

# Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP) Report for

# **Easton Water Division**

#### What is SWAP?

The Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP) program, established under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, requires every state to:

- inventory land uses within the recharge areas of all public water supply sources;
- assess the suscepti bility of drinking water sources to contamination from these land uses; and
- publicize the results to provide support for improved protection.

# Susceptibility and Water Quality

Susceptibility is a measure of a water supply's potential to become contaminated due to land uses and activities within its recharge area.

A source's susceptibility to contamination does *not* imply poor water quality.

Water suppliers protect drinking water by monitoring for more than 100 chemicals, disinfecting, filtering, or treating water supplies, and using source protection measures to ensure that safe water is delivered to the tap.

Actual water quality is best reflected by the results of regular water tests. To learn more about your water quality, refer to your water supplier's annual Consumer Confidence Reports.

# **Table 1: Public Water System Information**

| PWS Name      | Easton Water Division |  |  |  |
|---------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| PWS Address   | 417 Bay Road          |  |  |  |
| City/Town     | Easton, Massachusetts |  |  |  |
| PWS ID Number | 4088000               |  |  |  |
| Local Contact | John Marsh            |  |  |  |
| Phone Number  | (508) 230-0850        |  |  |  |

# Introduction

We are all concerned about the quality of the water we drink. Drinking water wells may be threatened by many potential contaminant sources, including storm runoff, road salting, and improper disposal of hazardous materials. Citizens and local officials can work together to better protect these drinking water sources.

# **Purpose of this report:**

This report is a planning tool to support local and state efforts to improve water supply protection. By identifying land uses within water supply protection areas that may be potential sources of contamination, the assessment helps focus protection efforts on appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) and drinking water source protection measures.

Refer to Table 3 for Recommendations to address potential sources of contamination. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) staff are available to provide information about funding and other resources that may be available to your community.

# This report includes the following sections:

- 1. Description of the Water System
- 2. Land Uses within Protection Areas
- 3. Source Water Protection Conclusions and Recommendations
- 4. Appendices

# What is a Protection Area?

A well's water supply protection area is the land around the well where protection activities should be focused. Each well has a Zone I protective radius and a Zone II protection area.



# Glossary

**Aquifer:** An underground waterbearing layer of permeable material that will yield water in a usable quantity to a well.

**Hydrogeologic Barrier:** An underground layer of impermeable material (i.e. clay) that resists penetration by water.

**Recharge Area:** The surface area that contributes water to a well.

**Zone 1:** The area closest to a well; a 100 to 400 foot radius proporti onal to the well's pumping rate. This area should be owned or controlled by the water supplier and limited to water supply activities.

Zone II: The primary recharge area for the aquifer. This area is defined by hydrogeologic studies that must be approved by DEP. Refer to the attached map to determine the land within your Zone II.

# **Section 1: Description of the Water System**

Zone II #: 287 Susceptibility: High

| Well Names | Source IDs  |
|------------|-------------|
| GP Well #1 | 4088000-01G |
| GP Well #2 | 4088000-02G |
| GP Well #4 | 4088000-04G |

Zone II #: 288 Susceptibility: High

| Well Names | Source IDs  |
|------------|-------------|
| GP Well #3 | 4088000-03G |
| GP Well #5 | 4088000-05G |

Zone II #: 117 Susceptibility: High

| Well Names | Source IDs  |
|------------|-------------|
| GP Well #6 | 4088000-06G |

Easton Water Division draws its water from six wells located in three Zone IIs (reference the above table and attached map to associate water supply sources with corresponding protection areas). All of the wells are located in Easton, however, the Zone IIs for Easton's wells extend into the neighboring communities of Norton, Mansfield, Foxborough, Sharon and Stoughton. Each well has a Zone I of 400 feet. The wells are located in an aquifer with a high vulnerability to contamination due to the absence of hydrogeologic barriers (i.e. clay) that can prevent contaminant migration. Please refer to the attached map to view the boundaries of the Zone II.

All of Easton's wells have calcium hydroxide added for corrosion control, and sodium hypochlorite added as a disinfectant. For current information on monitoring results and treatment, please contact the Public Water System contact person listed above in Table 1 for a copy of the most recent Consumer Confidence Report. Drinking water monitoring reporting data are also available on the web at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/ccr1.html.

