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**Upcoming Open House Meetings on Groundwater Management**

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The **draft Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP)** for the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District (LPNNRD) will be the main topic of discussion at two public Open House meetings in January. Since February 2024, LRE Water, a water resources consulting firm, has been assisting LPNNRD staff in reviewing the existing 1995 GWMP to identify priority topics. These include:

- Reviewing triggers for water quantity
- Discussing threats to water supplies from contamination including nitrates
- Establishing groundwater management aquifer sub-areas
- Standardizing water level hydrographs
- Considering additional data to support future requests for variances to expand irrigated acres or other high-capacity well use

Once approved in early 2025, the GWMP will provide a vision to refine groundwater management, focusing on safeguarding public health and ensuring a long-term groundwater supply for public water suppliers and private wells.

**Why Attend?**

The Open House meetings are a great opportunity for representatives of villages, cities, agricultural producers, businesses, and interested citizens to learn more about the GWMP and provide feedback on the future of groundwater management. Your participation is crucial in shaping policies that will impact everyone's water resources.

**Meeting Details**

- **Thursday, January 9th, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM** at the Clint Johannes Education Building east of Lake Wanhoo in Wahoo (1655 Co Rd 16)
- **Thursday, January 16th, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM** at the Platte Center Auditorium (315 4th Street)

If you are unable to attend one of the Open House meetings, please contact Daryl Andersen at 402-443-4675 or [dandersen@lpnnrd.org](mailto:dandersen@lpnnrd.org) to provide comments or input.

This is a fantastic chance to get involved and help shape the future of groundwater management in the district!