

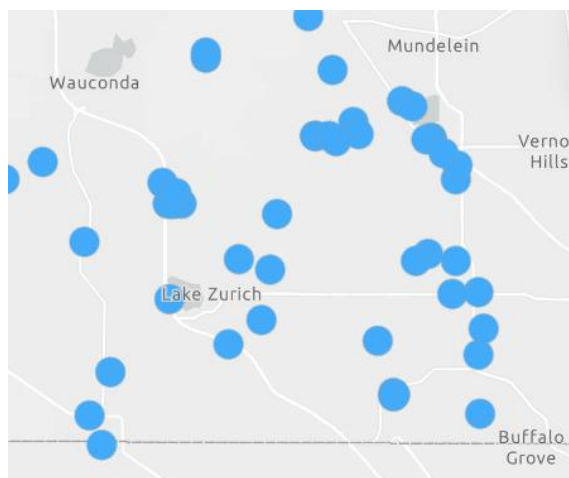
Dear Village residents,

We've all heard mention of "forever chemicals" in the news. These chemicals, commonly referred to as "PFAS", stands for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances. They are a completely man-made family of chemicals created around the time of World War II. Common products containing PFAS include non-stick cookware, carpeting, clothing, fast food wrappers and packaging, computer chips, toilet paper, and waterproof cosmetics.

PFAS have emerged as a serious environmental and public health threat due to their persistence and widespread contamination. These man-made chemicals are found in water, air, fish, and soil at locations across the nation and the globe. Scientific studies have shown that exposure to some PFAS in the environment may be linked to harmful health effects in humans and animals.

By some estimates, 90% of drinking water in the U.S. contains PFAS. With that background in mind, the Environmental Health and Safety Commission contacted the Illinois EPA to learn about PFAS levels in our aquifer. It's good news that local testing indicates that our water supplies do not contain detectable levels of PFAS. See link and screen shot:

<https://illinois-epa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/bd611162a7f74cfe88b6928c926416c3>



If you are concerned about PFAS in your well water, activated carbon and reverse osmosis are the primary technologies to remove forever chemicals.

As a reminder, residents are responsible for maintaining our private wells. Here is a link to the Illinois EPA website for further information. <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/drinking-water/private-well-users>