Better water supply management leads to improved health, more equitable utility bills, and more environmentally sustainable practices. That’s why in 2019 the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) launched the Drinking Water 1-2-3 Academy, a two-year series of convenings and projects dedicated to best practices in water supply management.

The Drinking Water 1-2-3 Academy provides maximum visibility, a peer network, targeted assistance and, ultimately, on-the-ground implementation of critical best practices. Highlighting recommendations from the Drinking Water 1-2-3 guide, the Academy consists of sub-regional events followed by a Technical Assistance program. Academy event attendees came from diverse professions including public and municipal office, consulting engineering firms, metropolitan planning organizations, research institutions, conservation groups, and more. Spread throughout northeastern Illinois, the Academy attracted over 200 participants, including elected officials, administrators, public works staff, utility operators and planners from 50 municipalities representing 50% of the population of the seven-county region.

MPC is transitioning to the Technical Assistance phase of the Academy in order to coordinate expert services to help selected communities tackle their most pressing drinking water needs. Technical Assistance projects will place in 2020.

**MPC is grateful for our Drinking Water 1-2-3 Academy sponsors:**

**Presenting**

![Greeley and Hansen](image)

**Premier**

![Arcadis](image)

![Edelman](image)

![Robinson Engineering](image)

**Partner**

![HBK](image)

![M.E. Simpson Co., Inc.](image)

![Sugar Grove Water Association](image)

**Friend**

![CDM Smith](image)

**MPC is also grateful for our Drinking Water 1-2-3 initiative partners:**

![CMAP](image)

![American Water Works Association Illinois Section](image)

![Metropolitan Mayors Caucus](image)

![APA IL](image)