# Section 2: Land Uses in the Protection Areas

The Zone Is for Easton are a mixture of residential, commercial, and light industrial land uses (refer to attached map for details). Land uses and activities that are potential sources of contamination are listed in Table 2, with further detail provided in the Table of Regulated Facilities and Table of Underground Storage Tanks in Appendix A.

# **Key Land Uses and Protection Issues include:**

- 1. Zone Is
- 2. Residential land uses
- 3. Transportation corridors

- 4. Hazardous materials storage and use
- 5. Oil or hazardous material contamination sites
- 6. Agricultural activities
- 7. Comprehensive wellhead protection planning

The overall ranking of susceptibility to contamination for the system is high, based on the presence of at least one high threat land use within the water supply protection areas, as seen in Table 2.

1. Zone Is – The Zone Is for each of the wells is a 400 foot radius around the wellhead. Massachusetts drinking water regulations (310 CMR 22.00 Drinking Water) requires public water suppliers to own the Zone I, or control the Zone I through a conservation restriction. The six Zone Is for the wells are owned or controlled by Easton. Only water supply activities are allowed in the Zone I. However, many public water supplies were developed prior to the Department's regulations and contain non water supply activities such as homes and public roads.

#### **Zone I Recommendations:**

- ✓ Use BMPs for the storage, use, and disposal of hazardous materials such as water supply chemicals and maintenance chemicals.
- ✓ Do not use or store pesticides, fertilizers or road salt within the Zone Is.
- ✓ Keep any new non water supply activities out of the Zone Is.
- **2. Residential Land Uses** Residential land use is common throughout the Zone IIs. Areas of Zone II #288 in Mansfield have public sewers and part of Zone II #287 within Stoughton also has public sewers. Septic systems do provide wastewater disposal needs throughout other areas of the Zone IIs. If managed improperly, activities associated with residential areas can contribute to drinking water contamination. Common potential sources of contamination include:
  - Septic Systems Improper disposal of household hazardous chemicals to septic systems is a potential source of contamination to the groundwater because septic systems lead to the ground. If septic systems fail or are not properly maintained they can be a potential

# Benefits of Source Protection

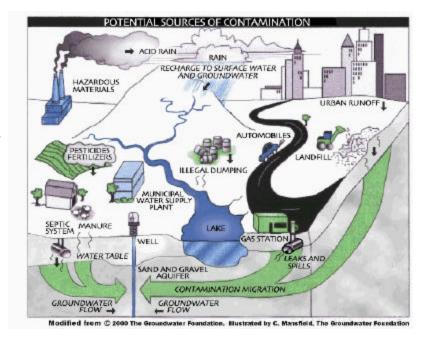
Source Protection helps protect public health and is also good for fiscal fitness:

- Protects drinking water quality at the source
- Reduces monitoring costs through the DEP Waiver Program
- Treatment can be reduced or avoided entirely, saving treatment costs
- Prevents costly contamination clean-up
- Preventing contamination saves costs on water purchases, and expensive new source development

Contact your regional DEP office for more information on Source Protection and the Waiver Program.

source of microbial contamination.

- Household Hazardous
  Materials Hazardous materials
  may include automotive wastes,
  paints, solvents, pesticides,
  fertilizers, and other substances.
  Improper use, storage, and disposal
  of chemical products used in
  homes are potential sources of
  contamination.
- Heating Oil Storage If managed improperly, Underground and Aboveground Storage Tanks (UST and AST) can be potential sources of contamination due to leaks or spills of the fuel oil they store.
- Stormwater Catch basins transport stormwater from roadways and adjacent properties



to the ground. As flowing stormwater travels, it picks up debris and contaminants from streets and lawns. Common potential contaminants include lawn chemicals, pet waste, and contaminants from automotive leaks, maintenance, washing, or accidents.

## **Residential Land Use Recommendations:**

- ✓ Educate residents on best management practices (BMPs) for protecting water supplies. Distribute the fact sheet "Residents Protect Drinking Water" available in Appendix C and on www.mass.gov/dep/brp/dws/protect.htm, which provides BMPs for common residential issues.
- Work with planners to control new residential developments in the water supply protection areas.
- ✓ Promote BMPs for stormwater management and pollution controls. Visit DEP's web site for additional information and assistance at http://www.state.ma.us/dep/brp/wm/nonpoint.htm.
- **3. Transportation Corridors -** Route 106 and Route 123 intersect the Zone IIs. Local roads are common throughout all of the Zone IIs. Roadway construction, maintenance, and typical highway use can all be potential sources of contamination. Accidents can lead to spills of gasoline and other potentially dangerous transported chemicals. Roadways are frequent sites for illegal dumping of hazardous or other potentially harmful wastes. De-icing salt, automotive chemicals and other debris on roads are picked up by stormwater and wash in to catchbasins.

