

Ware, Massachusetts Topology, Flood Plain, & Water Supplies

DEP Public Water Supplies

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- 100 Year Flood Plain
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- Wetlands
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- Streams
- 100 FT River Protection Area

The Public Water Supply (PWS) delineator (coverage and type are named PWS, DEP) identifies the location of public community water supply systems and public non-community supply systems as defined in 310 CMR 22.00. The public water supply systems are defined as those systems that are primarily in connection with the DEP's Water Quality Testing System (WQTS) database. The WQTS database is the Department's central database for water supply data. The PWS delineator also contains the locations of proposed wells that have a defined DEP approved wellhead protection area (WHPA). Proposed wells are not included in the WQTS.

Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations (310 CMR 22.00)

As stated in 310 CMR 22.02, a Public Water System means a system for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption if such system has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days of the year. Such term includes (1) any collection, treatment, storage and distribution facilities under control of the operator of such a system and used primarily in connection with such system, and (2) any collection or pretreatment storage facilities not under such control which are used primarily in connection with such system. A public water system is either a "community water system" or a "non-community water system."

(a) Community water system means a public water system which serves at least 15 service connections or regularly serves an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days of the year.

(b) Non-community water system means a public water system that is not a community water system.

1. Non-transient non-community water system or "NTNC" means a public water system that is not a community water system and that regularly serves at least 25 of the same persons or more approximately four or more days per week, more than six months or 180 days per year, such as a workplace providing water to its employees.

2. Transient non-community water system or "TNC" means a public water system that is not a community water system or a non-transient non-community water system but is a public water system which serves water to 25 different persons at least 60 days of the year. Some examples of these types of systems are restaurants, resorts, camp grounds, parks, golf courses, ski areas and community centers.

Approved Wellhead Protection Areas (Zone II)

The approved ZONE II delineator contains DEP Approved Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPA) as defined in 310 CMR 22.02(1)(c). Zone II is the area within which collection, treatment, storage and distribution facilities are located under the most severe pumping and recharge characteristics of the wellhead protection area. The delineator also contains the locations of proposed wells that have a defined DEP approved wellhead protection area (WHPA). Proposed wells are not included in the WQTS.

Interim Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPA, IWHPA)

In the absence of an approved Zone II, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has adopted the Interim Wellhead Protection Area (IWHPA) as the primary protection method for Public Water Supply (PWS) groundwater resources. For PWS systems the pump rate is 100,000 gallons per day (GPD), the IWHPA radius is proportional to the pumping rate in gallons per minute (GPM). Pumping rate is determined by DEP DEP based on one of the following methods: DWP approved pumping rate, measured data or Title 5 flow rate. The formula used for calculating the PWS well point buffer radius is: $\text{Radius} = (\text{Pumping rate in GPM}) \times 400$

The minimum IWHPA radius is 400 feet, the maximum (default) radius reached at 100,000 GPD (20 GPM) is 2,400 feet (732 meters). In instances where DWP pumping rate information is unavailable DEP approved default radius values are assigned based on PWS well classification. The default radius for community class PWS groundwater resources (GW) is 2,400 feet (804.6 meters). The default radius for non-community sources is 1,200 feet (365.8 meters) for Non-Transient (NTNC) wells and 600 feet (182.9 meters) for Transient (TNC) wells.

The Reserve Protection Act buffer data was created by buffering the available hydrology data 100 feet and 200 feet. Using the hydrology elevation data originally created by DEP, contours were made to buffer only stream features that were coded as being perennial streams and to also subject to field verification. It is possible that some perennial streams were not buffered and some intermittent streams were. FOGA MA015 issued the data for the 1997 - 2001 FOGA National project.

The Elevation Contours (1:5,000) delineator represents 3-meter contours created from Digital Terrain Model (DTM) data points collected during the production of the 1:50,000 scale and 7.5-minute USGS topographic maps. The data has previously been a mix of data from the DTM as well as some 1:25,000 Digital Line Graph (DLG) data obtained from the U.S. Geological Survey. As of August 2005, all color DLG data have been replaced by the 1:50,000 product. This data is maintained by Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, MA015, Boston.

The Slope data was created by Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, using the 1:50,000 Elevation Contours. Using ArcInfo GRID modules, the contours were converted to an elevation grid with 3 meter cell size and a slope grid generated from that. The slope grid was then reclassified to 5 classification ranges: 0 to 3% slope, 3 to 8%, 8 to 15%, 15 to 25% and above 25%. The grid was then converted to a polygon coverage. The Slope shown on this map are approximated and reflect the best digital data available, but should be subject to field verification and used for planning purposes only.

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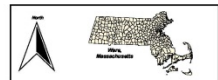
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