

# **Councillor Briefing Sessions**

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# Request for Recommendation Priorities Committee



## Type of Decision

Meeting Date	October 4, 2006				Report Date	September 18, 2006			
Recommendation		Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	Priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High		Low
	Direction Only				Type of Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open		Closed

## Report Title

Mayor and Council's Children First Roundtable Update of Activities

### Policy Implications + Budget Impact

This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified

This report is for information only.

☒ Background attached

### Recommendation

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### Recommended by the Department Head

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### Recommended by the C.A.O.

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Chief Administrative Officer

Date: September 18, 2006

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The Mayor and Council's Children First Roundtable has been meeting regularly this term and is presenting an update of their recent and upcoming activities to Council.

The Mayor and Council's "Children First" Roundtable is a committed partnership of elected representatives, local experts, businesses and citizens working together to build a sense of civic responsibility to improve the quality of life for children in Greater Sudbury. The goals of the Roundtable are:

1. To act as a support to the Mayor and Council on matters relating to children.
2. To encourage and promote Sudbury's efforts to put children first.
3. To measure the community's progress in becoming more child friendly.
4. To foster and promote Sudbury's capacity to support children and families.

Following its inception in 2000, its first term of appointment saw the Roundtable have Council endorse the Children First Charter as a statement of our community's vision of what is needed in order to ensure healthy development for our children. In addition, close to 40 community members have been recognized for their contributions to children. In 2002, the first Children First Report Card was published providing a snapshot of how children in Greater Sudbury were faring. The Roundtable was also an active voice on many issues relating to children such as licensed child care funding, city recreational facilities, the smoking ban, child safety provisions in the new taxi by-law, restrictions on the cosmetic use of pesticides in the City and the new fare structure on Sudbury Transit which allows children under 5 to ride for free.

During this second term of appointment (2003/2006), the Roundtable continues to be actively involved in a variety of issues raised by the community that affect children. The Roundtable has been able to provide support for local initiatives and use their collective voice to bring to the attention of Council issues that impact local children. The following highlights the work of the Roundtable in this second term:

**Advocacy Initiatives**

The Roundtable has been involved in the Best Start Implementation as a reference group and provided information as requested by the Best Start Network on children's issues.

The prevention of childhood obesity has been a focus for the Roundtable as they have worked along side the Health Unit and the Steering Committee for the Prevention of Childhood Obesity. The Roundtable advocated to Council that they accept the recommendations of the Obesity Prevention Action Group and this was endorsed by Council in May of this year.

The protection of children from Carbon Monoxide is another issue that was brought to the attention of the Roundtable. The Roundtable worked with Fire Prevention Services to do some research into the possible benefits and costs of a by-law requiring all households to have a working Carbon Monoxide detector.

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In 2002, the City of Greater Sudbury was recognized by the United Nations as a Child Friendly City and work has been done with community partners in 2006 to have the City designated as a Youth Friendly City by Playworks (the Ontario Partnership for Active Youth). Boards of education were congratulated for their participation in Youth Vote 2006. The Roundtable was also approached by a group of youth representatives "Youthink" who have worked on greater youth inclusiveness within the City and it is anticipated future work could be done with this group.

The Roundtable has taken a stand to support a restructuring of community mental health services.

The Roundtable also provided the Rideshare and PLAY programs with suggestions to increase funding viability. It also provided Rideshare with letters of support at the municipal and provincial level.

In 2006, the Roundtable recommended over 20 changes to the Official Plan, to prove that children are valued as community partners within the plan, 13 of which were used.

### **Research**

Early activities taken on by the Research Sub Group included: review of a study looking at the effectiveness of an obesity intervention/nutrition program at four local schools and the establishment of a children's research network. In 2005, the Roundtable released publication of its 2004 Report Card. This report, a follow up to the 2002 Report Card, provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> snapshot of children's issues and their impact in this community. This second publication offers the opportunity to make comparisons and see where areas of improvement have occurred and where work still must be done.

Following the publication of this report, action was undertaken to look at Children Issues from the perspectives of youth, school, health and family success. The intent is to build on the action plan developed as a result of the Children's Forum of 2000. In June 2006, Chair Janet Gasparini spoke to members of the business, education and social services communities at a Rotary/Chamber of Commerce Breakfast and discussed the need for additional planning around these issues. Intersectoral meetings were held on June 26 and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 to help determine the priorities in the areas of youth, school, health and family success and identify the policies and practices that could be implemented to impact change. On September 13, 2006 representatives from the two groups met again to review and prioritize priorities and plan next steps for action. The Roundtable recognizes the outcomes from these meetings has establishing a strong basis for future work with the community.

