

Water Quality Information Center

www.nal.usda.gov/wqic

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service maintains a Web site with information about water and agriculture. The Water Quality Information Center site includes searchable databases, bibliographies, discussions lists, and news.

From aquatic and wetland plants to water conservation, information is available on numerous water-related topics. The site features a section titled "Funding" that provides a comprehensive list of federal money available for water projects. This section may be accessed at www.nal.usda.gov/wqic/funding.shtml.



Science Daily

www.sciencedaily.com

Each of the last three years, Science Daily has been the winner of Popular Science magazine's "Top 50 Web Sites." This free, advertising-supported service brings you breaking news about the latest discoveries and hottest research projects in everything from astrophysics to zoology. The Earth and Climate section is of particular interest for people dealing the water and wastewater issues.

The site's articles are selected from news releases submitted by leading universities and other research organizations around the world. Each news release is posted in its original form, with a link to the organization's home page, to help those interested in finding up-to-date and relevant background information about a topic.



Management Help Available

www.mapfornonprofits.org

Running a nonprofit organization like a business is easier said than done. The Management Assistance Program for Nonprofits (MAP) provides management and board development services for nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies, such as water utilities.

From financial management and accounting to strategic planning, MAP will conduct an assessment of your needs at no charge and with no obligation. They will then give you a cost estimate for services. Call MAP at (651) 647-1216 or visit their Web site for more information.

Located in St. Paul, MAP provides services in Minnesota. Their Web site provides links to similar training in other areas, although not all states are represented.

The MAP Web site also provides a link to the Free Management Library (www.managementhelp.org). With more than 675 topics arranged in 75 categories, this site provides comprehensive coverage of management issues. Whether it's problem solving or public relations, customer service or computers, risk management or research methods, you'll find the information you need for your system presented in an easy-to-comprehend style.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

www.epa.gov

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides a variety of information about watersheds.

Water Quality Report

www.epa.gov/305b

Includes National Water Quality Inventory reports to Congress, fact sheets, and a brochure.

State Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/safewater/sourcewater/>

Provides information about each state's source water assessment program, including background about the program and contacts in each state.

STORET

www.epa.gov/storet/

Has raw water quality data, including where and when samples were taken, sampling methods used, and the laboratory that performed the analysis.

Total Maximum Daily Load Program

www.epa.gov/owow/tmdl

Provides general and state-specific information about the maximum amount of pollutants that a waterbody can receive and still meet water quality standards.

Watershed Info on the Web

There are numerous Internet sites devoted to watershed issues. Here are several that have information about field assessment techniques, monitoring, and stream restoration.

Water Footprint

www.waterfootprint.org

The water footprint of an individual, business, or nation is defined as the total volume of freshwater that is used to produce the goods and services consumed by the individual, business, or nation. This site provides information for national water footprints and a calculator for learning how much water an individual uses.



Izaak Walton League

www.iwla.org

For more than 30 years, the Izaak Walton League has been involved in watersheds through their Save Our Streams program. This part of their site has different tools for effective watershed improvement projects, including a stream monitoring and restoration database.

U.S. Geological Survey

<http://water.usgs.gov/nawqa/>

The U.S. Geological Survey has a wealth of information about water issues. The National Water Quality Assessment Program monitors various rivers and streams around the country, including pollutant levels for pesticides, nutrients, and volatile organic compounds.



The National Environmental Services Center

www.nesc.wvu.edu

The National Environmental Services Center—home to both the National Drinking Water Clearinghouse and the National Small Flows Clearinghouse—has devoted a section of its Web site to watershed issues. Included are articles about watersheds (including the first two installments of the four-part series currently running in *On Tap* magazine), information about source water protection and onsite wastewater management, and links to other sites devoted to watershed issues. NESC water and wastewater engineers are also available to answer questions. Call toll-free (800) 624-8301 and select option "3" to speak to one of our technical staff.

