



NATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

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# 2014 National Monitoring Conference

Presentation by Cathy Tate on behalf of the  
Selection Committee

# Past Conferences

2012: Portland, OR

2010: Denver, CO

2008: Atlantic City, NJ

2006: San Jose, CA

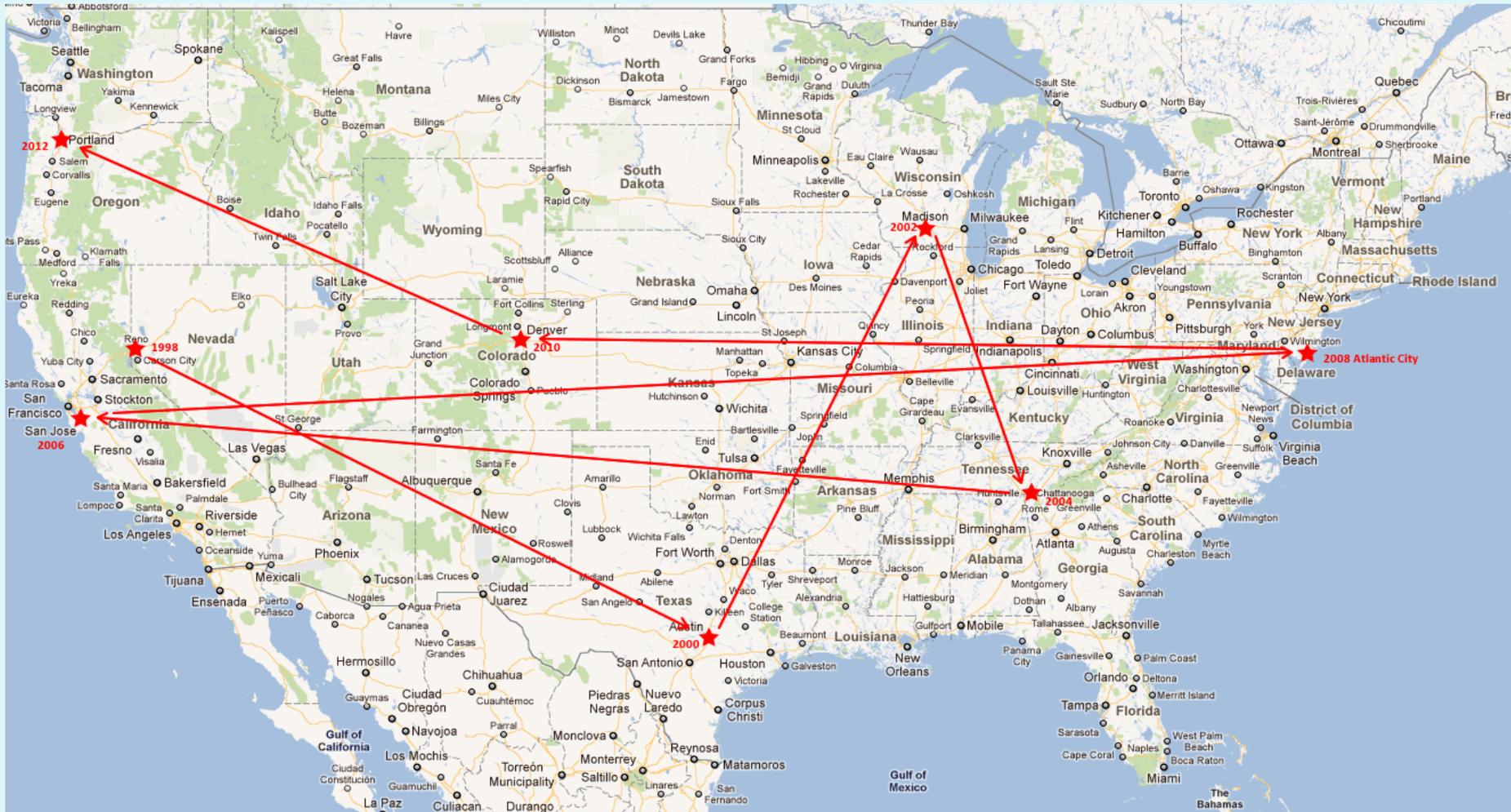
2004: Chattanooga, TN

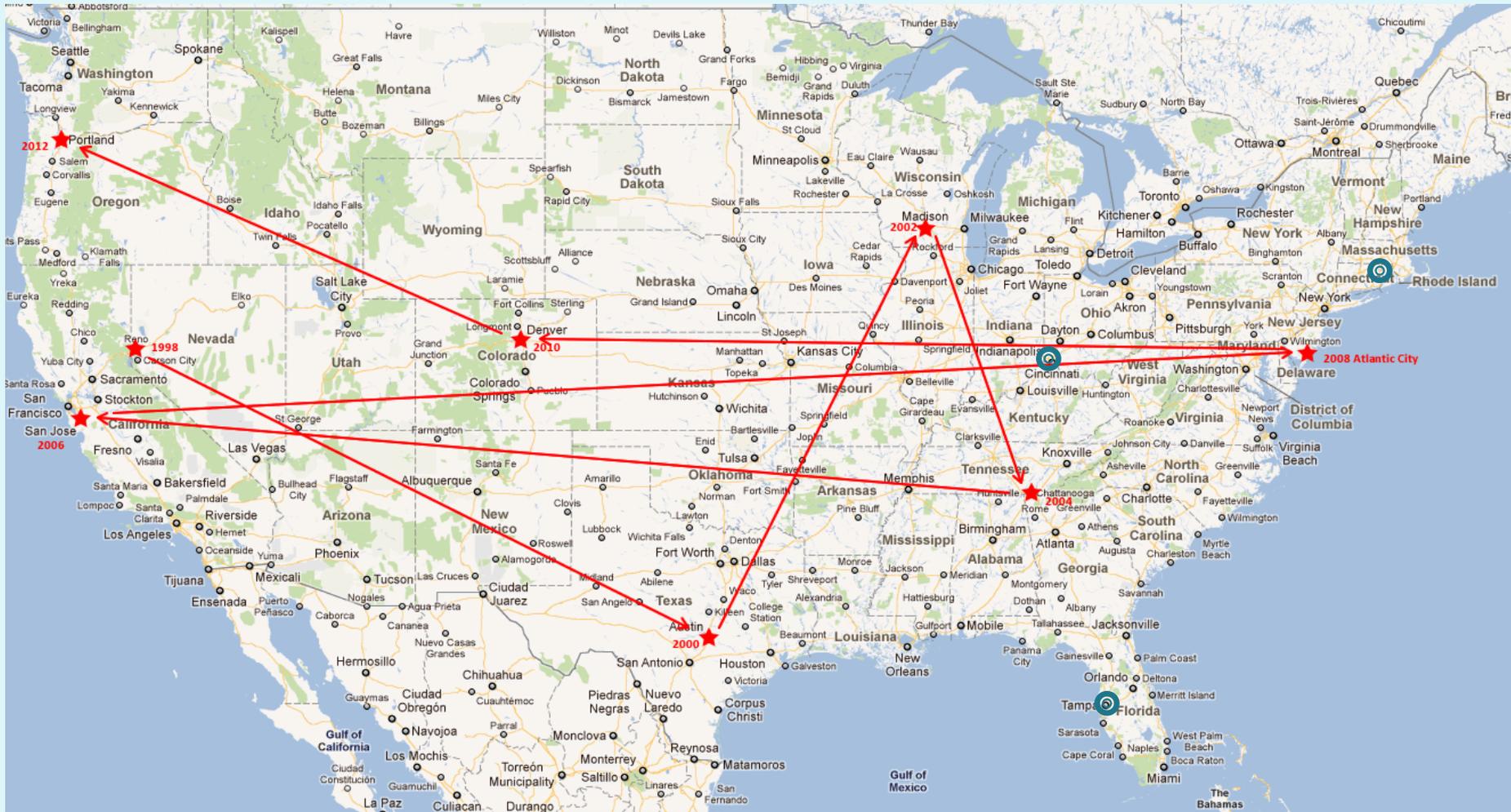
2002: Madison, WI

2000: Austin, TX

1998: Reno, NV







# Selection Committee

- ▶ **Cathy Tate, USGS, 2012 Conference Co-chair**
- ▶ **Alice Mayo, EPA, 2012 Conference co-chair**
- ▶ **Jeff Schloss, NALMS, 2012 Conference Co-chair**
- ▶ **Mike Yurewicz, USGS, Council Co-chair**
- ▶ **Wendy Norton, USGS, Exec. Secretary, ACWI**
- ▶ **Jeff Deacon, USGS**
- ▶ **Barb Horn, CO Division of Parks & Wildlife**
- ▶ **Support folks**
  - **Sheri Alcalde, USGS, Council travel**
  - **Philip Forsberg, NALMS**

# Factors Considered in Site Selection for 2014 Conference

- ▶ Preferred date – last week April / 1<sup>st</sup> week May
- ▶ Strong local committee with diverse representation by water monitoring groups (Council members, EPA, USGS, States, regional groups, local agencies, etc.,)
- ▶ Conference facility
  - Capacity to handle the size of the conference
  - Layout of venue
  - Costs of facilities, AV, food
- ▶ Nearby Hotels at Government Rates

# Factors Considered in Site Selection for 2014 Conference

- ▶ Per diem costs
- ▶ Transportation
  - Air travel (hub airport, easy to get to)