A railroad right of way runs through the water supply protection area for GP Wells #1, #2, and #4 and the protection area for GP Wells #3 & #5. Rail corridors serving passenger or freight trains are potential sources of contamination due to chemicals released during normal use, track maintenance, and accidents. Accidents can release spills of train engine fluids and commercially transported chemicals.

# **Transportation Corridor Recommendations:**

✓ Identify stormwater drains and the drainage system along transportation corridors. Wherever possible, ensure that drains discharge stormwater

outside of the Zone Is.

- ✓ Work with the Town and State to have catch basins inspected, maintained, and cleaned on a regular schedule. Street sweeping reduces the amount of potential contaminants in runoff.
- ✓ Work with local emergency response teams to ensure that any spills within the Zone II can be effectively contained.
- ✓ If storm drainage maps are available, review the maps with emergency response teams. If maps aren't yet available, work with town officials to investigate mapping options such as the upcoming Phase II Stormwater Rule requiring some communities to complete stormwater mapping.
- ✓ Work with local officials during their review of the railroad right of way Yearly Operating Plans to ensure that water supplies are protected during vegetation control.

#### What are "BMPs?"

Best Management Practices (BMPs) are measures that are used to protect and improve surface water and groundwater quality. BMPs can be <u>structural</u>, such as oil & grease trap catch basins, <u>nonstructural</u>, such as hazardous waste collection days or <u>managerial</u>, such as employee training on proper disposal procedures.

# For More Information

Contact I sabel Collins of DEP's
Southeast Regional Office at (508)
946-2726 for more information
and assi stance on improving
current protection measures.

Copies of this report have been provided to the public water supplier, board of health, and the town.

# Source Protection Decreases Risk

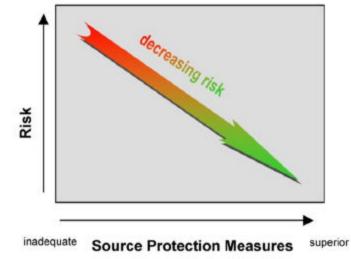


Figure 2: Risk of contamination decreases as source protection increases. This is true for public water systems of any susceptibility ranking, whether High, Moderate, or Low.

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## Potential Source of Contamination vs. Actual Contamination

The activities listed in Table 2 are those that typically use, produce, or store contaminants of concern, which, <u>if managed improperly</u>, are potential sources of contamination (PSC).

It is important to understand that a release may never occur from the potential source of contamination provided facilities are using best management practices (BMPs). If BMPs are in place, the actual risk may be lower than the threat ranking identified in Table 2. Many potential sources of contamination are regulated at the federal, state and/or local levels, to further reduce the risk.

# Table 2: Land Use in the Protection Areas (Zones I and II)

For more information, refer to Appendix A: Regulated Facilities within the Water Supply Protection Area \*Notes for Table 2 can be found on Page 10

| Activities                             | Quantity | Threat* | Zone II#  | <b>Potential Source of Contamination</b>  |  |
|--|----------|---------|-----------|---|--|
| Livestock<br>Operations                | 1        | М       | 288       | Manure (microbial contaminants): improper handling (Emu Farm)   |  |
| Landscaping                            | 1        | М       | 288       | Fertilizers and pesticides: leaks, spills, improper handling, or over-application                         |  |
| Manure Storage or<br>Spreading         | 1        | Н       | 288       | Manure (microbial contaminants): improper handling (Emu Farm)   |  |
| Nurseries                              | 1        | М       | 117       | Fertilizers, pesticides, and other chemicals: leaks, spills, improper handling, or over-application       |  |
| Pesticide Storage or Use               | 1        | Н       | 117       | Pesticides: leaks, spills, improper handling, or overapplication  |  |
| Commercial                             |          |         |           |   |  |
| Body Shops                             | 3        | Н       | 287       | Vehicle paints, solvents, and primer products: improper management  |  |
| Gas Stations                           | 4        | Н       | 117 & 287 | Automotive fluids and fuels: spills, leaks, or improper handling or storage                               |  |
| Service Stations/<br>Auto Repair Shops | 4        | Н       | 117 & 287 | Automotive fluids and solvents: spills, leaks, or improper handling                                       |  |
| Cemeteries                             | 3        | М       | All       | Over-application of pesticides: leaks, spills, improper handling; historic embalming fluids               |  |
| Dry Cleaners                           | 1        | Н       | 117       | Solvents and wastes: spills, leaks, or improper handling  |  |
| Funeral Homes                          | 1        | L       | 117       | Hazardous chemicals: spills, leaks, or improper handling  |  |
| Railroad Tracks<br>And Yards           | 2        | Н       | 287 & 288 | Herbicides: over-application or improper handling; fue<br>storage, transported chemicals, and maintenance |  |
| Industrial                             |          |         |           |   |  |
| Foundries Or<br>Metal Fabricators      | 1        | М       | 117       | Solvents and other chemicals: spills, leaks, or improper handling or storage (Recently closed)            |  |

