

## THE TRACKING TIMES

### BEAT THE HEAT WITH OUR LATEST BRIEF

*The latest Tracking surveillance brief covers heat stress.*

The Tracking Program is pleased to release our latest surveillance brief, *Heat Stress in Wisconsin: Resources and Opportunities for Action*.

The brief covers heat trends in Wisconsin, risk factors for heat stress illness, and available data and resources for taking action. Brush up on the latest data as the heat waves hit! [Read more...](#)



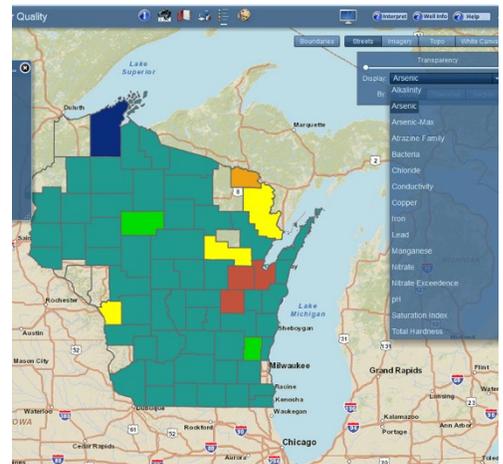
### TRACKING IN ACTION

*In each newsletter, we share a Tracking success story.*

#### Testing the Waters: Using Well Water Data to Target Outreach

Two out of every five households in Wisconsin rely on private wells to supply their water. Until recently, many homeowners were unable to access data on the quality of well water through a centralized database. As an outcome from a Wisconsin Tracking initiative from 2010, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point developed the Well Water Quality Viewer, a portal to display these well water data.

Eau Claire City-County Health Department staff used the maps to target educational efforts with a limited budget. [Read more...](#)



How can we use data to pinpoint areas with specific needs?

# YOUR TRACKING TOOLBOX

In each newsletter, we share environmental health articles and resources.

## Ideas for Taking Action

In our last newsletter we announced the release of the [2015 County Environmental Health Profiles](#). We have a new resource, [Ideas for Taking Action](#), which was created to help you and your stakeholders take the next step after reviewing your county profile. If your county has room for improvement in some areas, we wanted to make it easy for you to explore potential strategies for addressing them.

## Extreme Heat Toolkit

Most people don't realize that in the U.S., extreme heat causes more deaths each year than tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, and lightning combined. The Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (BRACE) Program put together an Extreme Heat Toolkit to aid agencies in planning for hot weather. [Read more...](#)



### IDEAS FOR TAKING ACTION

We know it is a challenge to translate data into action. To help get you started, we have listed strategies that can improve environmental public health.

Use the data in the [County Environmental Health Profiles](#) and in the [public data assets](#) to target education, programming, and policies to address your community's needs. Visit [Data Works for Health](#) and [The Community Guide](#) for more ideas.\*

This document includes many hyperlinks. We recommend you view it online: [bit.ly/ideasfortakingaction](#)

**STRATEGY**

- Collaborate with community partners to develop active and shared transportation infrastructure.
  - [Bicycle and pedestrian master plans](#)
  - Active transportation to school through [safe routes](#) and [walking school buses](#)
  - Public transportation system [expansion](#), [improvement](#), and [accessibility for use](#)
  - [Bicycle parking](#) for active commuting.
- Encourage the use of [power-to-x](#) and [distributed energy resources](#) among local and regional transit authorities.
- Consider incorporating [greenable pavement](#) into sidewalk, road, and parking lot projects.
- Encourage residents to [test their wells](#) and [take appropriate steps](#) to ensure good water quality.

\*This is a companion document to the [2014 County Environmental Health Profiles](#). It is not intended to be read in isolation.

**AREAS ADDRESSED**

AIR QUALITY	7	8	9	10	11	12
WATER QUALITY	7	8	9	10	11	12
HOME HAZARDS	7	8	9	10	11	12
BIRTH OUTCOMES	7	8	9	10	11	12
HEALTH INDICATORS	7	8	9	10	11	12

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Read your county profile? Take the next step with [Ideas for Taking Action!](#)



STOP BY AND SEE US  
SOMETIME

We'd love to talk in person.  
Check out our [calendar of events](#), stop by, and say hello!



DROP US A LINE  
ANYTIME

Have questions about Tracking? Unsure how to use your data? Want to share a success story? Got feedback? [We want to hear from you!](#)



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