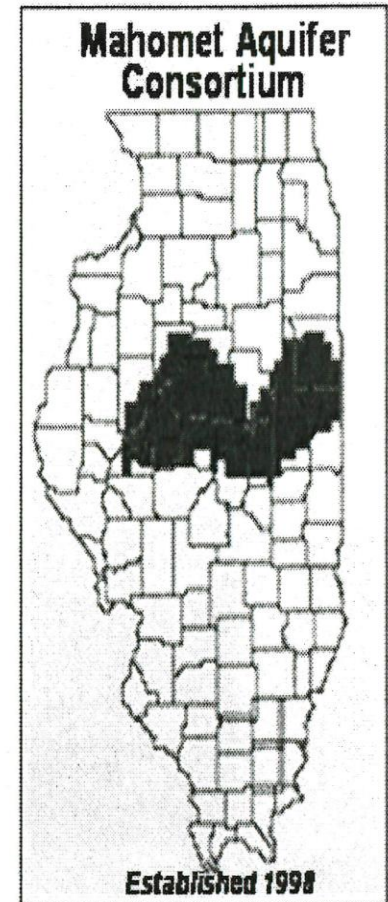


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A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

- Life is Water Dependent
- Rise and Fall of Civilizations / Water

WATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING DEFINED

- A process that promotes bringing together and prioritizing water-related efforts in a region such as the area outlying the Mahomet Aquifer
- Element of a “Comprehensive Plan”

SUSTAINABLE WATER USES

- Responsible Management of the Resource
- Resource Endurance for the Long Haul

RELIABLE WATER SUPPLIES

- Available for Population Growth
- Consistently Available Supply

WATER QUALITY

- Highest Quality Possible
- Free from Contaminants

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

- Wildlife Uses
- Environmental Impacts

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- Continued Urban Growth
- Support for Business and Industry

PROTECTING AGRICULTURE

- Irrigation Uses
- Livestock Production

A FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE

- Goals
- Objectives
- Policies

USE CONFLICTS

- Urban / Rural
 - Who Gets Priority?
 - A Balancing Act for a Limited Resource

SETTING PRIORITIES

- Competing Interests
- Limited Resources
- Establishing a Framework

SUMMARY

- Essential for Preserving and Improving Our Quality of Life

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