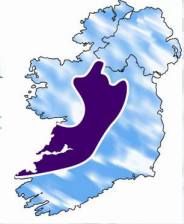


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Water Information Days

We would like to invite you to the Water Information Days that will be held at the venues below in April and May 2009.

The Draft River Basin Management Plans for the Shannon International River Basin District, and the other River Basin Districts in Ireland, were published on 22nd December 2008. The plans set out how we propose to manage our rivers, lakes, groundwaters and coastal waters to ensure their protection. We'd like to hear your views on what we've proposed in the plans before the 22nd June 2009.

So drop in and “Help us Plan” for the future of all our waters!

| Date | Location | Venue |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Monday 27 th April | Sligo* | Sligo Park Hotel, Pearse Road, Sligo, Co. Sligo |
| Tuesday 28 th April | Portlaoise* | Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co. Laois |
| Tuesday 28 th April | Ennis | Clare County Council HQ, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare |
| Thursday 30 th April | Galway* | County Hall, Prospect Hill, Galway, Co. Galway |
| Tuesday 5 th May | Cavan* | Cavan Crystal Hotel, Dublin Road, Cavan, Co. Cavan |
| Tuesday 5 th May | Limerick | Limerick County Council HQ, Dooradoyle, Limerick, Co. Limerick |
| Wednesday 6 th May | Athlone | Sheraton Hotel, Athlone Town Centre, Athlone, Co. Westmeath |
| Thursday 7 th May | Carrick-on-Shannon | Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim |
| Thursday 7 th May | Mallow* | GAA Sports Complex, Mallow, Co. Cork |
| Tuesday 12 th May | Killarney* | Killarney Library, Rock Road, Killarney, Co. Kerry |

* denotes event being hosted by other River Basin Districts (Western, North Western, South Eastern, South Western)

Each event will run from 4pm until 8pm.

The information days will give you the opportunity to:

- collect information on the River Basin District,
- search our new interactive web map to find out more about your local river, lake or groundwater,
- give your views on the Draft River Basin Management Plan and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Assessment.

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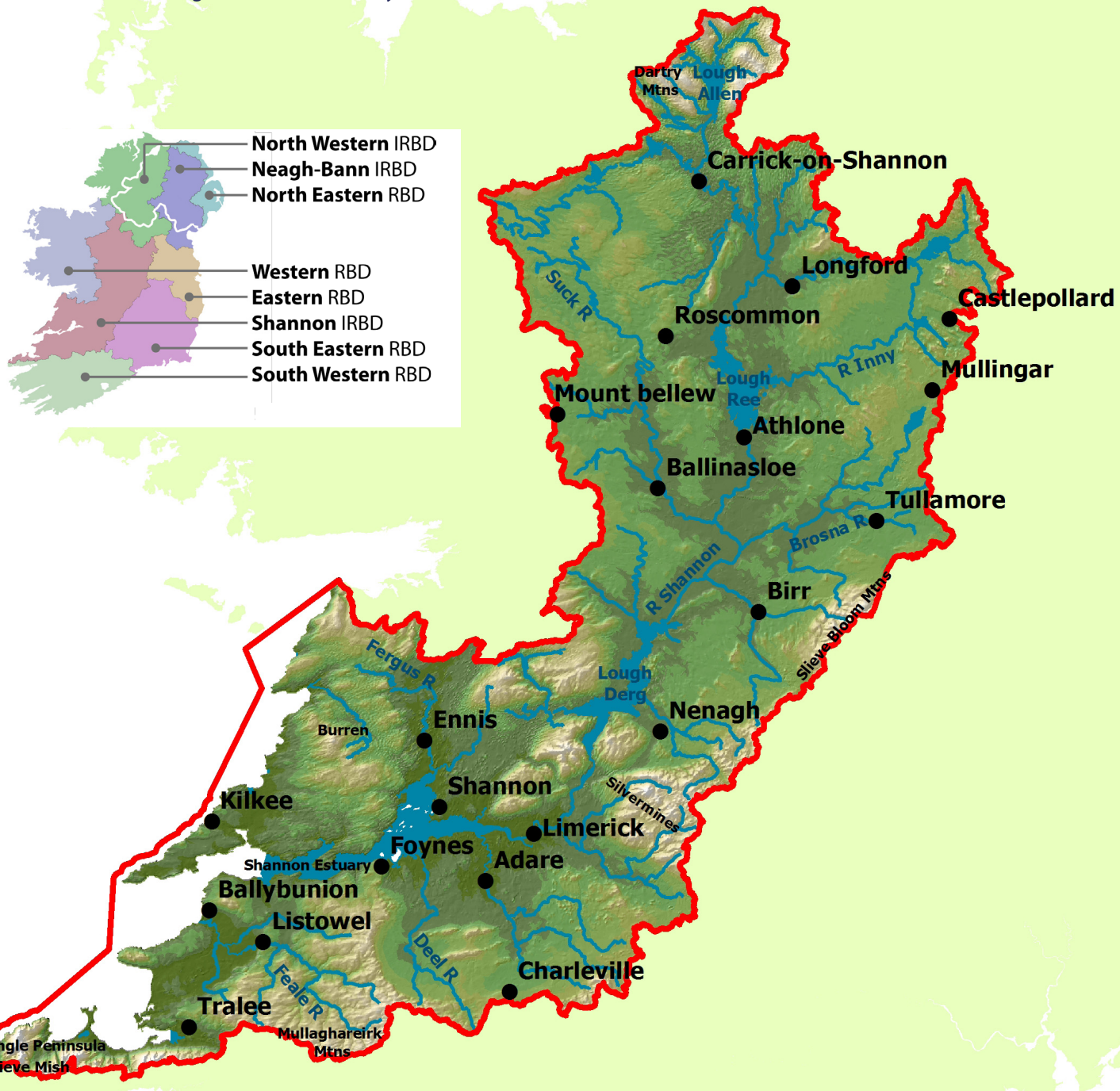
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The Shannon International River Basin District (IRBD) has been created as part of new EU legislation (the Water Framework Directive) that requires the country to be divided into regions (river basin districts (RBDs)) for the purpose of water management. It is the largest RBD in Ireland at more than 18,000 km² and stretches from the source of the River Shannon in the Cuilcagh mountains in counties Cavan and Fermanagh to the tip of the Dingle peninsula in north Kerry. As well as the natural drainage basin of the Shannon river itself, which drains an extensive area of central Ireland, it also includes coastal parts of Kerry and Clare which drain to the sea. It drains 18 local authority areas* and is also an international district as a small portion of County Fermanagh in Northern Ireland drains underground to the Shannon Pot.

The Shannon District encompasses large areas of counties Limerick, Clare, North Tipperary, Offaly, Westmeath, Longford and Roscommon as well as significant portions of counties Kerry, Galway, Leitrim and Cavan. Other counties that have smaller portions in the Shannon District include Sligo, South Tipperary, Mayo, Cork, Laois, Meath and Fermanagh. All of Limerick City is located within the District.



*The local authorities in the Shannon IRBD are: Cavan, Clare, Cork, Galway, Kerry, Laois, Leitrim, Limerick, Longford, Mayo, Meath, Offaly, Roscommon, Sligo, North Tipperary, South Tipperary, and Westmeath County Councils, and Limerick City Council