# **Ensuring Sustainable Water Service: Full Cost Pricing in NE Illinois**

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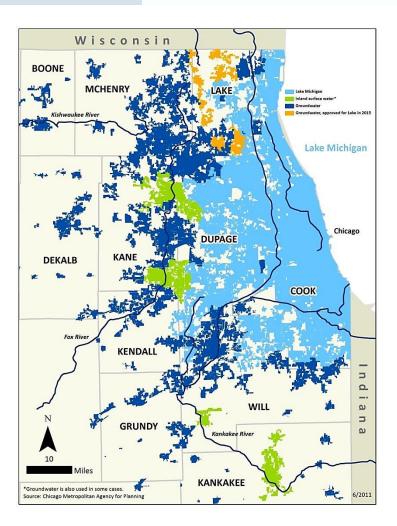






# Importance of Demand Management in the NE IL Region

Northeastern Illinois Regional Water Supply/Demand Plan



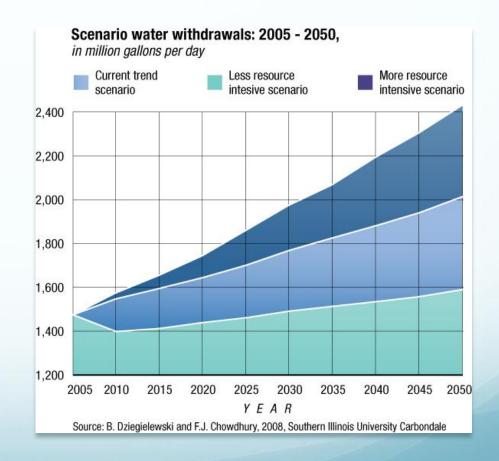
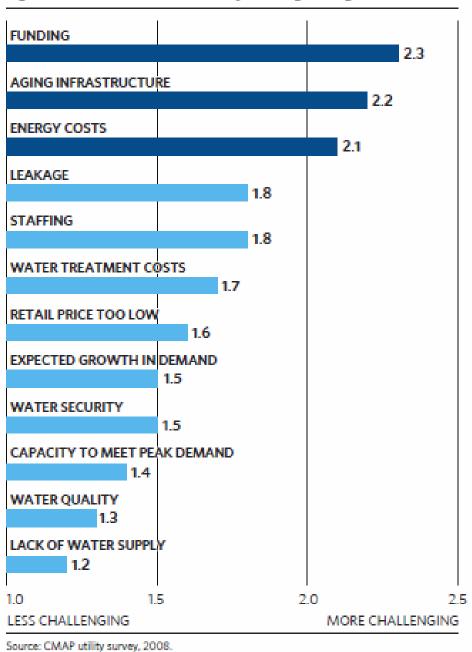


