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Residents are Encouraged to Get Involved in The Future of Montgomery's Drinking Water Source

Montgomery, IL – The Village of Montgomery Village Board and staff encourage residents to learn about water sustainability and the future of the region's water source at an upcoming open house held in conjunction with Oswego and Yorkville. The New Water Source Open House will take place Wednesday, September 15, at Grand Reserve Elementary School (3142 Grande Trail, Yorkville) from 5-7P. Engineers and community officials will be on hand to walk you through exhibits and answer your questions about the future of the region's drinking water.

According to Village Engineer Pete Wallers, "The region is facing a long-term water source sustainability issue. The deep sandstone aquifer that the Village primarily depends on is being used beyond sustainable capacity, and water levels are declining." The Illinois State Water Survey predicts wells in our area will be at risk of well inoperability by 2050.

The residents of Montgomery, Oswego, and Yorkville expect clean, safe drinking water. However, with the underground pool of fresh water that supplies the drinking water for our communities and several others in the Chicagoland region is slowly drying up, the community officials have come together as a region to create a long-term strategic plan and solution. "This partnership between Montgomery, Oswego, and Yorkville allow us the opportunity to pool collective resources and expertise to find the best long-term solution for our residents and businesses. The goal is a safe, reliable water source for generations to come," says Montgomery Public Works Director Mark Wolf.

The communities are considering sourcing our water from either Lake Michigan or the Fox River. Both options will be costly, and other considerations – such as reliability, taste, and local control – are essential to consider as well.

"Our goal is for transparency, allowing for education and resident feedback throughout the subsequent phases of this process. I encourage residents to take the time each month to review their water bills and read the information we send out along with the water bills to stay informed," states Village President Matt Brolley.

For residents wishing to learn more about the project, the Village encourages residents to stay up to date on the [Village Website](#) and social media (@MontgomeryIL). The staff will be sharing more throughout this decision-making process as information and updates become available.

