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NACo Achievement Award

The County of McHenry has been awarded a 2009 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award for the program entitled "Groundwater Protection: Sustainability in the Face of Development." The NACo Achievement Awards program recognizes innovative county programs and works to enhance the awareness nationwide of these county activities.

The Water Resource Manger Cassandra McKinney stated "It is an exciting accomplishment to be recognized for our efforts to protect our drinking water resource - groundwater."

Following years of study by the County's Health Department on the availability of groundwater, McHenry County recognized the need for a groundwater protection program. In 2007, a Water Resources Manager position was built into the county budget. Shortly thereafter, the development of a Groundwater Protection Program (GPP) began.

The County Administrator Peter Austin explained "It is quite gratifying to be recognized for the success we had in developing this program."

NACo is proud to present this award to the County of McHenry and to recognize its work in promoting quality, efficient, and responsive management and administration. The County of McHenry will be recognized during the 2009 Annual NACo Conference in Nashville, Tennessee on July 26. To view the award the county is receiving, please visit <http://www.naco.org>.

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