

WATER ON THE AGENDA

One of the goals under the *Indiana Vision 2025* economic development action plan reads: Develop and implement a strategic water resource plan that ensures adequate fresh water for citizens and businesses.

The Chamber Foundation hired Bloomington-based hydrogeologist Jack Wittman with geoscience company INTERA to lead the study, which is also guided by a board of advisors. The current efforts (see more on Page 82) have been documented by *The Associated Press*, Indianapolis-based *NUVO* magazine and other media.

But this isn't the Chamber's first foray into water allocation. We actually discovered a similar report in the archives from June 1953, titled "Water Resources Report to Southern Indiana Inc." The entire document is nearly 70 pages, but here are a few notes from the general summary:



Numerous resources, in addition to major rivers like the Ohio, are required to meet the state's water needs.

These five points are held to be fundamental guides for conducting future work:

1. Present water conditions – supplies; flood damages
2. Potential long-term supply needs
3. Potential long-term supply opportunities
4. Possible reductions of flood losses
5. General benefits to entire area which may result from improvement projects

The valley-wide approach to the water problem of Southern Indiana is all-important because surface water must be the main source of supply.

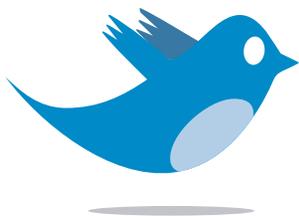
It is recognized that there now is a tremendous waste of water resources in Southern Indiana. Much water is lost in flood periods during

the heavy rainfall seasons of the spring and early summer while many stream beds are almost dry in late summer and fall months. Equalization of the stream flows, therefore, is taken as the key approach to the problem...

It is impossible to propose a "blanket remedy" for water problems in Southern Indiana. In any year, losses from drought may be just as severe as losses from flood, or greater. Any storage of water in small watersheds is of much value to farm operations. The value of farming is on equal status with that of manufacturing and commercial activities in the support of the business system.

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