

AUBURN WATER DISTRICT'S PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE WATER FROM WORCESTER UNDER THE INTERBASIN TRANSFER ACT

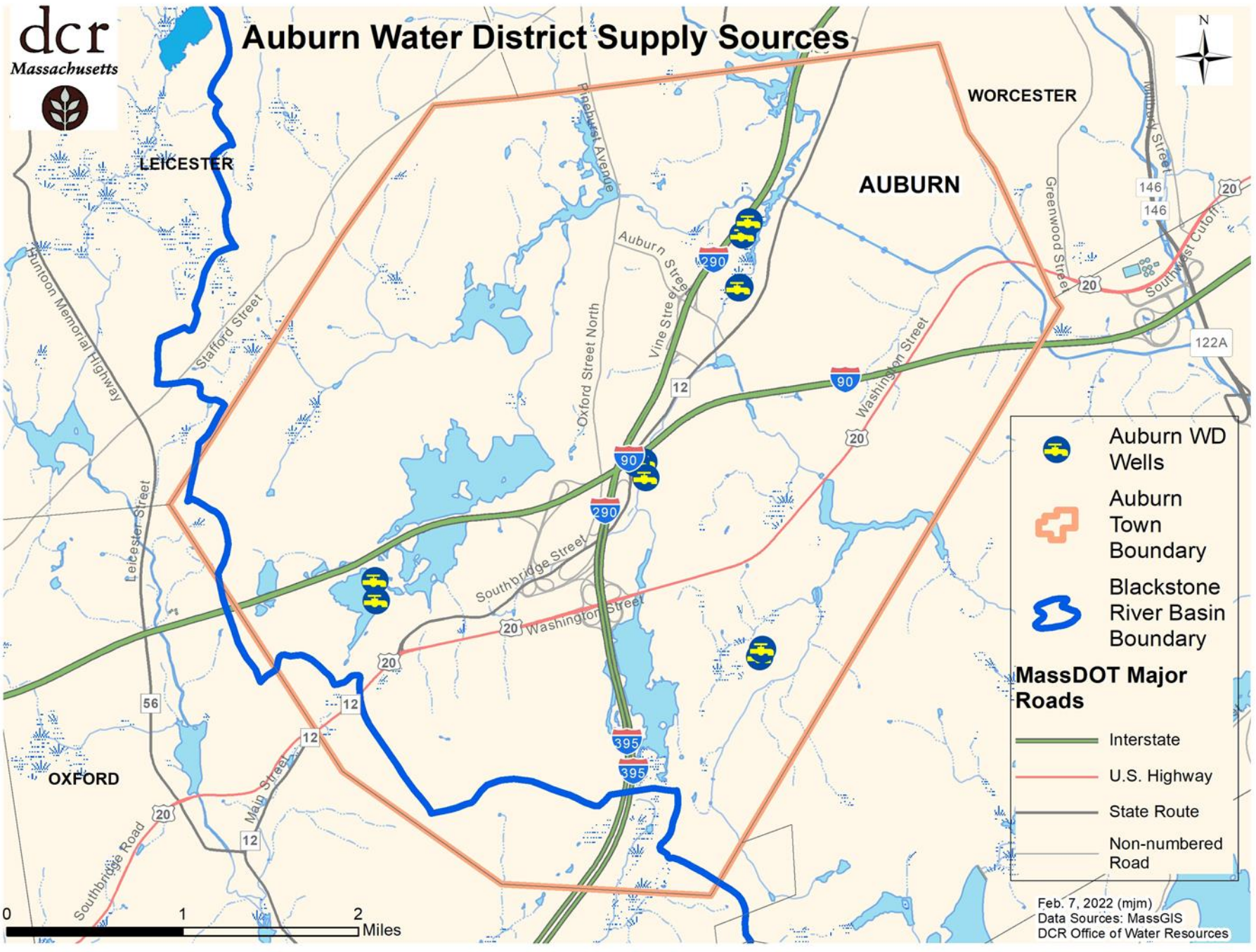
WRC Staff Recommendation




April 14, 2022

FACTS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION



- The Auburn Water District's distribution system is mainly in the Blackstone River Basin
- Twelve groundwater wells
 - Vulnerable to contamination: near multiple major roadways
 - Deicing chemicals, fuel spills are of concern
 - Supplemental source of water needed when supplies are offline for maintenance or potential contamination, or during periods of high demand
- Worcester's sources are in the Nashua and Blackstone River Basins
- Proposing to purchase a maximum of 0.54 MGD from Worcester (0.36 subject to ITA)