Figure 1. Northeastern Illinois utility challenge ratings

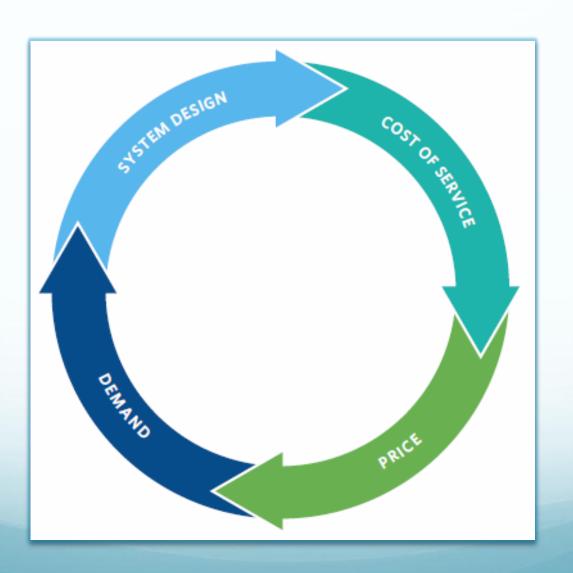


### Water Infrastructure

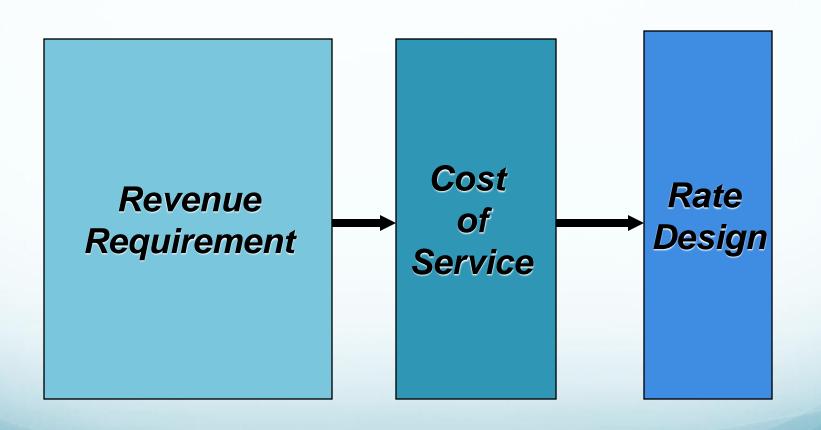
- Illinois water infrastructure = D-plus.
- Cost of addressing over \$21.5 billion.
- High costs on communities
- Economic conditions



## Why Pricing?



# Cost of Service Rate Setting Overview

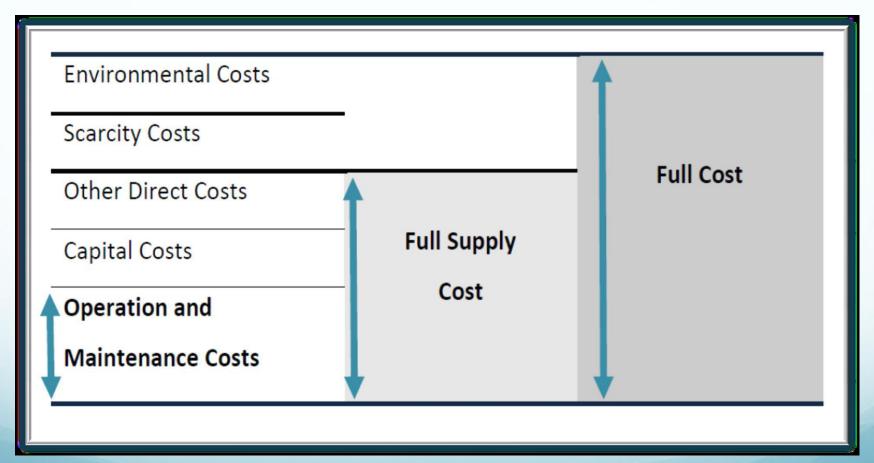


### Full cost pricing definition

"implies that all private and social costs associated with a product or activity (and determined using full cost accounting) are included in the price of an activity"

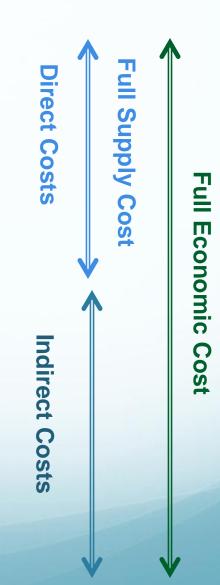
See Conway-Schempf, PhD. Full Cost Accounting <a href="http://gdi.ce.cmu.edu/gd/education/FCA\_Module\_98.pdf">http://gdi.ce.cmu.edu/gd/education/FCA\_Module\_98.pdf</a>