# Table 2 Continued: Land Use in the Protection Areas (Zones I and II)

For more information, refer to Appendix A: Regulated Facilities within the Water Supply Protection Area

| Activities   | Quantity | Threat* | Zone II#  | <b>Potential Source of Contamination</b>   |  |
|--|----------|---------|-----------|--|--|
| Residential  |          |         |           |  |  |
| Fuel Oil Storage<br>(at residences)                    | Numerous | М       | All       | Fuel oil: spills, leaks, or improper handling  |  |
| Lawn Care /<br>Gardening                               | Numerous | М       | All       | Pesticides: over-application or improper storage and disposal  |  |
| Septic Systems /<br>Cesspools                          | Numerous | М       | All       | Hazardous chemicals: microbial contaminants, and improper disposal   |  |
| Miscellaneous  |          |         |           |  |  |
| Aboveground<br>Storage Tanks                           | Few      | М       | All       | Materials stored in tanks: spills, leaks, or improper handling   |  |
| Composting<br>Facilities                               | 1        | L       | 288       | Organic material, animal waste, and runoff: storage and improper handling (Emu Farm)                                   |  |
| Landfills and Dumps                                    | 2        | Н       | 287 & 288 | Seepage of leachate  |  |
| Oil or Hazardous<br>Material Sites                     | 4        |         | 117 & 288 | Tier Classified Oil or Hazardous Materials Sites are not ranked due to their site-specific character. Individual sites |  |
| Road And<br>Maintenance                                | 2        | M       | 287 & 288 | Deicing materials, automotive fluids, fuel storage, and other chemicals: spills, leaks, or improper handling or        |  |
| Schools, Colleges, and Universities                    | 3        | М       | 287 & 288 | Fuel oil, laboratory, art, photographic, machine shop, ar other chemicals: spills, leaks, or improper handling or      |  |
| Stormwater Drains/<br>Retention Basins                 | numerous | L       | All       | Debris, pet waste, and chemicals in stormwater from roads, parking lots, and lawns                                     |  |
| Transmission Line<br>Rights-of-Way -                   | 1        | L       | 288       | Corridor maintenance pesticides: over-application or improper handling; construction                                   |  |
| Transportation<br>Corridors                            | numerous | М       | All       | Fuels and other hazardous materials: accidental leaks or spills; pesticides: over-application or improper handling     |  |
| Underground<br>Storage Tanks                           | 8        | Н       | All       | Stored materials: spills, leaks, or improper handling  |  |
| Very Small<br>Quantity<br>Hazardous Waste<br>Generator | 6        | L       | 117 & 287 | Hazardous materials and waste: spills, leaks, or imprope handling or storage   |  |
| Waste Transfer/<br>Recycling Station                   | 1        | М       | 288       | Water contacting waste materials: improper management, seepage, and runoff   |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Notes for Table 2 can be found on page 10.

**4. Hazardous Materials Storage and Use** – Although only a small percentage of the land area within the Zone II is zoned for commercial or industrial land use the activities associated with this land use can have significant impacts on water supplies. Many small businesses and industries use hazardous materials, produce hazardous waste products, and/or store large quantities of hazardous materials in UST/AST. If hazardous materials are improperly stored, used, or disposed, they become potential sources of contamination. Hazardous materials should <u>never</u> be disposed of to a septic system or floor drain leading directly to the ground.

