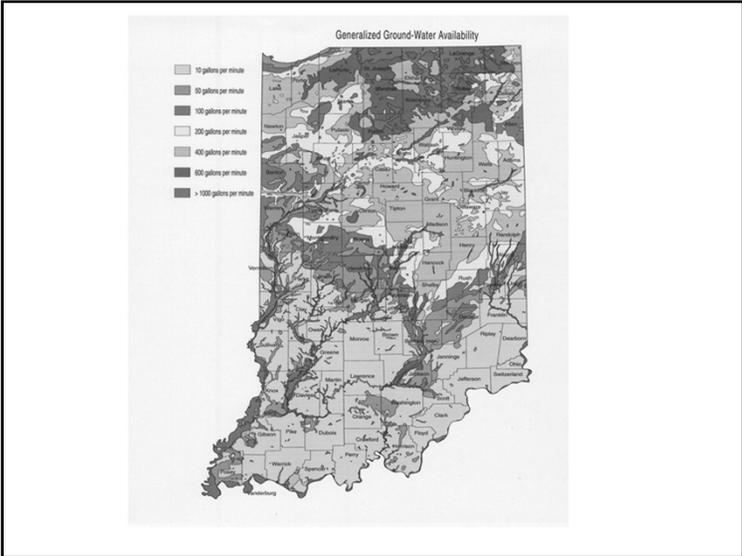
**Water and Electricity Are  
The Backbone Of ANY  
Economy**

**NO Water OR Electricity =  
NO Economy**



# Water Resources

## An Economic Attractor?



**Indiana Vision 2025**  
**Released in 2012**

*Vision 2025 is a comprehensive, multi-year initiative to provide leadership a long-range economic development action plan for Indiana.*

*Sets a high bar for our state.*

**Indiana Chamber Vision 2025**  
**“Water” Statement**

Traditional thinking should be challenged as it is essential to **preserve and protect** this valuable resource and recognize that national and global competition requires broader cooperation across the state. Communities must **work together** to utilize Indiana’s advantage and realize potential economic growth. **The result of narrow, local planning is that resource sharing and economies of scale are missed. Indiana must rethink the way it plans, regulates and utilizes its water resources.**

**Water is essential for our state’s economic development.**

- **Keep business,**
- **Grow business and**
- **Attract business**

**2014 Legislative**  
**Utilities Study Committee**

***“For the next 100 years, water will be the number one item for site selection”***

(Larry Gigerich, Ginovus – international site selector)

**Indiana Chamber**  
**Vision 2025**

**Water Study Release**

**August , 2014**

## ***CHALLENGES***

- Barely adequate local supplies in Central Indiana
- Limited groundwater in some areas
- Infrastructure investment in the South
- Regional planning is needed

## Recommendations

- Create awareness for the need for water supply planning: **talk** to people around the state
- Create capacity to coordinate efforts: **establish** a planning lead and fund water research
- Create a robust system for monitoring water resources: ~100 **new monitoring** wells and track low-flow
- Create a systematic approach for data analysis: **determine** aquifer sustainability and yield
- Create a framework for cooperative management: **model** reservoirs and streams to optimize
- It takes at least **three years** to prepare for implementation: *this needs to be done by an entity that will do this right.*

## **2015 Legislative Action**

### **SB 473 “Voluntary monitoring of water resources”**

- IDNR to:
  - Receive **voluntary** ground and surface water **data**
  - **Train** the volunteers
  - Identify **locations**
  - Ensure **adequacy**
  - **Verify** thru independent sampling

## **SB 474: Analysis of water utility planning and needs**

- IFA conduct an analysis of the **planning and needs** of water utilities of:
  - The **15** most populous cities in the state
  - Five** other cities with  $\leq 10,000$  people
  - Identify and assess** state agencies involved in water related activities

**SB 312: Tank reporting and water threat minimization**

- Affects **ONLY** surface water intakes (<40)
- **Register** tanks upstream 25 miles X ¼ mi.
- **Develop** a surface water quality threat minimization and response **plan**
- **ERB** to develop rules related to registration and the “Threat Plans”.

**GOOD NEWS!**

- We can invent our water future.
- We do have the water resources.
- But – we must take charge NOW and make smart decisions.
- We must all work together!

**WATER**

**“WHISKEY’S FOR DRINKING  
AND  
WATER’S FOR FIGHTING”**

(Mark Twain upon returning from California)