### **Promotion**

The Roundtable has continued to actively promote local agencies and businesses to become endorsers of the Children First Charter, adopted by Council in 2002. In 2005 the Roundtable sponsored a Butterfly Brunch to recognize these agencies. At this time, there are 43 official endorsers of the Charter.

In 2006, intensified efforts were made to seek supporters from among the business community. A display was held at the Chamber of Commerce/Rotary Sunrisers Breakfast Meeting on June 1st. A display was also present at the Code Blue for Child Care Town Hall Meeting, June 22nd.

To promote the tenets of the Charter, the Roundtable undertook a colouring book project with students from the animation program at College Boreal. The Children's Charter Colouring Book will be launched at the Week of the Child Family Fun Day on September 30, 2006. Ten thousand copies will be published and will be distributed to children at the Family Fun Day and then through the 43 Children First Charter



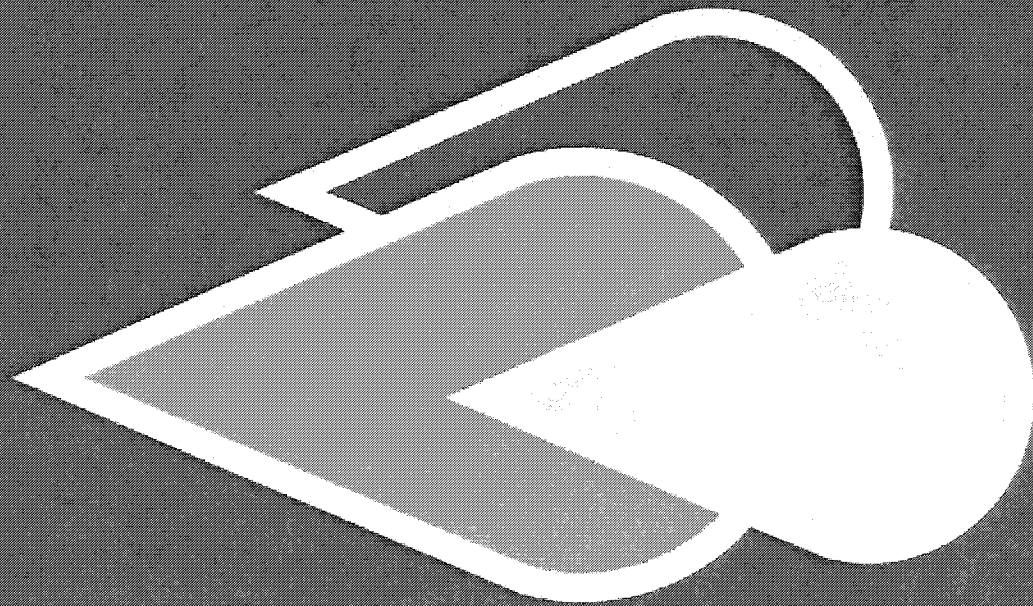
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Endorsers which include the four school boards, social service agencies involved with children, day care centres and businesses. This bilingual publication will also appear on the city's website.

For its work on adopting the Children First Charter and its commitment to making it a living document, the City of Greater Sudbury is being honoured by the J'Nikira Dinqinesh Education Centre. Each year in recognition of National Child Day (November 20<sup>th</sup>), this national organization recognizes a Country, City and individuals for their roles in raising visibility and commitment to children and youth. Other recipients include Sweden, and children's entertainer Raffi. Councillor Janet Gasparini will travel to Ottawa to accept this award on behalf of the City on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

### **Conclusion:**

In December 2000, then Mayor Jim Gordon and Council responded to the identified need for a Children's Roundtable and in 2003 Mayor Courtemanche and Council continued that commitment. The members of the Roundtable believe strongly in the continued need for a voice representing children's issues to Council, particularly in the light of the federal government's dismantling of the federal-provincial child care program. It is hoped that the incoming Council will share the commitment of the Roundtable members and this current Council towards the well-being of children within the City of Greater Sudbury and reconstitute the Mayor and Council's Children First Roundtable following the upcoming municipal election.