# **Hazardous Materials Storage and Use Recommendations:**

- ✓ Educate local businesses on best management practices for protecting water supplies. Distribute the fact sheet "Businesses Protect Drinking Water" available in Appendix C and on www.mass.gov/dep/brp/dws/protect.htm, which provides BMP's for common business issues.
- ✓ Work with local businesses to register those facilities that are unregistered generators of hazardous waste or waste oil. Partnerships between businesses, water suppliers, and communities enhance successful public drinking water protection practices.
- ✓ Educate local businesses on Massachusetts floordrain requirements. See brochure "Industrial Floor Drains" for more information.
- **5. Presence of Oil or Hazardous Material Contamination Sites** The Zone II contains DEP Tier Classified Oil and/or Hazardous Material Release Sites indicated on the map as Release Tracking Numbers 4-0000104, 4-0000370 and 4-0015211. Refer to the attached map and Appendix B for more information.

## Oil or Hazardous Material Contamination Sites Recommendation:

- ✓ Monitor progress on any ongoing remedial action conducted for the known oil or contamination sites.
- **6. Agricultural Activities** There are several agricultural activities within the Zone IIs that include cranberry bogs and livestock operations. Pesticides and fertilizers have the potential to contaminate a drinking water source if improperly stored, applied, or disposed. If not contained or applied properly, animal waste from barnyards, manure pits and field application are potential sources of contamination to ground and surface water.

# Top 5 Reasons to Develop a Local Wellhead Protection Plan

- Reduces Risk to Human Health
- Cost Effective! Reduces or Eliminates Costs Associated With:
- Increased groundwater monitoring and treatment
- Water supply clean up and remediation
- Replacing a water supply
- Purchasing water
- Supports municipal bylaws, making them less likely to be challenged
- Ensures clean drinking water supplies for future generations
- Enhances real estate values clean drinking water is a local amenity. A community known for its great drinking water in a place people want to live and businesses want to locate.



# **Agricultural Activities Recommendation:**

- ✓ Work with farmers in your protection areas to make them aware of your water supply and to encourage the use of a US Natural Resources Conservation Service farm plan to protect water supplies.
- ✓ Work with farmers to investigate grants and loans designed to protect surface and groundwater. See http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/2002/pdf/EQIPFct.pdf for more information on the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Information on the MA Department of Food Agriculture's Agricultural Environmental Enhancement Program (AEEP) is available on the web at http://www.state.ma.us/dfa/programs/aeep/.
- **7. Protection Planning** Easton has water supply protection controls that meet DEP's Wellhead Protection regulations 310 CMR 22.21(2). Protection planning protects drinking water by managing the land area that supplies water to a well. A Wellhead Protection Plan coordinates community efforts, identifies protection strategies, establishes a timeframe for implementation, and provides a forum for public participation. There are resources available to help communities develop a plan for protecting drinking water supply wells.

## **Protection Planning Recommendations:**

✓ Use your local Wellhead Protection Team to implement goals of your

**Table 3: Current Protection and Recommendations** 

| <b>Protection Measures</b>   | Status      | Recommendations  |
|--|-------------|--|
| Zone I   |             |  |
| Does the Public Water Supplier (PWS) own or control the entire Zone I?                         |             | Follow Best Management Practices (BMP's) that focus on good housekeeping, spill prevention, and operational practices to reduce the use and release of hazardous materials.                            |
| Is the Zone I posted with "Public Drinking Water Supply" Signs?                                | YES         | Additional economical signs are available from the Northeast Rural Water Association (802) 660-4988.   |
| Is Zone I regularly inspected?   | YES         | Continue daily inspections of drinking water protection areas.   |
| Are water supply-related activities the only activities within the Zone I?                     |             | In the future don't allow any non-water supply activities in Zone Is.  |
| Municipal Controls (Zoning Bylaws, He  | alth Regula | tions, and General Bylaws)   |
| Does the municipality have Wellhead Protection Controls that meet 310 CMR 22.21(2)?            |             | The Town "Aquifer Protection District" bylaw meets DEP's requirements for wellhead protection. Refer to www.state.ma.us/dep/brp/dws/ for model bylaws and health regulations, and current regulations. |
| Do neighboring communities protect the Zone II areas extending into their communities?         | YES         | Continue to work with neighboring municipalities to protect current and future water supplies within your towns.   |
| Planning   |             |  |
| Does the PWS have a Wellhead<br>Protection Plan?   | YES         | Update plan as needed. Resources are available at "Developing a Local Wellhead Protection Plan" available at: www.state.ma.us/dep/brp/dws/.  |
| Does the PWS have a formal "Emergency Response Plan" to deal with spills or other emergencies? | YES         | Augment plan by developing a joint emergency response plan with fire department, Board of Health, DPW, and local and state emergency officials. Coordinate emergency response drills with local teams. |
| Does the municipality have a wellhead protection committee?                                    | YES         | Use the committee to achieve the goals of the Wellhead Protection Committee.   |
| Does the Board of Health conduct inspections of commercial and industrial activities?          | YES         | For more guidance see "Hazardous Materials<br>Management: A Community's Guide" at www.state.ma.us/<br>dep/brp/dws/files/hazmat.doc   |
| Does the PWS provide wellhead protection education?  | YES         | Continue extensive outreach and target future efforts at most threatening activities within Zone II.   |

