

This Land is YOUR LAND

Over the past 40 years the city of Springfield has bought more than 7,000 acres of land for a second water reservoir. This land contains hundreds of archeological sites dating back 10,000 years. It has been occupied by humans since the time of the glaciers. For 98% of that time, it was home to Native Americans, as they followed the migrating herds of buffalo along the Edwards Trace—the main north-south trail in Illinois. Some of the first settlers in Sangamon County built their cabins on this land. The stone used to construct the first Capitol building in Springfield was quarried here.



The land now contains beautiful streams and hundreds of ancient trees. The area can serve Springfield better as a public park—for people to enjoy outdoor activities and appreciate their pioneer heritage.



The Pensacola tavern, a large brick building from the 1830's, served as an important stagecoach stop in Lincoln's time, and still stands alone in the woods - mute testimony to a rich history of pioneer activity. At

this site Lincoln undoubtedly stopped and Stephen Douglas gave a presidential campaign speech in 1860.

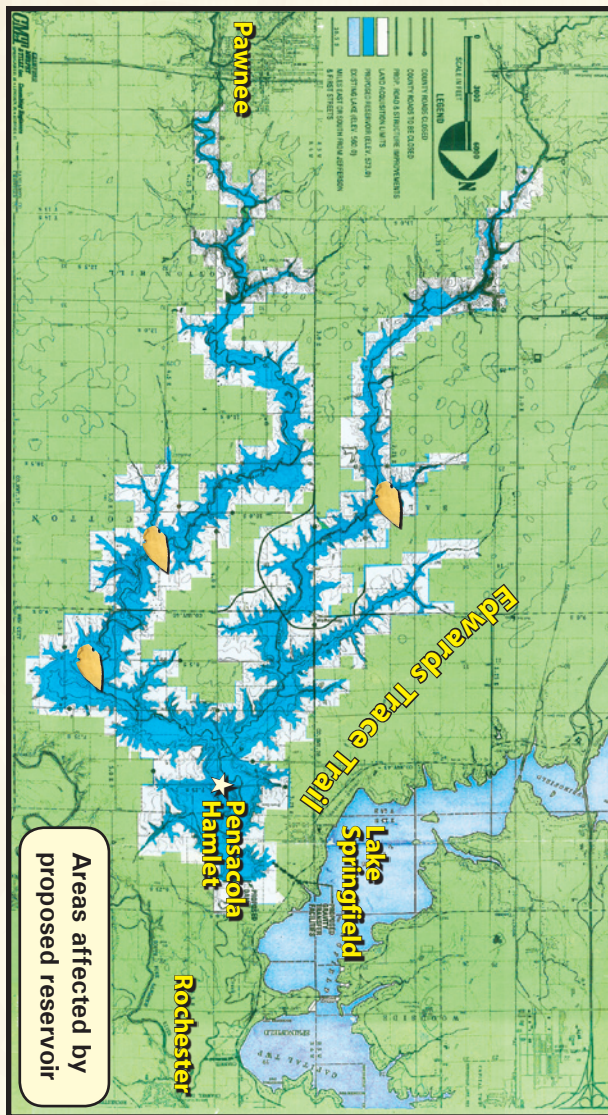


AQUIFERS MEAN

- ✓ Cheaper water
- ✓ More water
- ✓ Dependable water
- ✓ A Diversified source of water
- ✓ Land can be saved

Area aquifers hold vast amounts of clean groundwater. The City's own studies show that wells can produce enough clean water to protect us in a severe drought, at lower cost. Why is the city of Springfield still trying to flood thousands of acres of beautiful land? Prairie reservoirs need constant dredging or they will fill up with sediment. Lake Springfield is already behind on dredging—can the City effectively dredge two lakes?

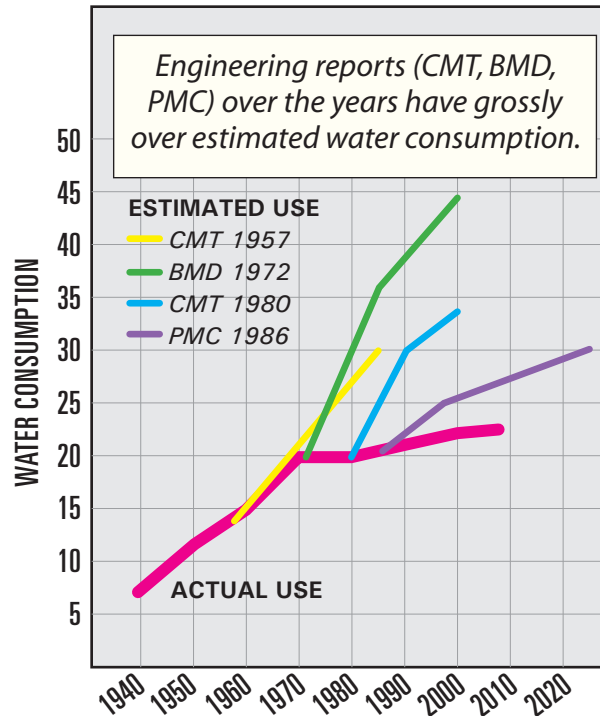




Instead of recognizing the incredible opportunity this land represents, the city of Springfield proposes to destroy it to build a dam—a **dam we don't need.**

There is no need to lose this valuable historic and natural area. Enough clean water is available from other sources at lower cost.

Population has grown consistently but slowly for decades. Federal efficiency standards have limited in water demand. But a history of flawed engineering estimates have kept alive the fantasy that another dam is needed. At this time, a case can be made for getting **SOME** more water. Fortunately, more economical alternatives exist.



CSWU is a grassroots organization that opposes Hunter Dam. We have professionally evaluated the claims that Springfield needs a second reservoir and found them lacking.

Through efficient use and by tapping groundwater resources Springfield can enjoy a secure water future. And with that choice more than 7,000 beautiful acres already in public ownership can become a public park for the citizens of Springfield to enjoy.

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DOES SPRINGFIELD REALLY NEED MORE WATER?



**And if so,
is a second reservoir
THE BEST WAY
to get more water?**