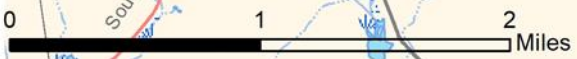
Auburn Water District Supply Sources



-  Auburn WD Wells
-  Auburn Town Boundary
-  Blackstone River Basin Boundary

MassDOT Major Roads

-  Interstate
-  U.S. Highway
-  State Route
-  Non-numbered Road



SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS



A public hearing on the February 10, 2022 Staff Recommendation was held on Zoom on March 2, 2022



Comments were received at the hearing from MA Water Works Association



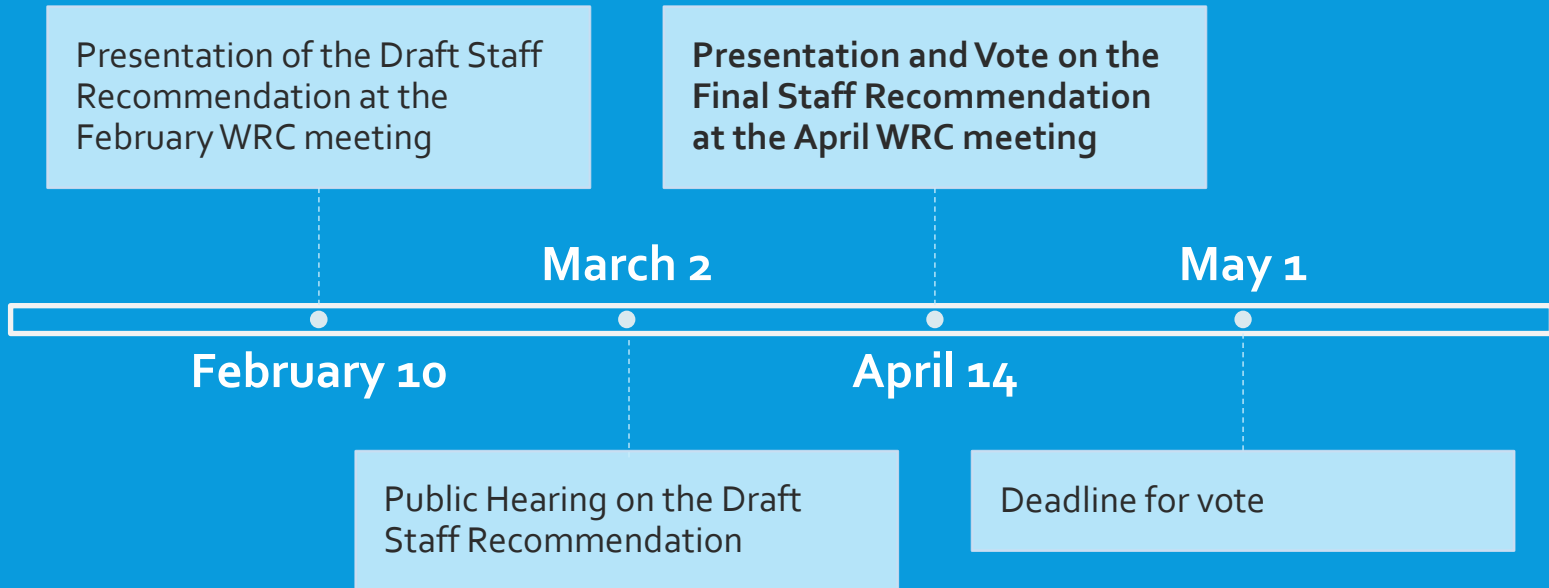
Written comments were received from Philip Guerin, Worcester's Director of Water and Sewer Operations

CHANGES SINCE THE 2/10 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

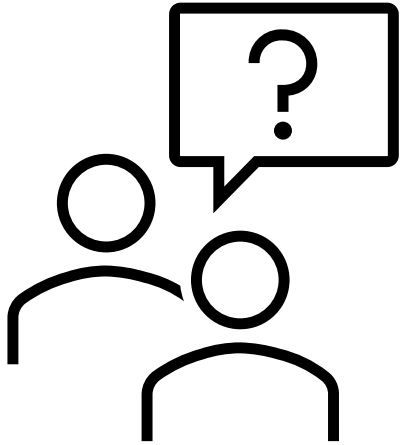
Clarified wording pertaining to rate structure under Criterion 3 (Water Conservation)

Updated with information on public hearings and public comments

Minor changes to improve consistency



TIMELINE



QUESTIONS