- Wellhead Protection Plan.
- ✓ Compare local wellhead protection controls with current MA Wellhead Protection Regulations 310 CMR 22.21(2) to ensure protection measures are up to date. For more information on DEP land use controls see http://mass.gov/dep/brp/dws/protect.htm.
- ✓ Continue to work with town boards to review and provide recommendations on proposed development within your water supply protection areas. To obtain information on build-out analyses for the town, see the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs' community preservation web site, http://commpres.env.state.ma.us/.

Other land uses and activities within the Zone II include auto repair shops, gas stations, landfills and schools. Refer to Table 2 and Appendix A for more information about these land uses.

Identifying potential sources of contamination is an important initial step in protecting your drinking water sources. Further local investigation will provide more in-depth information and may identify new land uses and activities that are potential sources of contamination. Once potential sources of contamination are identified, specific recommendations like those below should be used to better protect your water supply.

# Section 3: Source Water Protection Conclusions and Recommendations

#### **Current Land Uses and Source Protection:**

As with many water supply protection areas, Easton's Zone IIs contain potential sources of contamination. However, source protection measures reduce the risk of actual contamination, as illustrated in Figure 2. The water supplier is commended for taking an active role in promoting source protection measures in the Water Supply Protection Areas through:

- Expanding the area of local bylaw protection beyond the required Zone II boundary to cove the entire Zone III for each source.
- Member of Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee.
- Equipping every Water Department vehicle with spill kits.
- Conducting extensive public education and outreach on source protection.
- Making key land purchases to protect the Zone IIs.
- Ensuring that Easton's Phase II Stormwater Planning focuses on water supply protection.
- Using Water Department funds to conduct hazardous waste collection days in Easton.
- Providing a mercury drop off center at the Water Department.
- Applying for and receiving a grant for pesticide education and outreach.
- Promoting the Canoe River Watershed as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern and Sole Source Aquifer.

#### **Source Protection Recommendations:**

To better protect the sources for the future:

- ✓ Monitor activities at emu farm in Mansfield to ensure proper BMPs are being implemented.
- ✓ Ensure reactivation plans for rail lines adequately protect water supplies in Easton.
- ✓ Continue to inspect the Zone Is regularly, and when feasible, remove any non-water supply activities.
- ✓ Work with emergency response teams to ensure that emergency response

#### What is a Zone III?

A Zone III (the secondary recharge area) is the land beyond the Zone II from which surface and ground water drain to the Zone II and is often coincident with a watershed boundary.

The Zone III is defined as a secondary recharge area for one or both of the following reasons:

- The low permeability of underground water bearing materials in this area significantly reduces the rate of groundwater and potential contaminant flow into the Zone II.
- 2. The groundwater in this area discharges to a surface water feature such as a river, rather than discharging directly into the aquifer.

The land uses within the Zone III are assessed only for sources that are shown to be groundwater under the direct influence of surface water.

# **Additional Documents:**

To help with source protection efforts, more information is available by request or online at mass.gov/dep/brp/dws including:

- 1. Water Supply Protection Guidance Materials such as model regulations, Best Management Practice information, and general water supply protection information.
- 2. MA DEP SWAP Strategy
- 3. Land Use Pollution Potential Matrix
- 4. Draft Land/Associated Contaminants Matrix

- plans are up to date and consider stormwater drainage in your Zone II.
- ✓ Continue Easton's extensive outreach and public education on source protection issues.
- ✓ Partner with local businesses to ensure the proper storage, handling, and disposal of hazardous materials.
- ✓ Monitor progress on any ongoing remedial action conducted for the known oil or contamination sites.
- ✓ Work with all farmers in your protection areas to make them aware of your water supply and to encourage the use of a NRCS farm plan to protect water supplies.

