

Las Vegas Valley Groundwater Guardian  
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Dear Natalia,

Congratulations! Las Vegas Valley has earned Groundwater Guardian designation for 2016. Your continued commitment to the protection of your community's groundwater resources is to be celebrated, and we are honored to recognize your efforts.

2016 year plates will be distributed soon, along with announcements to local media contacts announcing your designation. If you need to request a new plaque or are missing year plates, please contact me at [jwheeler@groundwater.org](mailto:jwheeler@groundwater.org) or 402-434-2740 ext. 105.

Keep an eye out for news on our 2017 National Conference in Boise, Idaho in late October, 2017. Boise is one of the original Groundwater Guardian communities, they have been designated every year since 1994. We hope to see you at the conference, stay tuned for more information!

If you have any questions, please let me know. Congratulations on your designation as a 2016 Groundwater Guardian!

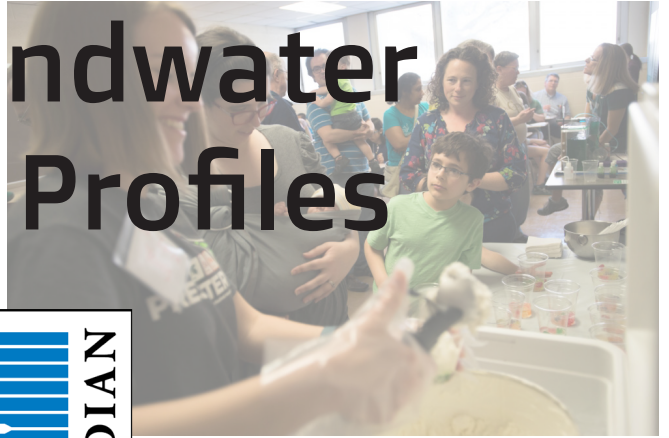
Sincerely,

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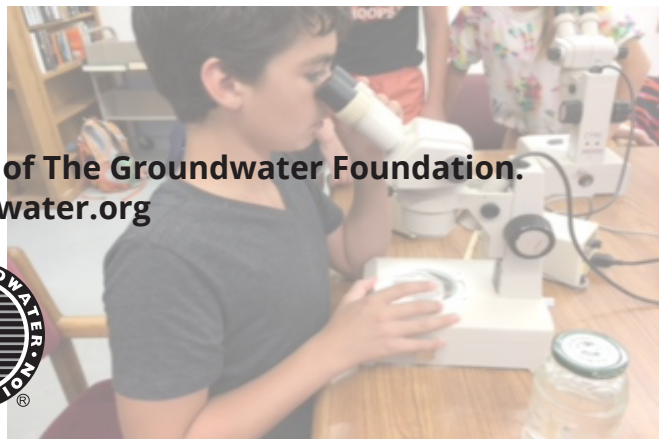
Jessica Wheeler  
Program Manager



# 2016 Groundwater Guardian Profiles



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# Groundwater Guardian Communities

## ALABAMA

Limestone County  
New Brockton/Coffee County

## CALIFORNIA

Desert Hot Springs  
Desert Hot Springs High School  
Desert Springs Middle School  
Orange County Water District

## FLORIDA

Hernando County

## IDAHO

Boise City

## ILLINOIS

City of Loves Park  
City of Rock Falls  
McDonough County

## INDIANA

Carmel  
Elkhart  
Indianapolis-Marion County

## MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable County (Cape Cod)

## MICHIGAN

Charter Township of Texas  
City of Battle Creek  
City of Kalamazoo  
City of Marshall  
Coldwater  
Greater Lansing Area  
Michigan State University

## MINNESOTA

City of Detroit Lakes  
Holy Rosary Catholic School  
Rossman School

## MISSOURI

Independence  
Sedalia

## NEBRASKA

Beatrice  
Cargill Team Blair  
Grand Island  
Keith County  
Lincoln  
Trenton, Village of

## NEVADA

Las Vegas Valley

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

Merrimack

## NEW JERSEY

Stafford Township

## NEW YORK

Moodna Watershed Intermunicipal Council  
Town of Wallkill

## NORTH CAROLINA

Mecklenburg County  
Orange County

## OHIO

Brown County  
Dayton Multi-Jurisdictional Source Water Program  
Hamilton to New Baltimore  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

## OREGON

Southern Willamette Valley Groundwater  
Management Area  
Springfield

## PENNSYLVANIA

Buhl Community Water  
Keystone Clean Water Team  
Meadville Area  
Shrewsbury Borough  
Washington County

## RHODE ISLAND

North Kingstown

## TENNESSEE

Memphis and Shelby County



# Las Vegas Valley NV

**Years Designated** 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

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## **Community Profile:**

The Las Vegas Valley hydrographic basin has been over-appropriated since 1955 and the area's population of two million continues to grow. The declining water table has caused well failures and higher pumpage costs for public and private well users. In 1997 the Nevada Legislature authorized the Southern Nevada Water Authority to establish a Groundwater Management Program and the Advisory Committee for Groundwater Management. The Groundwater Management Program uses Groundwater Guardian to promote the importance of protecting groundwater supplies from contamination, as well as informing well users about important groundwater issues.

## **Result-Oriented Activities:**

Continued the Well Conversion Grant Program, which provides financial assistance to well users wishing to connect to a municipal water system. Over 500 businesses and households have utilized the program since it began in 1999. -- Provided financial incentives to homeowners who replaced turf with water smart landscaping, such as drought tolerant plants and trees. Since the program's inception in 2002, 710 conversions have been completed, converting a total of more than 1.8 million square feet of turf to water-smart landscaping. Water meters are also offered to help monitor usage, distributing 402 meters and 208 installation rebates to well owners since 2008. -- Provided funding to plug unused and abandoned wells. More than 350 unused wells have been closed as a result of the program. -- Continued to hold an Advisory Committee meeting to provide recommendations for the activities of the Groundwater Management Program. -- Held an annual public workshop for private well owners.



Designated Since

2000

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

