

Comprehensive Policy Plan  
"Working Spaces"

Policy Letter 107: Long Term Water Needs

**BACKGROUND:**

In the discussion of increasing manufacturing and industrial development within Fargo, the issue of having an adequate supply or access to a water supply is critical. As industrial developers become more serious about development in the Upper Midwest, the City must insure the water resource assets within their control are adequate and stable. These assets must support the increasing residential demand, plus be able to meet or exceed the projected water requirements for industrial development.

Cooperative arrangements at the Federal, State, County, and Community level are necessary to insure this region of the state can remain competitive in the industrial development market. Conservation and proper management of current ground and surface water resources is key while programs for addressing water resource needs and problems are completed. The assurance of a safe and stable water supply is essential in providing high quality services in the community.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

The City of Fargo should give priority to industrial development projects that focus on high technology development without intense demands for water resources and with minimal adverse impact on environmental quality.

**CONCLUSION:**

Indications are that due to the fluctuating levels of surface water within this region, industrial developers may have concern over a lack of a stable water supply within Fargo. Since the water which can be obtained from its current sources is limited, the City should continue aggressive programs to develop alternate back-up water supply sources.