

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### **Why is this study being conducted?**

Since 2017 the IFA has been conducting regional water studies around the state in areas that are in need of additional information and clarity regarding their water resources. This will be IFA's fourth study, with an anticipated completion date of fall 2024.

### **What does a water study look at?**

The IFA's water studies generally look at availability and future demand. The IFA has previously conducted three other water studies. To see completed studies and what they entail, click <https://www.in.gov/ifa/regional-water-studies/>.

### **Who is generally involved in a water study?**

Federal, state and university partners are usually involved, including the U.S. Geological Survey, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Local utilities are also consulted and play an important role in providing the grass roots data necessary to properly evaluate water supply and demand. As with prior water studies, the North Central Indiana Regional Water Study will also include state universities, such as Indiana University and Purdue University.

### **How is the study funded?**

The IFA has funded past water studies primarily with federal funding.

### **What is the timeline to conduct and complete this survey?**

The survey team will be determined by the end of 2023 and will begin work in January 2024 with the goal to have preliminary results by spring 2024. Final results, with a written report, are anticipated in the fall of 2024.