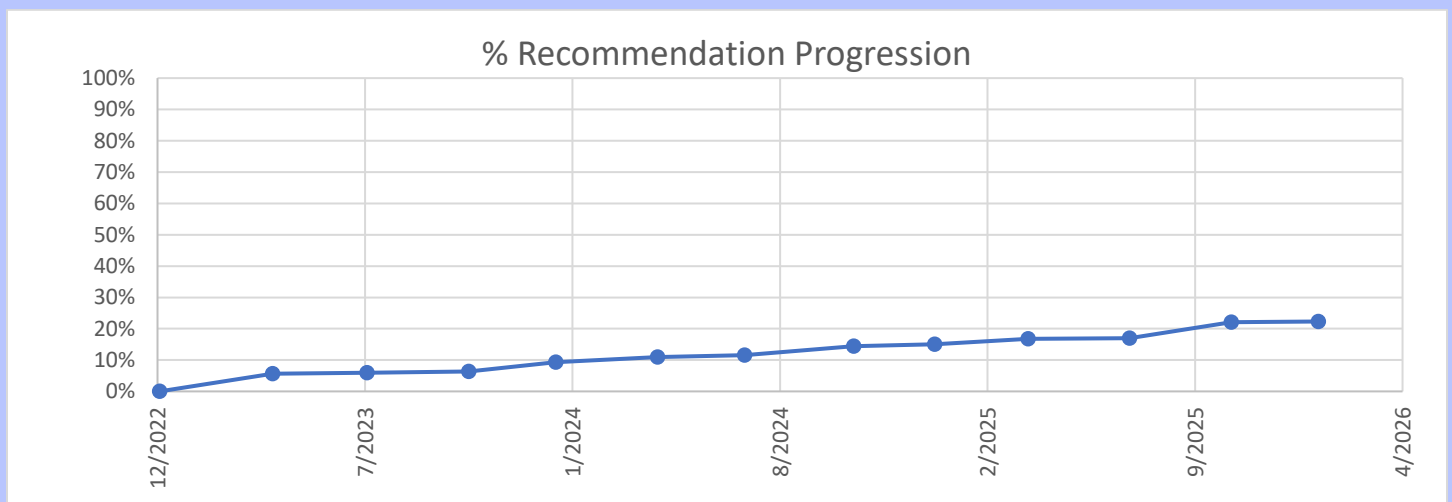


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Recommendations					
#	Section	Total	Started	%Progress	Completed
1	Water Quality	14	12	35.0%	1
2	Climate Change	11	8	25.0%	2
3	Integrated Water Management	7	7	52.9%	2
4	Long Term Funding	8	6	28.1%	0
5	Water Sustainability	7	7	39.3%	1
6	Lake Michigan	10	9	30.0%	0
7	Flood Damage Mitigation	15	8	22.4%	1
8	Aquatic & Riparian Habitat	20	5	6.2%	0
9	Water Use Laws & Regulations	7	6	21.4%	1
10	Navigation	10	2	20.0%	2
11	Erosion & Sedimentation	25	7	15.6%	1
12	Data Management	3	3	10.0%	0
13	Recreation	9	5	10.4%	0
	TOTAL	146	85	22.31%	11



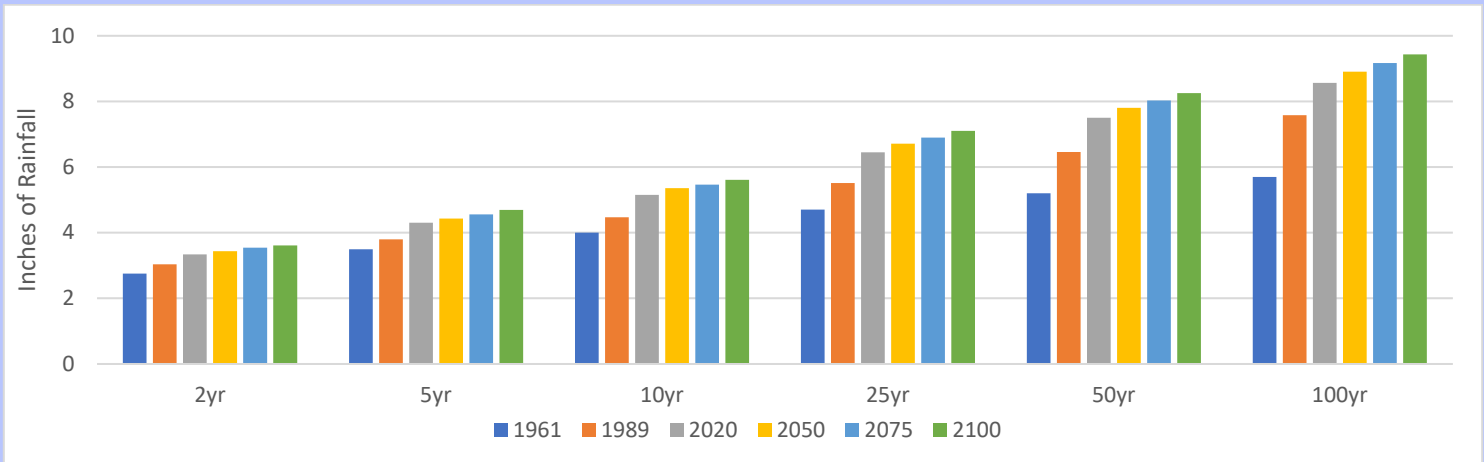
Operations of the Task Force

The State Water Plan Task Force met quarterly throughout the year on 1/7/25, 4/7/25, 7/14/25 and 10/20/25. The first three meetings were virtual, and an in-person meeting was held in October.

Recommendations Completed This Year

- **Climate Change #8** – Model future and season climate change related rainfall data.
- **Integrated Water Management #7** – Develop methodology for identifying and prioritizing underserved communities for water resource needs.
- **Erosion & Sedimentation #18** - Develop new and expand existing incentives to encourage participation in soil conservation practices

Figure: Chicago Area 24-Hour Rainfall (in inches) Over Time (in years)



Key Progress

- **The SWPTF bylaws were created and approved**
- **Created the Lake Michigan Beach Access and Drought Response subcommittees**
- **Water Quality #1** - In 2025, under the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, statewide annual point source loads have been reduced by 8.3 million pounds of phosphorus (46%)—achieving the final goal a year ahead of the 2025 interim target.
- **Water Sustainability #4** – OWR provided funding to PRI to evaluate climate change inputs on supply reservoirs for improved accuracy of water supply availability.
- **Flood Damage Mitigation #2** – IEMA is developing a GIS tool for rainfall informed inundation mapping
- **Climate Change #1** - Development the Illinois 3D Mesonet has continued. An Operations Director has been hired, an Executive Director is being sought, and an External Advisory Board consisting of stakeholders from multiple groups is being established.

Progression of each individual recommendation can be found on the progress spreadsheet that is linked to the [State Water Plan Website](#).



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