### Full Economic Cost Pricing

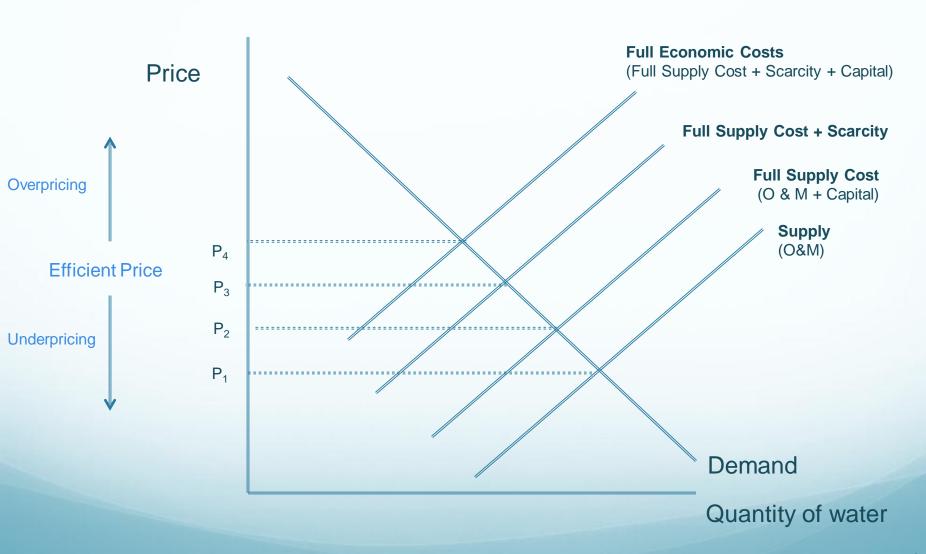


## An Analogy: Full Cost of Driving

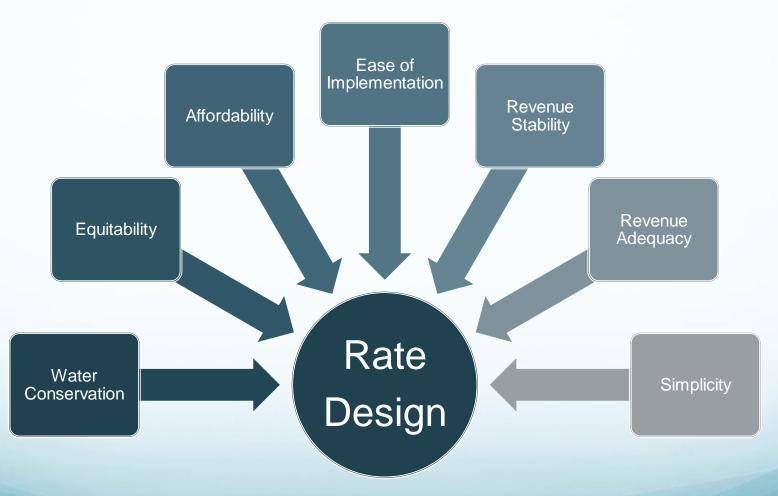
- Gas
- Maintenance
- Operation
- Financing
- Road Construction and Maintenance
- Traffic Congestion
- Emissions
- Health Impacts
- More...



### Pricing and Efficiency, Theory



## Rate Design in Practice: Art, Politics, Science



# Full Cost Pricing Committee Program Recommendations

#### Voluntary implementation

Outreach to local elected officials, public crucial!

#### Address foundational issues first

 Project development, Sustainable infrastructure planning, financial planning.

#### Focus on Full Supply Cost Implementation

 Scarcity Cost education for groundwater-dependent communities

# Program Strategy

"How to do it"

Training Workshops

Technical Assistance "Why to Do It"

Decision Makers & Local Elected Officials

Public & Ratepayers

205 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING:

### Getting your Project to Flow Smoothly

The availability of water and sewer services is a major factor in determining the community's outlook for future economic development. The future growth and sustainability of the community is dependent upon your ability to plan, design, and construct needed infrastructure.

This Sustainable Infrastructure Training will assist communities in identifying actions that can be taken as next steps in fosters and promotes sustainability. These include Water Conservation, Effective Project Development, Energy Efficiency & Asset Management.