#### Conclusions:

These recommendations are only part of your ongoing local drinking water source protection. Additional source protection recommendations are listed in Table 3, the Key Issues above and Appendix C.

DEP staff, informational documents, and resources are available to help you build on this SWAP report as you continue to improve drinking water protection in your community. The Department's Wellhead Protection Grant Program and Source Protection Grant Program provide funds to assist public water suppliers in addressing water supply source protection through local projects. Protection recommendations discussed in this document may be eligible for funding under the Grant Program. Please note: each spring DEP posts a new Request for Response for the grant program (RFR).

Other grants and loans are available through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, and other sources. For more information on grants and loans, visit the Bureau of Resource Protection's Municipal Services web site at: http://mass.gov/dep/brp/mf/mfpubs.htm.

The assessment and protection recommendations in this SWAP report are provided as a tool to encourage community discussion, support ongoing source protection efforts, and help set local drinking water protection priorities. Citizens and community officials should use this SWAP report to spur discussion of local drinking water protection measures. The water supplier should supplement this SWAP report with local information on potential sources of contamination and land uses. Local information should be maintained and updated periodically to reflect land use changes in the Zone II. Use this information to set priorities, target inspections, focus education efforts, and to develop a long-term drinking water source protection plan.

# **Section 4: Appendices**

- A. Regulated Facilities within the Water Supply Protection Area
- B. Table of Tier Classified Oil and/or Hazardous Material Sites within the Water Supply Protection Areas
- C. Additional Documents on Source Protection

# Notes For Table 2 (Page 5):

- 1. When specific potential contaminants are not known, typical potential contaminants or activities for that type of land use are listed. Facilities within the watershed may not contain all of these potential contaminant sources, may contain other potential contaminant sources, or may use Best Management Practices to prevent contaminants from reaching drinking water supplies.
- 2. For more information on regulated facilities, refer to Appendix B: Regulated Facilities within the Water Supply Protection Area information about these potential sources of contamination.
- 3. For information about Oil or Hazardous Materials Sites in your protection areas, refer to Appendix C: Tier Classified Oil and/or Hazardous Material Sites.
- \* THREAT RANKING The rankings (high, moderate or low) represent the relative threat of each land use compared to other PSCs. The ranking of a particular PSC is based on a number of factors, including: the type and quantity of chemicals typically used or generated by the PSC; the characteristics of the contaminants (such as toxicity, environmental fate and transport); and the behavior and mobility of the pollutants in soils and groundwater.

# **DEP Permitted Facilities:**

| DEP Facility<br>Number | Facility Name                            | Street<br>Address | Town   | Permitted Activity              | Activity Class                                      |
|------------------------|--|-------------------|--------|---------------------------------|---|
| 126840                 | SUNDELLS CITGO                           | 76 MAIN ST        | EASTON | Fuel Dispenser                  | Fuel Dispenser                                      |
| 132650                 | ADVANCED CAST<br>PRODUCTS<br>BELCHER DIV | 558 FOUNDRY ST    | EASTON | Generator of Hazardous<br>Waste | Large Quantity Generator of Hazardous Waste         |
| 132650                 | ADVANCED CAST<br>PRODUC                  | 558 FOUNDRY ST    | EASTON | Plant                           | Air Quality Permit                                  |
| 132650                 | ADVANCED CAST<br>PRODUCTS<br>BELCHER DIV | 558 FOUNDRY ST    | EASTON | Generator of Hazardous<br>Waste | Small Quantity Generator                            |
| 133913                 | C&J MAPLEWOOD<br>AUTO CENTER INC         | 490 FOUNDRY ST    | EASTON | Fuel Dispenser                  | Fuel Dispenser                                      |
| 367977                 | EXXONMOBIL OIL<br>CORP                   | 491 FOUNDRY ST    | EASTON | Generator of Hazardous<br>Waste | Small Quantity Generator of Waste<br>Oil or PCBs    |
| 367977                 | MOBIL 11828                              | 491 FOUNDRY ST    | EASTON | Fuel Dispenser                  | Fuel Dispenser                                      |
| 367977                 | EXXONMOBIL OIL<br>CORP                   | 491 FOUNDRY ST    | EASTON | Generator of Hazardous<br>Waste | Very Small Quantity Generator of<br>Hazardous Waste |

