



FIELD
ATLAS



WaterMarks Milwaukee

*This Atlas of Water
belongs to the undersigned
Water Citizen*

your name here



WaterMarks highlight our
local relationship to water.

Visit each to reveal water
stories shared by community
voices and discover digital
puzzle pieces thru their WiFi.

Each site also poses a question
that resolves into a keyword.

Together, the keywords reveal
the answer to the following
question:

***What three things do we need
to grow?***

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to grow?*

_____ ,

_____ &



Look for **Water**Markers around
the city. Each letter connects
to words and themes that
community members chose.

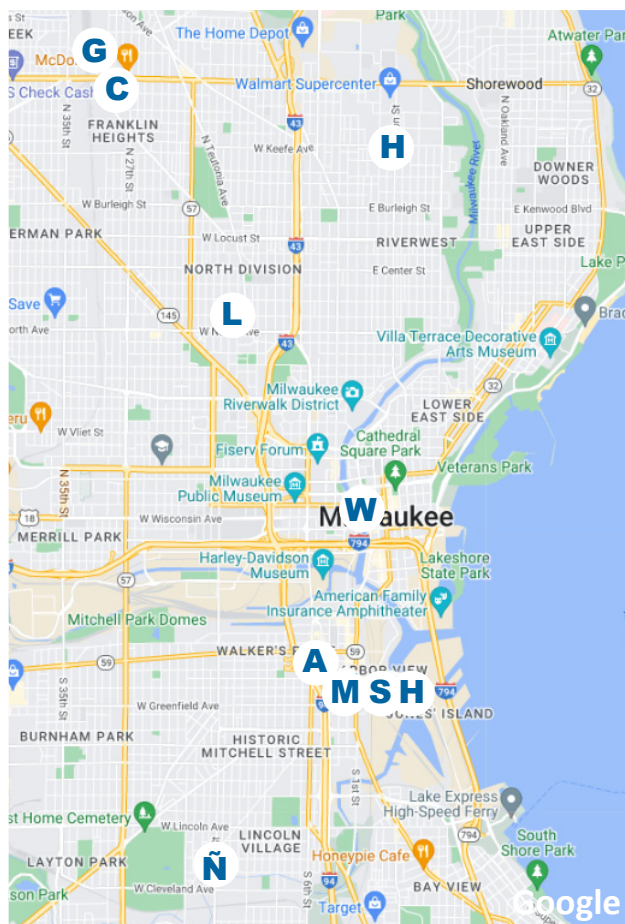


Visit all WaterMarkers* to complete the keyword puzzle.

Show your completed passport to **Reflo** at Harbor Fest or visit their gallery at **636 E. Keefe Ave.** to redeem an awesome poster illustrated by Sydney Hoffman while supplies last!



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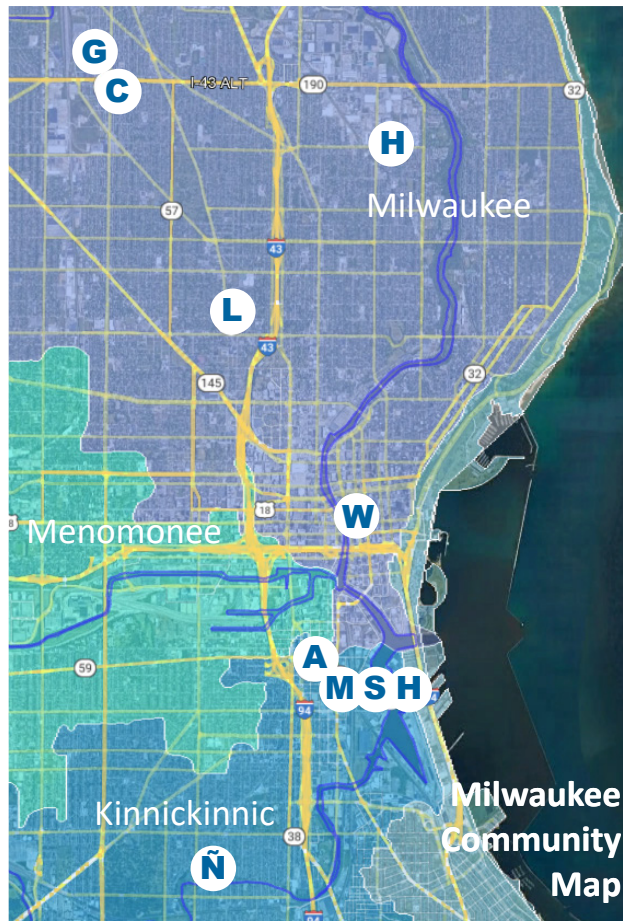
*WATERMARKERS



WaterMarkers are being installed in neighborhoods across the city with support of community partners.