  - Shuttles/taxis/walkability
  - Proximity for commuting participants representing diverse interest
- ▶ Venue access
  - Are restaurants, entertainment, etc., near hotels/convention center

# Sites Considered

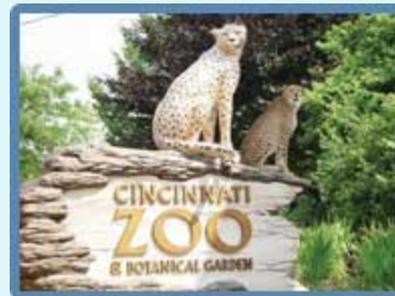
- ▶ Sites with strong proposals
  - Tampa, Florida
  - Cincinnati, Ohio
  - Hartford, Connecticut
- ▶ Results of multiple screening of information
  - Tampa dropped – could not get preferred date
  - Cincinnati and Hartford are about equal base on the long list of factors

# Proposal for 2014 National Monitoring Conference – Cincinnati, Ohio

- ▶ On the banks of the Ohio River
- ▶ Strong local committee (Peter Tennant)
- ▶ Diverse local & regional partners
- ▶ Diverse water monitoring
- ▶ Facilities that meet our needs



**Duke Energy**  
Convention Center



# Proposal for 2014 National Monitoring Conference – Hartford, Connecticut

- ▶ On the banks of Connecticut River
- ▶ Strong local committee (Diane Switzer, EPA; CT Dept. Energy and Environmental Protection)
- ▶ Diverse local & regional partners
- ▶ Diverse water monitoring
- ▶ Facilities that meet our needs



# We need Council Member Input

- ▶ Give us your thoughts, opinions, insights on holding meeting in Cincinnati or Hartford.
- ▶ Let us know if you been to a meeting at the facilities and what you thought about it.
- ▶ Do you have any insights on audiences that would attracted to each of the sites?
- ▶ email Cathy Tate ([cmtate@usgs.gov](mailto:cmtate@usgs.gov)) by COB Friday September 14<sup>th</sup>.