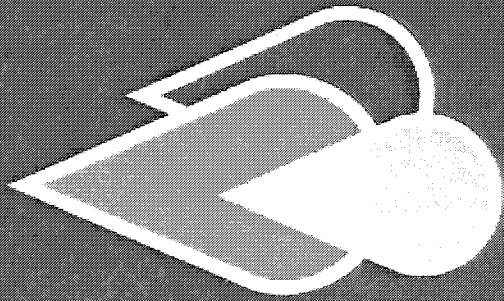


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# **Drinking Water Protection Zones**

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October 4, 2006

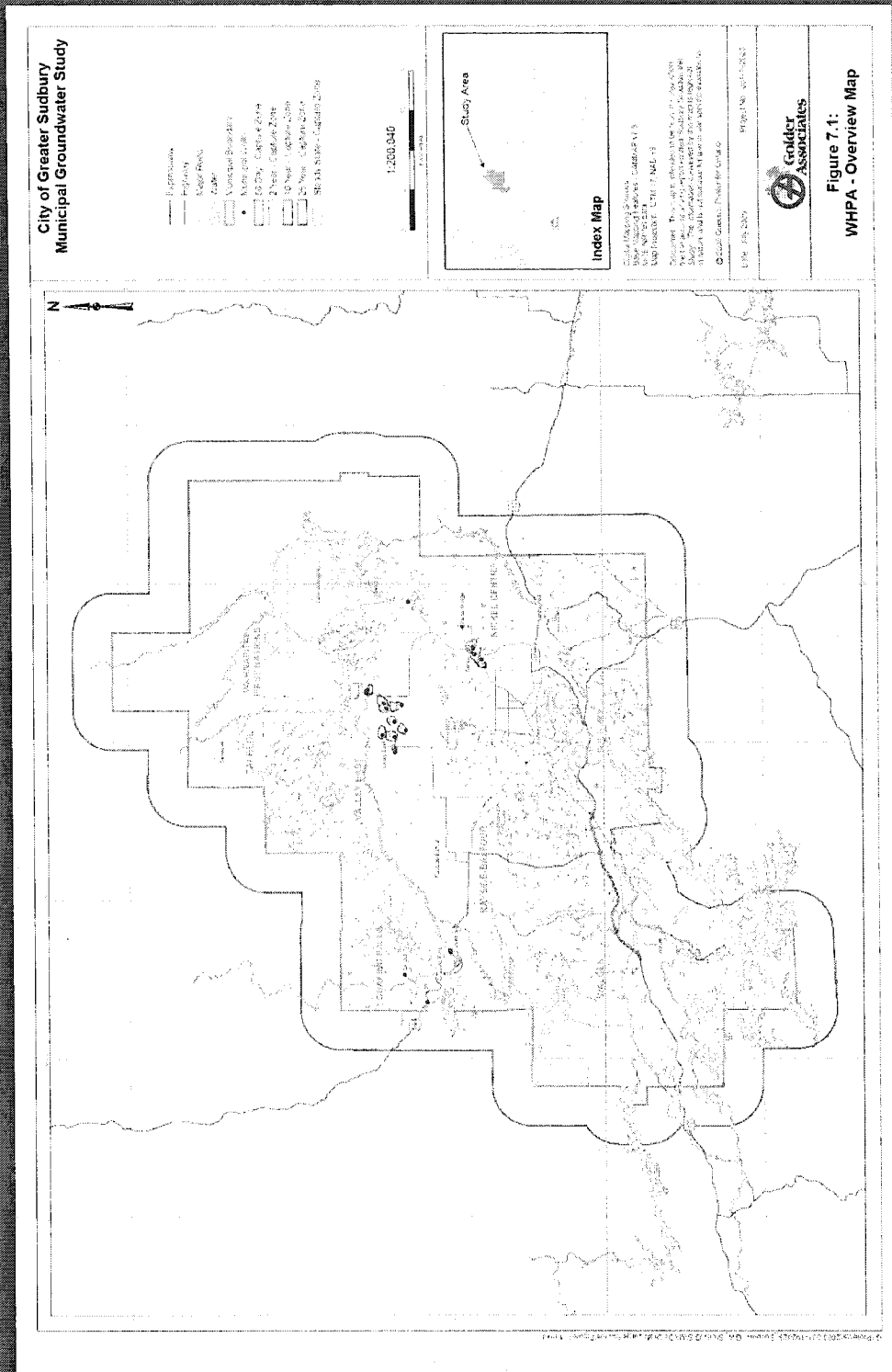
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Director of Water/Wastewater Services