In 2023, they occupy two of Milwaukee's three river watersheds: the **Milwaukee** and **Kinnickinnic**.

WATERSHEDS



YOUR LOG

Visited? Virtual? Date

A

C

G

H¹

H²

L

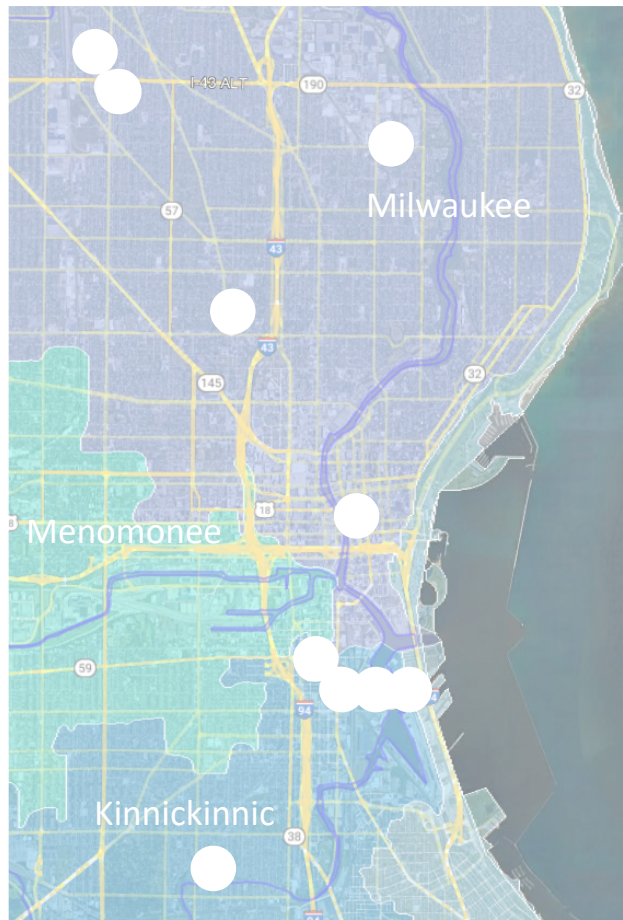
M

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S

W

YOUR VISITS



NOTES

A

C

G

H¹

H²

L

M

Ñ

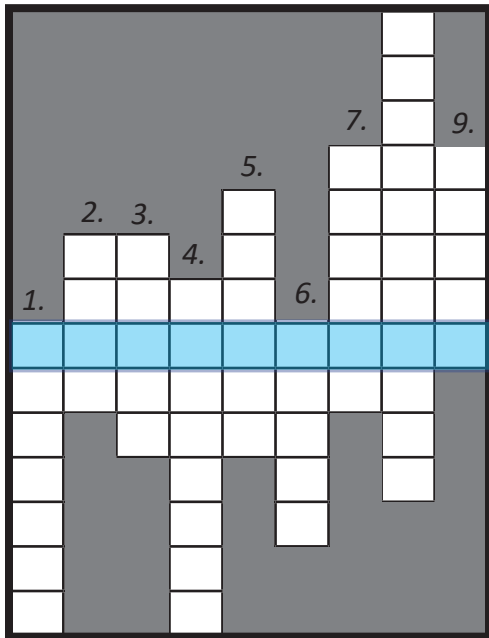
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NOTES

PUZZLE GRID

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.
G A H C H M W S Ñ



KEYWORDS

(in WaterMark letter order)

A _ _ () _

C _ () _ _ _ _

G _ () _ _ _ _

H¹ _ _ () _

H² _ _ () _

L () _ _ _

M _ () _ _

Ñ _ _ _ ()

S _ _ _ _ _ () _

W _ _ _ () _

What three things do we need
to grow?

_____,

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1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

WATERMARKS KEYWORDS

(in third answer word order)

1. **G**
2. **A**
3. **H¹**
4. **C**
5. **H²**
6. **M**
7. **W**
8. **S**
9. **Ñ**

A

UCC Acosta Middle School

*What is one word important to
the middle school students?*

keyword



UCC Acosta Middle School,
1038 S. 6th St., hosts the very
first WaterMarker, which is red.