# **Department of Fire Services Registered Underground Storage Tanks:**

| Facility Name                                | Address           | Town      | Tank<br>Material | Tank Type | Tank Leak Detection          | Capacity<br>(gal) | Contents |
|--|-------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| MOBIL #A3J ID #19180                         | 491 FOUNDRY<br>ST | EASTON    | Reinforced       | 1 Wall    | Approved In-<br>Tank Monitor | 10000             | Gasoline |
|  |                   |           | Reinforced       | 1 Wall    | Approved In-<br>Tank Monitor | 10000             | Gasoline |
|  |                   |           | Reinforced       | 1 Wall    | Approved In-<br>Tank Monitor | 10000             | Gasoline |
|  |                   |           | Reinforced       | 1 Wall    | Approved In-<br>Tank Monitor | 10000             | Gasoline |
| VERIZON<br>MASSACHUSETTS<br>#513407 ID #3070 | 64 N MAIN ST      | EASTON    | Steel            | 2 Walls   | Interstitial<br>Monitoring   | 1000              | Diesel   |
| DPW HIGHWAY<br>GARAGE ID #3330               | 500 EAST ST       | MANSFIELD | Reinforced       | 2 Walls   | Interstitial<br>Monitoring   | 6000              | Gasoline |
|  |                   |           | Reinforced       | 2 Walls   | Interstitial<br>Monitoring   | 6000              | Gasoline |
|  |                   |           | Reinforced       | 2 Walls   | Interstitial<br>Monitoring   | 2500              | Diesel   |

For more information on underground storage tanks, visit the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services web site: http://www.state.ma.us/dfs/ust/ustHome.htm

Notes: This appendix includes only those facilities within the water supply protection area(s) that meet state reporting requirements and report to the appropriate agencies. Additional facilities may be located within the water supply protection area(s) that should be considered in local drinking water source protection planning.

# APPENDIX B – Table of Tier Classified Oil and/or Hazardous Material Sites within the Water Supply Protection Areas

DEP's datalayer depicting oil and/or hazardous material (OHM) sites is a statewide point data set that contains the approximate location of known sources of contamination that have been both reported and classified under Chapter 21E of the Massachusetts General Laws. Location types presented in the layer include the approximate center of the site, the center of the building on the property where the release occurred, the source of contamination, or the location of an on-site monitoring well. Although this assessment identifies OHM sites near the source of your drinking water, the risks to the source posed by each site may be different. The kind of contaminant and the local geology may have an effect on whether the site poses an actual or potential threat to the source.

The DEP's Chapter 21E program relies on licensed site professionals (LSPs) to oversee cleanups at most sites, while the DEP's Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup (BWSC) program retains oversight at the most serious sites. This privatized program obliges potentially responsible parties and LSPs to comply with DEP regulations (the Massachusetts Contingency Plan – MCP), which require that sites within drinking water source protection areas be cleaned up to drinking water standards.

For more information about the state's OHM site cleanup process to which these sites are subject and how this complements the drinking water protection program, please visit the BWSC web page at <a href="http://www.state.ma.us/dep/bwsc">http://www.state.ma.us/dep/bwsc</a>. You may obtain site -specific information two ways: by using the BWSC Searchable Sites database at <a href="http://www.state.ma.us/dep/bwsc/sitelist.htm">http://www.state.ma.us/dep/bwsc/sitelist.htm</a>, or you may visit the DEP regional office and review the site file. These files contain more detailed information, including cleanup status, site history, contamination levels, maps, correspondence and investigation reports, however you must call the regional office in order to schedule an appointment to view the file.

The table below contains the list of Tier Classified oil and/or Hazardous Material Release Sites that are located within your drinking water source protection area.

**Table 1**: Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup Tier Classified Oil and/or Hazardous Material Release Sites (Chapter 21E Sites) - Listed by Release Tracking Number (RTN)

| RTN       | Release Site Address | Town      | Contaminant Type |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 4-0000104 | 240 BRANCH ST        | MANSFIELD | Oil              |
| 4-0000370 | 491 FOUNDRY ST       | EASTON    | Oil              |
| 4-0015211 | 50 EAST ST           | MANSFIELD | Oil              |

For more location information, please see the attached map. The map lists the release sites by RTN.