

Local Water Resource Management

All persons making LQWs within a watershed are encouraged to establish a **Water Users Committee**

- to evaluate the status of current water resources, water use, and trends in water use within the watershed
- to assist in long-term water resources planning

A water users committee may be composed of all **registrants, permit holders, and local government officials** within the watershed.

Upon establishment of a **water users committee**, a participating local government official may create an *ad hoc* **subcommittee of residents** of that local unit of government to provide that local government official with information and advice on water resources, water use, and trends in water use within the local unit of government.

If the DEQ registers or issues a permit for a **zone-B** or **zone-C** withdrawal, they must place a notice on their website and **notify by e-mail** all of the following *that have requested an e-mail notification*:

- Conservation districts
- Regional planning agencies
- Watershed management planning committees
- Stormwater committees established under part 31
- The chief elected officials of the local government units
- Community supplies owned by local government units
- The water users committee in that watershed

Upon receipt of notification from the DEQ, the notified entities may form a **water resources assessment and education committee**

- Meetings of WRAE committees shall be open to the general public.
- A WRAE committee formed under this subsection may provide recommendations regarding any of the following:
 - Long-term water resources planning
 - Use of conservation measures
 - Drought management activities

If the DEQ determines that an **ARI** is occurring or is likely to occur from 1 or more LQWs, they shall notify the **water users committee** in the watershed or, if a WUC has not yet been formed, they shall convene a meeting of all registrants and permit holders within the watershed

DEQ shall attempt to facilitate an agreement on **voluntary measures** that would prevent adverse resource impacts.