

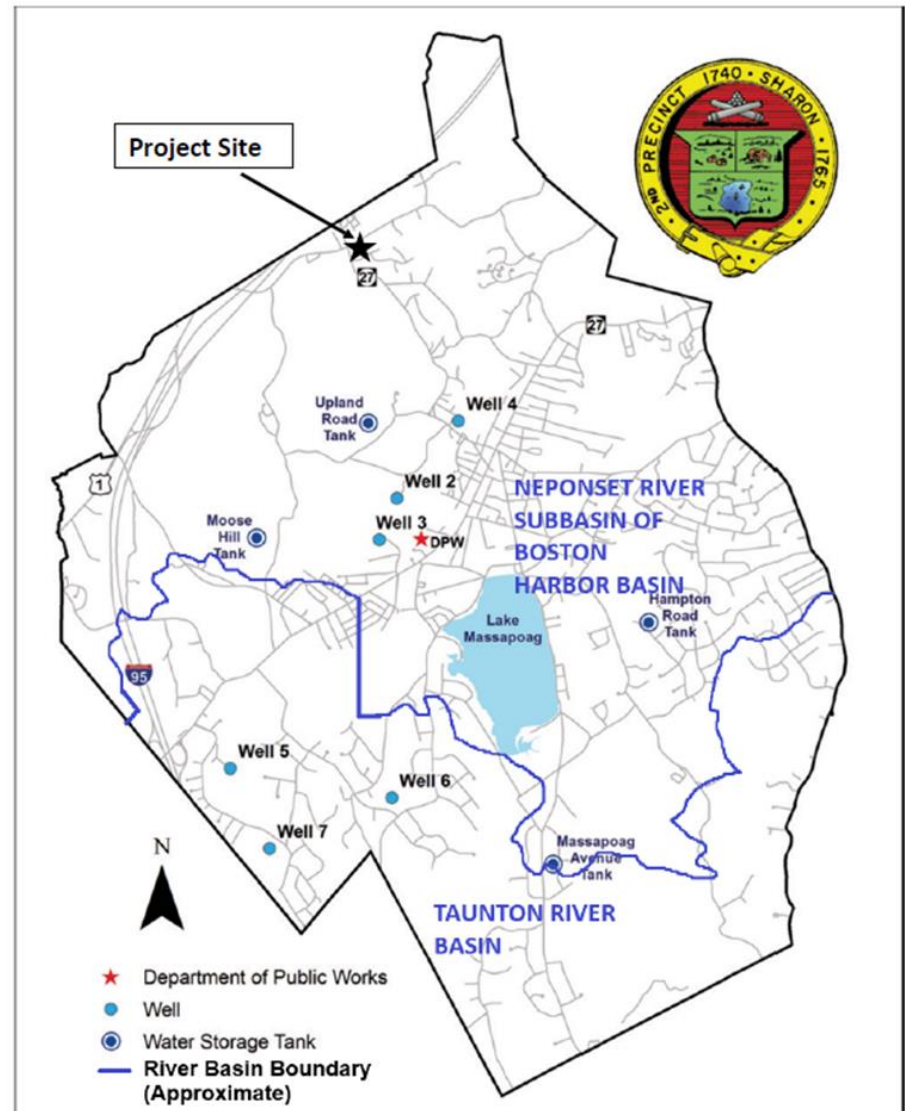
SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING – REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF INSIGNIFICANCE

Water Resources Commission

February 13, 2025

PROJECT PROPOSAL

- Sunrise Senior Living is proposing to develop a 99-unit assisted living and memory care community in Sharon
- On-site septic system is not feasible due to site constraints; Sharon does not have municipal sewer
- Seeking to connect to Norwood's sewer system, which discharges to MWRA



FACTS PERTAINING TO THE REQUEST

- Second request under revised regulations for projects of 10,000 gallons per day (gpd) or less (313 CMR 4.08(2)(b))
 - First was Crescent Ridge Dairy in 2019
- Maximum wastewater transfer of 10,000 gpd limited by legislation
- Sharon's municipal sources are in the Boston Harbor and Taunton River Basins
 - 6,500 gpd maximum from Boston Harbor Basin
 - 3,500 gpd maximum from Taunton River Basin
- Basin of discharge will be the Massachusetts Coastal Basin, through Norwood to the MWRA system

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Staff recommends that the WRC find this project to be Insignificant under the ITA
- Connection to Norwood wastewater system limited to no more than 10,000 gpd (6,500 gpd + 3,500 gpd)
- Sharon's water use has been declining over the last two decades from 580 million gallons pumped in 2003 to 404 million gallons in 2023; no increase in WMA allocation needed
- No environmental impacts are anticipated from water withdrawals or sewer line construction

NEXT STEPS



A vote will be requested at the
March 13, 2025 WRC meeting



The regulatory deadline for a
vote is April 7, 2025