Artist Melanie Ariens worked
with students to paint the
underpass columns.

Activity suggestion: *Interview a
grandparent or elder. How do
you each relate with water?*

C

Melvina Park

What is a vegetated ditch that manages water called?

keyword



Ms. Yvonne McCaskill led the Century City Triangle Neighborhood Association to involve neighbors in designing Melvina Park for all generations.

Activity suggestion: *Visit your favorite park and observe how the shape of the land there will affect how water moves.*

G

Green Tech Station

*What is made of blocks and
able to hold 20,000 gallons of
water beneath the plaza?*

keyword



Artist Glenn Williams created sculptures inspired by African water vessels accompanied by simple phrases along the south walking path.

Activity suggestion: *Try the iNaturalist Seek app to identify plants and critters with your phone's camera.*


H¹

Harbor View Plaza

What fish was Liz hoping the habitat hotels would help?

keyword



The Inner Harbor connects Milwaukee's three rivers to Lake Michigan. The rivers originally drained to the lake here but in 1857 the current river mouth was dug. 

Activity suggestion: *Go ahead. Enjoy the slide in the orange shipping container structure at Harbor View Plaza!*

H²

Beerline Trail

*What do the spaces between
the pavers make the
Hummingbird Plaza?*

keyword



Artist John Kowalczyk in 2017 painted the shipping container converted into a vibrant performance stage at Hummingbird Plaza.

Activity suggestion: *Find the poem that explains the story of the hummingbird fighting the wildfire.*

L

Lindsay Heights

*What is one word important
to the passionate residents of
Lindsay Heights?*

keyword



Neighbor leaders Maria Beltran and Shamikka Smith join a prayer circle at a vacant lot in Lindsay Heights to reclaim space for the community.

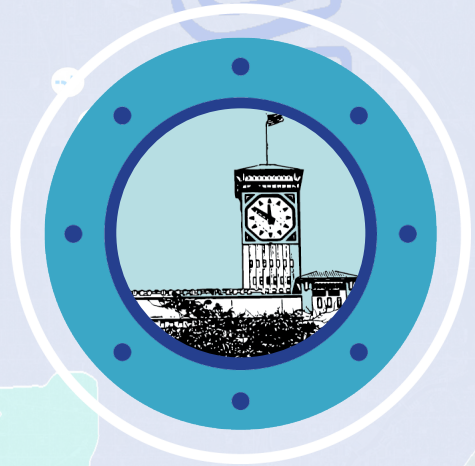
Activity suggestion: *Visit the Walnut Way Wellness Commons at 16th & North Ave. to discover local businesses and community resources.*

M

Rockwell Automation

What is planted on top of Rockwell's headquarters?

keyword



Did you know that the Rockwell Automation rooftop actually hosts the largest green roof in Wisconsin? It slows down the amount of water that pours into our sewer system during heavy rains.

Activity suggestion: *What ways is your family using technology or plants that impact water?*



Kinnickinnic River

*What is another word for a
water god that Gaby Riveros
painted?*

keyword



Artist Gaby Riveros painted mural boards along the river drawing on the cultural and mythic traditions of the ethnic identities represented in the Kinnickinnic River neighborhood.

Activity suggestion: *Ask your parents how water is part of your religious heritage.*

S

UW-Milwaukee School of Freshwater Sciences

*What does Dr. Dong-Fang Deng
see as the future of food?*

keyword



Inside this gleaming blue building there are many labs including one that grows fish. Other labs study chemicals in water, organisms from the Great Lakes, and even DNA from sewer microbes.

Activity suggestion: *How many different fish can you name that live in Lake Michigan?*

W

Milwaukee RiverWalk

*Who made the Riverwalk
famous long before the Fonz?*

keyword



Have you ever noticed the downtown bridges cross the Milwaukee River at an angle? Competing city founders Solomon Juneau (east) and Byron Kilbourn (west) platted their streets differently.

Activity suggestion: *How far can you walk along the Riverwalk?*



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Business & thank them on
Instagram: **#LakeFriendly.**



Milwaukee
Metropolitan
Sewerage District

take action-->



Sign up for **Water Drop Alerts**.


You'll get a text message when it's especially important to conserve water due to expected heavy rains or snow melt that can overwhelm our sewer system.



One Water, Our Water

take action-->



Share how you relate
with water through your
work or business with 
#onewaterourwater

What is your Water Story?

**What does water mean
to you?**

Create in this space or
share your answer with
a creative post on social.

Tag us
@watermarksmke



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