



# Indian Lake Borough

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Subject: **Source Water Protection Plan for the Indian Lake Borough Waterworks**

In late 2012 DEP and PRWA met with the Borough to discuss a US-EPA requirement to assess and protect sources of drinking water for small community systems such as ours. Assistance would be provided in terms of funding. With Borough support, agreements were signed in February 2013 for the work to begin, at no cost to the Borough [~\$20K paid directly by DEP].

The first phase, termed “Delineations” was performed by SSM Group out of Reading/Lehigh Valley, PA. This phase determined the underground and surface sources and pathways for our drinking water [in our case the aquifers feeding our wells]. This work was completed in late 2013/early 2014, a draft report issued in May 2014, and a final was issued in August.

The next phase, the actual Source Water Protection Plan, was prepared largely by PRWA (Don Muir), with local help from a Committee comprising Dean Snyder, Bob Hanson, Mike Miscoe and Lynn Shimer. The SWPP was finalized and issued in October 2014. DEP is expected to approve it shortly. It forms the basis for Risk Assessment, Risk Reduction, Risk Mitigation and Risk Management on a **continuing** basis. Legislation (in the form of Ordinances to protect well-heads and recharge areas), Training, Public Awareness Sessions, Intergovernmental Agreements and various Projects to preserve or improve our Drinking Water are expected outcomes of an effective SWPP.

The full PRWA report is on the Borough web site at:

[www.ilborough.com/FILES/PRWA/Indian%20Lake%20SWP%20plan%20Final%20Oct%202014.pdf](http://www.ilborough.com/FILES/PRWA/Indian%20Lake%20SWP%20plan%20Final%20Oct%202014.pdf)