What are we talking about?

Its all about our drinking water and how our community and others are trying to protect the source of everyone's water. Roughly 200 communities in the State of Michigan have begun Wellhead Protection Programs. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality requires certain data to establish a wellhead protection area. Four main items consist of: Well Head Delineation, Contaminant Source Inventory, Education, and Management Strategy.

Wellhead Delineation: This determines the areas from which the Village of Shelby's three water wells get water, known as Capture Zones, depicted by the map on the reverse side of this brochure.

Contaminant Source Inventory: This establishes possible sources of contamination and where it is located in the Capture Zones. It is very likely that you may have a source on your property that will effect your water well years before it effects Shelby's water wells.

Abandoned Wells: Old unused wells are like a straw into the aquifer which could allow contaminants to travel directly to our drinking water. Every one of these unused wells should be plugged. Once located we can assist you in closing these old wells.

Education: Training sessions on prevention of water pollution are available through the Soil Conservation district and the Village of Shelby Water Utility. These Sessions are for farmers, homeowners, lake associations and any other interested group at no charge. A Wellhead Protection Advisory Committee has been formed of the following officers and members which have regularly scheduled meetings.

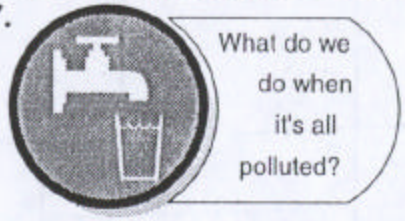
Officers:

Chair: Jack Cheever, Village President
Secretary: Kelli Golden, Village Council

Members:

Randy Phillips, Village Superintendent.
Ken Mendenhall, Village Consultant
Sam Fleming, Township Supervisor
Curt Trott, Shelby/Benona Fire Chief
Mark Hill, District Health Department
Jack Lake, Soil Conservation District
Seth Hopkins, Ground Water Stewardship Program

For further information and meeting schedule contact: Shelby Water Department @ 231-861-2500 M-F 8am. to 3pm. or Michigan Ground Water Stewardship program @ 231-861-4967.



Wellhead Protection

Its your Water

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