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Indiana's Water Conservation Policy

This water conservation policy recognizes that Indiana's abundant water resources are a public good for all citizens of the State, and promotes the efficient use of this water by encouraging environmentally sound and economically feasible conservation measures to ensure its availability for future generations.

Proposed Components:

- 1) Conservation Objectives
 - Goals
 - Process
- 2) Hydrologic Data Collection/Presentation
 - Funding of USGS gage network
 - Website presentation of available hydrologic/climatic data
- 3) Public Education/Outreach
 - Conservation information provided to SWWFs
 - Develop ongoing education program specifically for SWWFs
 - Webpage information and links
 - Newspaper/Magazine press releases
 - School/Public meeting presentations
 - Develop "Water Audit" assistance for residential consumers
 - Develop "Water Audit" assistance for non-residential consumers & SWWFs
 - Educate Legislators on Conservation practices and issues
- 4) Encourage Conservation Pricing
 - Customer class rate structures (residential, commercial, industrial)
 - Increasing block rate pricing
 - Increased rate for large users during shortage
- 5) Recommend Program Funding by "User Fees"
 - Possible fees for SWWFs
 - Revenue generated from all water users by Legislative directive
- 6) Development of Statewide Water Plan
 - Conservation must be component of plan
 - Encourage use of grey water

- 7) Identify and Promote Best Management Practices
 - Develop, implement, & maintain water loss programs—possible incentives.
 - Improve or modify systems to increase efficiency
 - Leak detection & repair—control of unaccounted for water
 - Sub-metering for all water using processes
 - Utilization of remote sensing and telemetry technologies for ongoing monitoring

- 8) Application/Sharing of Available Science and Research
 - Roundtables, Seminars