



## City of Urbana, Illinois Surface Water Quality Report 2014



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City of Urbana 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801 Public Works Department 706 South Glover Street, Urbana, IL 61802 http://urbanaillinois.us http://www.facebook.com/CityofUrbana The City of Urbana's Sustainable Water Management Plan calls for reporting of state and federal water quality sampling results as those results become available. The data summarized in this report is collected from the Illinois Environmental Protection Division's (IEPA) <u>Illinois Integrated Water Quality Report and Section 303(d) List</u> (IR) <u>Final as submitted to USEPA, Region 5 on March 24, 2014</u> and from the U.S. Environmental Protection Division's (USEPA) <u>National Water Quality Inventory Report to</u> <u>Congress.</u>

IEPA generally posts a draft IR on their website every other summer. IEPA submits this report to USEPA for approval the following April. Despite the 11 month interval between draft and submission, IEPA uses the draft data for decision making since it is the most recent. This report will follow the posting of the draft data and treat it as authoritative for the same reason.

No surface waters in the City of Urbana are listed in the Illinois' 2014 Two-Year Schedule for TMDL Development, 2014-2016. No surface waters in the City of Urbana have Total Maximum Daily Loads established. IEPA re-issues the IR every odd numbered year. However, IEPA is not able to sample every surface water every two years. The most recent sampling events for surface waters in the City of Urbana are listed here.

| Surface Water              | Most Recent Sampling Date |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Boneyard Creek - IL_BPJCA  | 2006                      |
| Crystal Lake - IL_RBU      | 2010*                     |
| Saline Branch - IL_BPJC-06 | 2013                      |
| Saline Branch - IL_BPJC-08 | 2011                      |

\*IEPA states that fish tissue samples were taken by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in 2010, but water samples have not been taken since 1989. The reason for this is unknown. Staff has requested that Crystal Lake be added to the regular sampling regime.

|                       |                                          | Fully Supporting | Aesthetic Quality |                |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                       |                                          | Not Assessed     | Secondary Contact |                |
|                       | pH, Loss of instream cover               | Not Assessed     | Primary Contact   |                |
| Source Unknown        | vegetative covers, Dissolved Oxygen,     | Not Assessed     | Fish Consumption  | IL_BPJC-08     |
| Channelization,       | Alteration of in stream-side or littoral | Not Supporting   | Aquatic Life      | Saline Branch  |
|                       |                                          | Fully Supporting | Aesthetic Quality |                |
|                       |                                          | Not Assessed     | Secondary Contact |                |
|                       |                                          | Not Assessed     | Fish Consumption  | IL_BPJC-06     |
|                       |                                          | Fully Supporting | Aquatic Life      | Saline Branch  |
|                       |                                          | Not Assessed     | Aesthetic Quality |                |
|                       |                                          | Not Assessed     | Secondary Contact |                |
| Source Unknown        |                                          | Not Assessed     | Primary Contact   |                |
| Deposition-Toxics,    |                                          | Not Supporting   | Fish Consumption  | IL_RBU         |
| Atmospheric           | Mercury                                  | Not Assessed     | Aquatic Life      | Crystal lake   |
|                       |                                          | Not Assessed     | Aesthetic Quality |                |
|                       |                                          | Not Assessed     | Secondary Contact |                |
|                       | Oxygen, Total Phosphorus                 | Not Assessed     | Primary Contact   |                |
| runoff/Storm Sewers   | vegetative covers, Copper, Dissolved     | Not Supporting   | Fish Consumption  | IL_BPJCA       |
| Channelization, Urban | Alteration in stream-side or littoral    | Not Assessed     | Aquatic Life      | Boneyard Creek |
| Source                | Cause                                    | Status           | Designated Uses   | Surface Water  |

## Background