

Partnerships

The Gallatin Local Water Quality District is a unique resource in the Gallatin watershed with staff expertise in hydrogeology and water quality who are available to assist residents, consultants, businesses and agencies with local water resource information, assistance and guidance.

Working closely with other water resource agencies and organizations helps GLWQD achieve its mission and avoid duplication of efforts.

Agency partners include:

- Gallatin Co. Health and Planning Departments
- MT Department of Environmental Quality
- MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
- MT Bureau of Mines and Geology
- MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks
- MT Wetlands Legacy Partnership
- Gallatin Conservation District
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- National Park Service
- MSU Extension-Water Quality
- Municipalities of Bozeman, Belgrade & Manhattan
- Big Sky Water and Sewer District

Non-governmental organization partners include:

- Blue Water Task Force
- Greater Gallatin Watershed Council
- Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators
- Gallatin Valley Land Trust
- Trust for Public Land
- Local schools

By partnering with local groups, organizations and governmental agencies, GLWQD is able to create a solid information network on water resource issues for everyone in the Gallatin.



Training volunteer stream monitors in partnership with the Greater Gallatin Watershed Council.



GLWQD staff setting up an automated water sampler in cooperation with a municipality.



In partnership with MSU Extension-Water Quality, GLWQD provides private well water test kits to homeowners year-round. Staff provides education on what contaminants to test for and assists well owners in interpreting their test results.

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The future stewardship of our surface and groundwater is dependent on the community as a whole...that responsibility begins with each individual.

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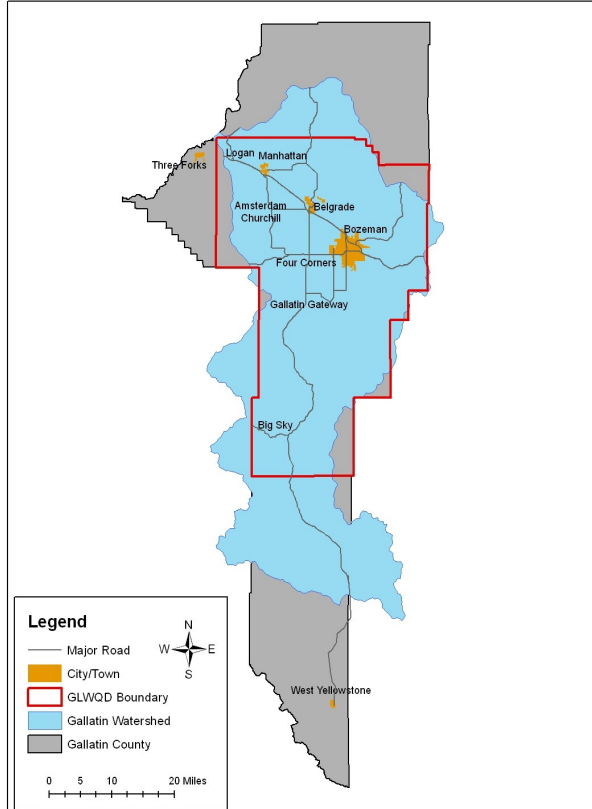
Working to protect, preserve, and improve the quality of ground water and surface water within the Local Water Quality District.

BACKGROUND

The Gallatin Local Water Quality District (GLWQD) was created by the Gallatin County Commission in 1995 and enlarged in 2011. Our mission is *"To protect, preserve and improve the quality of surface waters and groundwaters within the District."*

Encompassing 1,300 square miles, the GLWQD overlays the middle portion of Gallatin County. The District includes the City of Bozeman, City of Belgrade, Town of Manhattan, Town of Churchill and the unincorporated areas of Big Sky (Gallatin County portion), Four Corners, Gallatin Gateway and Logan. Most of the District is located in the Gallatin watershed.

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The main water bodies in the watershed include the Gallatin River, East Gallatin River, Bozeman (Sourdough) Creek, and Hyalite Creek.

ORGANIZATION

GLWQD functions as a non-regulatory department of Gallatin County. Our work is focused on protecting water quality; providing public education; monitoring water resources; compiling, interpreting and distributing water quality information; and investigating water quality issues. GLWQD staff includes a manager/hydrogeologist, water quality specialist(s) and an administrative assistant. The District is governed by a nine-member board of directors that includes:

- City Council members from Belgrade, Bozeman, and Manhattan (3 total)
- Gallatin County Commissioner
- Conservation District Board Supervisor
- Gallatin City-County Board of Health representative
- Citizen "At-large" representatives from Belgrade, Bozeman, and Manhattan (3 total)

The GLWQD Board meets the first Thursday of each month and public input on agenda (and all water quality) topics is always welcome.

DISTRICT SERVICES

Education —

The District conducts on-going public education to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of protecting and improving water resources in the Gallatin watershed. Participation in educational programs and development of education resources through cooperative involvement with other organizations is a key component of our education efforts.

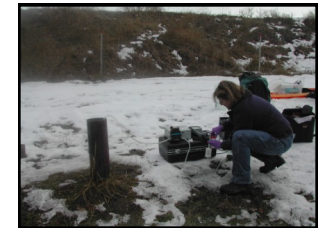


Communication —

The District collects, compiles, and disseminates water resource data and information for the benefit of all citizens, organizations, groups and governmental agencies interested in water resources within the District. Water-resource information, education materials, resources and contacts can be accessed from the District's website: www.gallatin.mt.gov/GLWQD.

Research, Monitoring, Special Projects —

Monitoring and research efforts are based on a watershed perspective, where groundwater and surface water resources are viewed as an interconnected whole rather than separate resources. Establishment, expansion and maintenance of long-term water quality monitoring networks for both groundwater and surface water are ongoing projects for the District. This work includes establishing baseline data for water resources in the District. There are currently over 50 groundwater monitoring wells and 12 surface water sites monitored by GLWQD professionals. Daily to monthly water level data is collected from the wells, along with periodic water quality samples. In partnership with the Greater Gallatin Watershed Council, GLWQD trains and works with citizen volunteer stream monitoring teams to collect water quality samples and monitor several of the streams in the District network.



Special research projects are conducted as needed to complement education and data collection efforts, and assess local water resource issues.