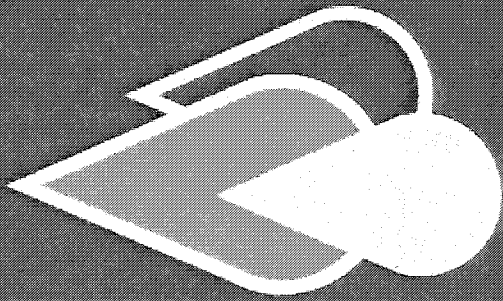


# Drinking Water Protection Area

- Protecting our municipal water supplies from contamination is part of the multi-barrier approach recommended to provide safe drinking water.
- It is cheaper and safer to protect the water from contamination rather than to pay to clean it through treatment.

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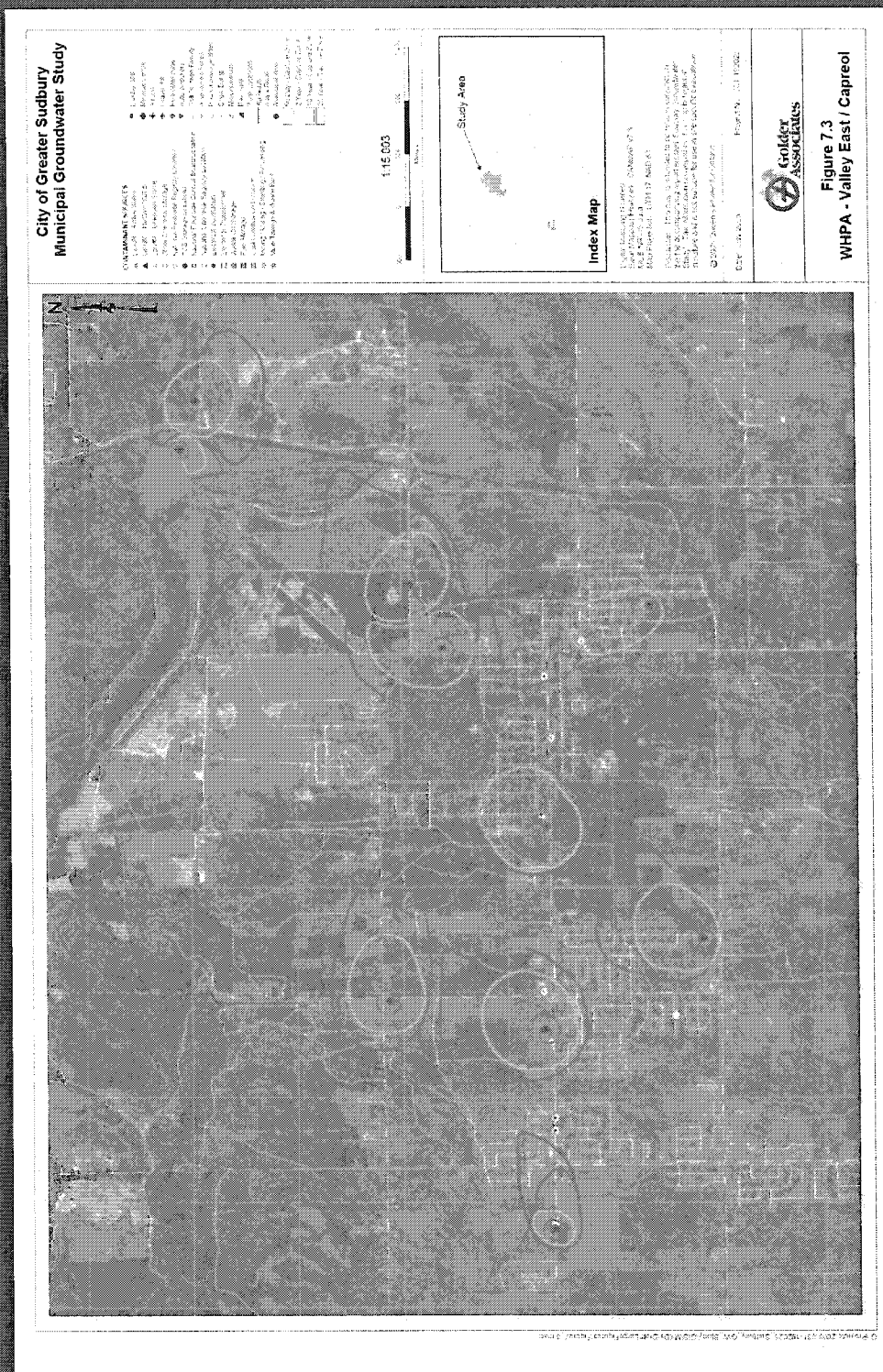
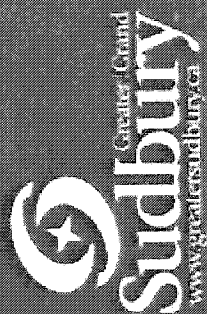
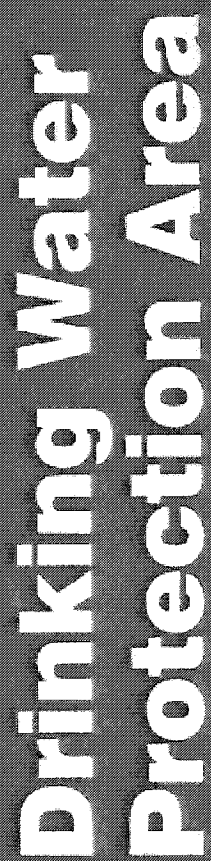


