

Water resources

Most of South Tipperary is in the River Suir catchment, which has been the focus of a major national pilot project – The Three Rivers Project (along with the Liffey and the Boyne). Water quality was unsatisfactory at 38% of the sites monitored in 1996 by the Environment Protection Agency. The Three Rivers Project along with other major initiatives has been attempting to improve the situation. The main initiatives have related to upgrading municipal waste water treatment facilities in the main towns; and addressing diffuse pollution sources arising from agriculture, forestry, industry, peat extraction and domestic septic tanks.