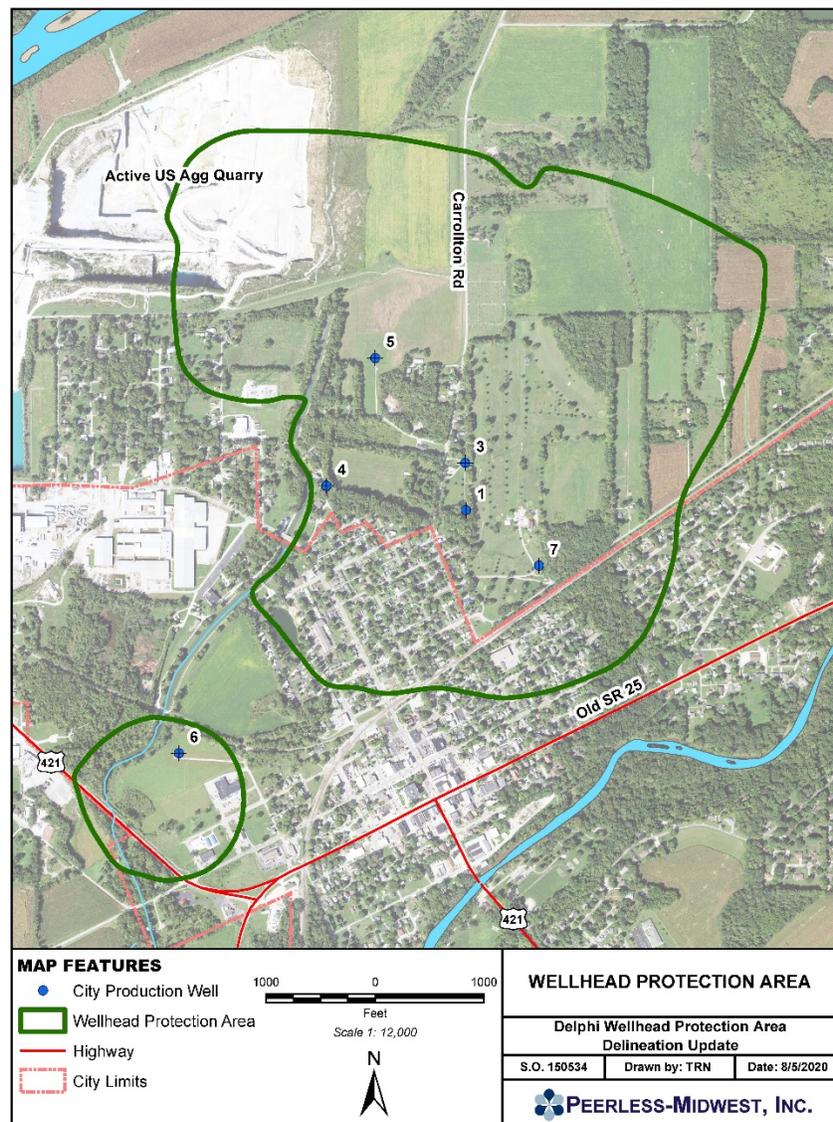


## WELLHEAD PROTECTION

Wellhead Protection is a program designed to protect our drinking water from contamination by managing land-use activities and potential contaminant sources in areas that overlie our local aquifer. To protect this groundwater resource, the City of Delphi has developed a wellhead protection plan. This community-based plan helps protect our source of drinking water through a program of pollution prevention.

The source of your drinking water is groundwater supplied by 6 public water supply wells. All 6 wells are completed in the limestone bedrock aquifer. The well locations and associated wellhead protection areas (areas most susceptible to contamination) are shown on the provided map.



We ask that our customers help us protect our water resource, which is the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future. Provided below is information on what

you and your family can do to preserve this resource and where you can find additional information.

### ***PROTECTING OUR GROUNDWATER RESOURCE***

When common household products that contain hazardous or toxic substances are dumped down the drain, flushed down the toilet, and spilled or poured on the ground, these substances can contaminate the underlying groundwater aquifer, your drinking water supply.

Potential pollutants can come from pesticide and fertilizer use, a variety of household chemicals including cleaners, glues, detergents, paint and paint thinners, waste oil, gasoline, and antifreeze as well as failing septic systems.

### ***WHAT YOU CAN DO .....***

As a citizen, you can help protect our drinking water supply by doing the following:

- Read labels and follow all directions on household chemicals and any other hazardous products used around your home or business.
- Clean up your property. Properly dispose of any outdated or unused household chemicals stored in your basement, garage or barn.
- Household hazardous wastes should be properly stored and disposed of at annual collection sites provided in the area by the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste Management District. For more information on this program and upcoming events, log onto [www.nwiswd.org](http://www.nwiswd.org) or call (800) 856-0980.
- If you have a septic system, have it inspected and serviced regularly.
- Another way you can help protect our groundwater resource is to properly seal abandoned wells that are no longer in use. This prevents chemicals from entering the groundwater through the well. Information and funding for plugging abandoned private wells is available through the Carroll County Soil & Water Conservation District. You can contact Rhonda Hicks at (765) 564-4480, Extension 3 for more information on this program.

Learn more about groundwater protection and your drinking water source by contacting the Indiana Department of Environmental Management at (800) 451-6027 or visit [www.in.gov/idem/cleanwater/2381.htm](http://www.in.gov/idem/cleanwater/2381.htm).

### ***NEED MORE INFORMATION?***

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about your water utility, or if you would like more information regarding the wellhead protection program, please contact Craig Myers at 765-564-3944. You may also review a copy of the Wellhead Protection Plan during normal business hours at the Water Plant, 201 S. Union Street, or the Carroll County Health Department, located in the Courthouse at 101 W. Main Street in Delphi.

You are also invited to attend any of our regularly scheduled Board of Public Works & Safety and City Council and meetings. The Board of Public Works & Safety meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 5:30 PM. The City Council meets at 6:00 PM on the first Monday of each month. Meetings are open to the public and held at the Community Center in Delphi.