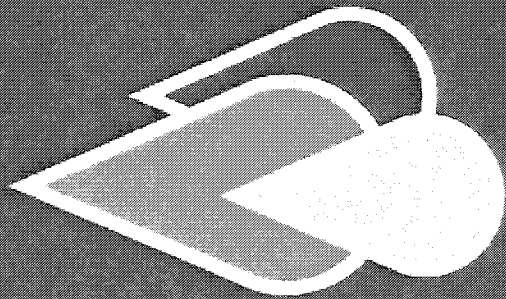
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- Drinking Water Protection Zones are areas that contribute water to municipal supply wells.
- We can help to protect our water sources by making sure that the water is free from contaminants before it enters the ground.

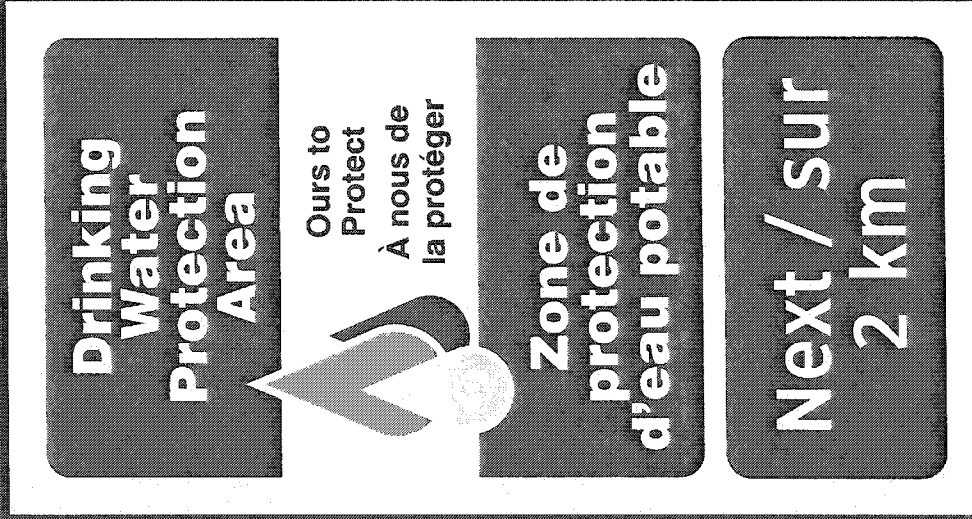


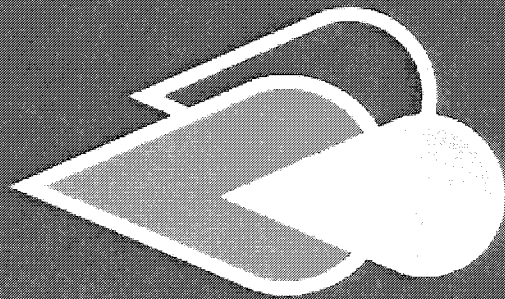




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- To help identify these sensitive areas and increase public awareness of this issue – we will be posting signs to identify our Drinking Water Protection Zones.





