

2.4 Groundwater Organizations

Leadership & Education

Washtenaw County provides several services to County residents relating to groundwater, including: water sample bottles, onsite sewage and well services, information on groundwater contamination areas, and information on what homeowners can do to protect groundwater resources. Please contact the Department of Planning and Environment with questions.

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The **Ecology Center** in Ann Arbor also provides educational materials about groundwater issues. The center has a course available for middle school age children entitled “Groundwater and You.” In the class, students can learn about groundwater by working with models. For more information visit:
<http://www.ecocenter.org>

Advocacy

There are also some local organizations that organize around groundwater issues. **Scio Residents for Safe Water (SRSW)** is an organization of residents concerned with groundwater issues, specifically the 1,4-dioxane plume associated with Gelman Sciences Inc.(facility now owned by Pall Life Science). Information and updates from SRSW can be found at: <http://www.hvcn.org/info/srsw/home.html>

Advocacy

The **Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program** is a State sponsored program dedicated to providing information and assessment tools regarding responsible use of pesticides and fertilizers. For more information visit:
http://www.michigan.gov/mda/0,1607,7-125-1567_1599_1608---,00.html