Decisions made today will impact your children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren. With increasing demands and the shrinking pool of resources getting the best bang for your project buck is more important than ever. Technical assistance specialists will be on hand to provide follow-up assistance.

Up to 10.0 Illinois EPA Approved Operator Certification Training Hours

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DAY 1: PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Monday, June 18, 2012 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

DAY 2: SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Tuesday June 19, 2012 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

McHenry County Government Administration Building Conference Room A 2200 N. Seminary Ave. Woodstock, IL 60098

Continental breakfast, lunch, and free parking provided.

cost: \$25 for full two-day workshop \$15 for one-day workshop

The event will be held in the upper level of the McHenry County Administration Building located across the street from the McHenry County Courthouse on Ware Road. View the map at http://www.co.mchenry.il.us/departments/gis/Documents/GIS%2olocation.pdf.

Visit www.mchenryh2o.com for registration. For more information, email plandev@co.mchenry.il.us or call (815) 334-4560.



Achieving water efficiency, sustaining infrastructure investment, and reaching environmental protection goals requires adequate financing. At the end of the day, communities must address the question of how to pay for continued reliable and safe water services. Many communities are facing a backlog of needed infrastructure repair and replacement costs to their water and wastewater systems, and are uncertain how they will finance these costs. Other communities are interested in pursuing water conservation, but are wary of the resulting impacts on revenues and water bills. Added to increasing concerns over water quality and increasing extreme weather events, the reality is that innovative and financially sustainable methods for funding water services, water efficiency programs, and environmental protection are required.

CMAP, in partnership with IISG is developing a series of education, outreach, and training initiatives to help communities develop and implement sustainable water services financing programs.

Full Cost Pricing. Frames the full cost pricing issue for northeastern Illinois. Download a powerpoint overview of the issue and a white paper below.

· Full Cost Pricing in Illinois White Paper [coming soon]

Water Rates and Rate Structures in Northeast Illinois. A survey and evaluation of residential rate structures in the Northeast Illinois region. Download the power point presentation below.

Water Rates and Rate Structures in Northeast Illinois

The Economics of Water. Provides information on water resource economics to agencies, water resource managers, current and future planners on water economics issues for improved decision making.

- Economic Value of Regional Water Supply Planning
- Economic Analysis and Implementing Water 2050
- · The Value of Water: Economics, Environment and Ethics
- · Economic Issues of Water Planning & Economics [coming soon]
- · Sustaining the Triple Bottom Line

Conservation Pricing in Northeastern Illinois An examination of conservation pricing and related policies that make systems more resilient and manage climate and aging infrastructure risks.

- · Conservation Rates [Conservation Pricing Fact Sheet coming soon]
- · Reducing Water Supply Vulnerability in the Chicago Metro Area
- · Water Pricing for Climate Change

Water Conservation and Efficiency Planning Ordinance Review and Updates Water Financing

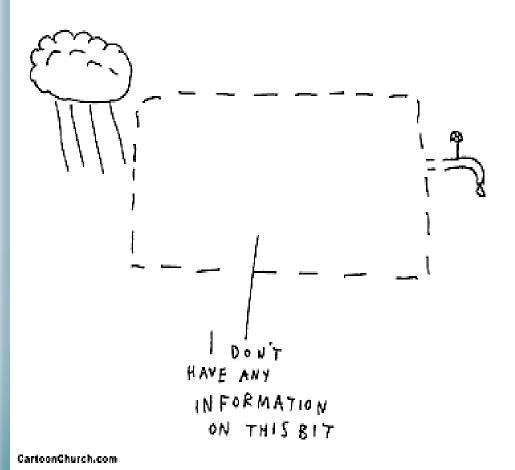
Training

Public Outreach and Education Sustainable Water Financing

Lawn To Lake



#### HOW WE GET WATER IN OUR HOMES



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Questions?

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