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- The location of the signs will indicate the 50 day time of travel for water to enter the capture zone of a well and possibly contribute to the municipal supply.

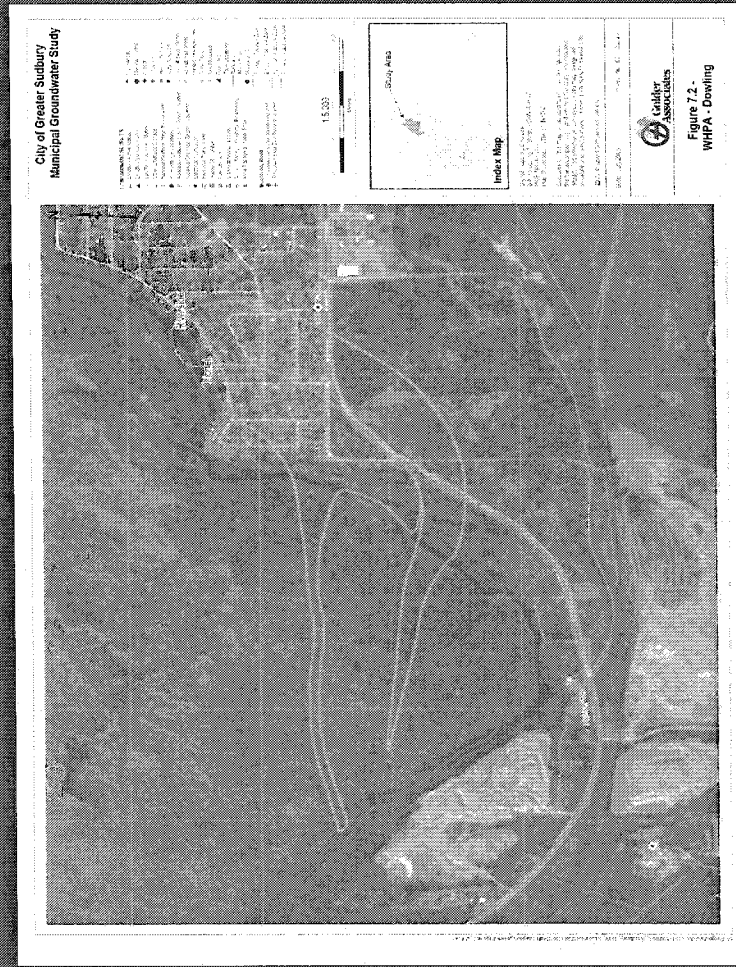


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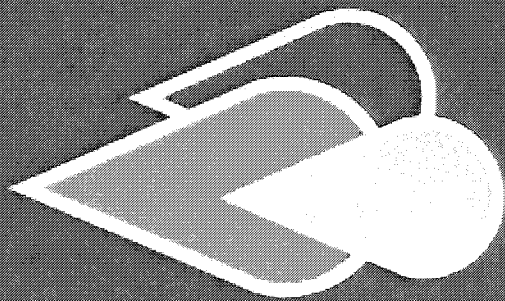




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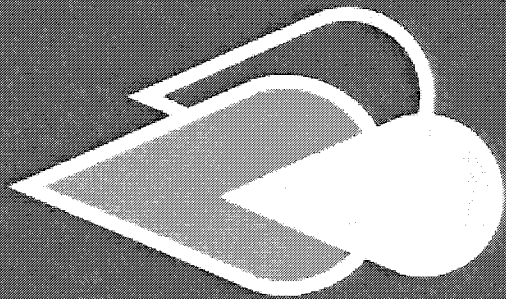
- Examples of potential sources of contamination include:
  - household chemicals
  - oil, gas, and solvents
  - underground storage tanks
  - fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides
  - septic systems
  - de-icing chemicals.



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- What can you do to help protect your water supplies?
  - Properly dispose of household hazardous waste
  - Follow instructions carefully when applying pesticides and fertilizers
  - Report all spills promptly
  - Check fuel storage tanks for leaks regularly
  - Control agricultural and urban runoff

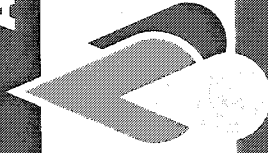


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- Helping to ensure that there is safe, affordable water for all, now and in the future.
- For more information please contact CGS Water and Wastewater Services @ 671-2489

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