

Wellhead Protection and Clean Drinking Water

Buffalo has an amazing resource, and that is its underground water supply. We are very fortunate to have clean, good tasting water to drink. The aquifers that supply our water are known as glacial drift. The wells for the City are approximately 300 feet deep. However, the aquifer that supplies our drinking water can become contaminated if we do not make an effort to protect it. What we drink a few years from now might be what we are putting onto the soil today.

Buffalo has recently had its Wellhead Protection Plan, approved by the Minnesota Department of Health. What this means for the residents of Buffalo, is that the Water Department will continue to monitor the areas around the wells, as well as the areas of recharge for the aquifer. Inventory will continue of possible contamination sources. The Water Department will also work with the railroad in case of spills in sensitive areas that could affect the aquifer. It is our goal to provide clean water to the residents of Buffalo and to protect the aquifer for use now and generations to come.