

# The Facts

## COMMUNITY IN NEED



### THE GREAT LAKES COMPACT DOES NOT ALLOW:

Communities to apply for Great Lakes water to meet **future** water needs.

### WAUKESHA'S TWISTS THE DEFINITION OF A COMMUNITY IN NEED IN ITS

The City of Waukesha's definition of "community in need" is **inconsistent** throughout its application. When calculating how much water the City will need in the future, Waukesha **DOES include** portions of neighboring communities in its definition of community. When considering how to best conserve and use water efficiently, the City **DOES NOT include** portions of neighboring communities in its definition of community.

### APPLICATION TO THE DNR.

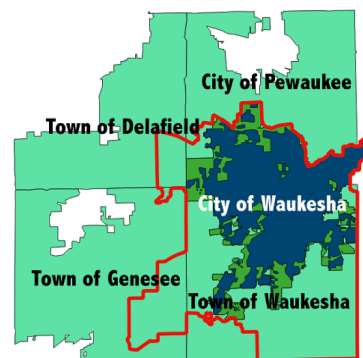


**None** of the neighboring municipalities have demonstrated a need for a new water source; some have even said publicly they don't **need Lake Michigan water.**





Neighboring communities are required to meet every **conservation** requirement of the Compact, just like the City of Waukesha.

Waukesha is basing its definition of community on a **proposed** sewer and water supply plan from a regional agency that has **yet to be approved** or finalized by the DNR. The public has not been provided the opportunity to weigh in on the proposed water supply service area plan.



Waukesha wants a **40% increase** in service area to inflate current and future water needs

 current water supply service area  
 expanded water supply service area

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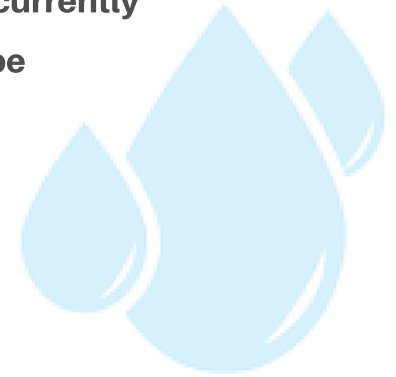
PROTECT OUR GREAT LAKES  
RESPECT THE COMPACT

## WAUKESHA'S HAS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO GREAT LAKES WATER THAT IT IS CHOOSING TO IGNORE.

The City's current use, coupled with the water conservation, means the existing water distribution infrastructure is **sufficient** to meet, not only current, but **full build out** projections **of 2050** for the current service area. The City will only need to improve existing infrastructure and add treatment. There will be no adverse impacts to the environment.



Waukesha could **save** its residents over **\$150 million** over the next 50 years by simply investing in the infrastructure it currently operates. By **treating** its water for radium, Waukesha would be following the successful example of more than **40 other Wisconsin communities** in providing its residents access to a clean, safe and sustainable water supply.



Waukesha's current cost estimates do not include the significant cost **burden** that would fall on current **residents and businesses** of its proposed **expanded service area**, who would have to **pay** out of their own pockets to **hook-up** to both water and sewer. Those property owners would also pay close to **\$900** a year for water, an increase of over **250%** of their current bills.

