

# How to Collaborate to Protect Drinking Water Sources

## New Online Toolkit Offers Tips, Templates & Funding Ideas

**Final Weblink: Coming Soon**

A new online toolkit from the national Source Water Collaborative (SWC) helps others initiate or enhance partnerships to protect drinking water sources, as part of the SWC's ongoing efforts to help foster local, state and regional/watershed source water collaboratives.

With input from those with experience forming state and local collaboratives, this toolkit is designed to meet a broad array of needs, from tips for those just getting started to mature partnerships seeking new inspiration.

### **BENEFITS OF USING A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH:**

- Increases recognition of need for protecting drinking water sources
- Offers cost-effective approach rather than “going it alone”
- Aligns diverse efforts for mutual benefit (watershed protection, conservation, regulation, planning, and/or economic development)
- Brings together those with authority and influence to solve problems
- Uses a voluntary approach while leveraging current state and federal programs

### **TOOLKIT IS ORGANIZED BY STAGE TO MEET DIVERSE NEEDS**



#### **CONSIDERING**

- Find collaborative models
- Align planning with priority concerns
- Identify your resources
- Identify prospective partners
- Consult with trusted partners
- Get initial agreement



#### **FORMING**

- Identify leaders, facilitators, & members
- Consider collaborative structures
- Create communication tools
- Set goals & initial activities
- Identify common ground
- Plan effective meetings
- Find sample meeting materials
- Find funding ideas



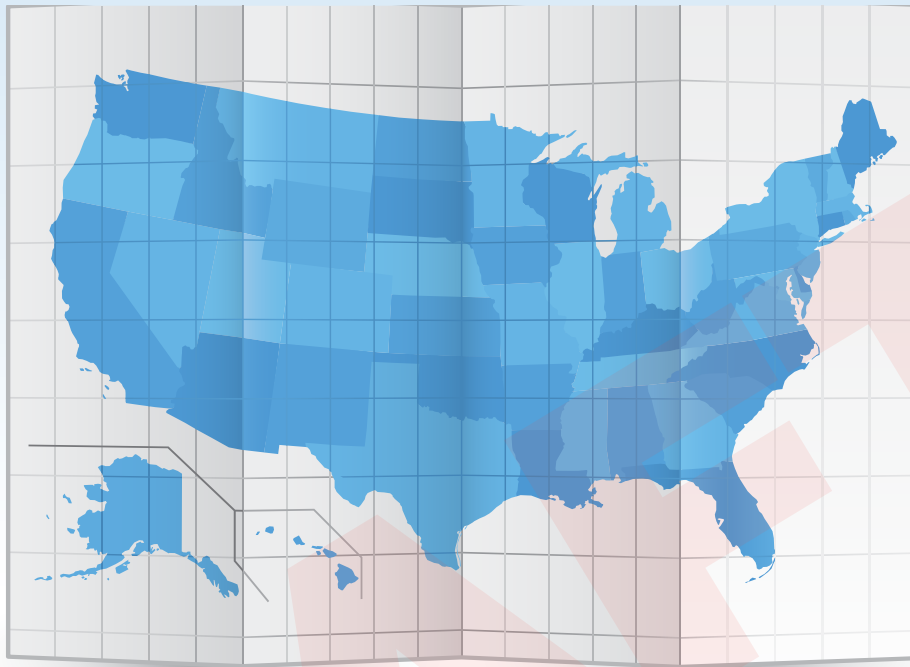
#### **ADVANCING**

- Engage partners & stakeholders
- Set annual goals
- Create concrete actions/projects
- Improve communication
- Leverage funding opportunities



#### **MAINTAINING**

- Motivate partners
- Measure your progress
- Secure sustainable funding
- Engage new partners



# Find Current Source Water Collaboratives in Interactive Map

## **STATE COLLABORATIVES**

- Colorado Source Water Protection
- Idaho Source Water Protection Collaborative
- Nebraska Wellhead Protection Network (WHPN)
- North Carolina Source Water Collaborative
- Ohio Balanced Growth Program
- Source Water Agricultural Collaborative (IA)

## **LOCAL COLLABORATIVES**

- Berks County Water and Sewer Association (PA)
- Eastern Lancaster County (PA) Source Water Collaborative
- Iowa Source Water Protection Efforts
- Ostego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (NY)

## **REGIONAL/WATERSHED COLLABORATIVES**

- Clackamas River Water Providers (OR)
- Delaware Basin Source Water Collaborative
- Hamilton-New Baltimore Consortium (OH)
- Idaho-Washington Aquifer Collaborative
- Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area Committee (OR)
- Lower Yakima Valley Groundwater Management Area Advisory Committee (WA)
- New England Watershed Managers Collaborative
- Our Missouri Waters Initiative
- Potomac Drinking Water Source Protection Partnership (Mid-Atlantic Region)
- Salmon Falls Watershed Collaborative (NH/ME)
- Schuylkill Action Network (PA)
- Source Water Protection in the Ohio River
- Triple Divide Watershed Coalition (PA)
- Upper Mississippi River Source Water Protection Project (MN)