



# Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP) Report For Savas Plaza

## 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 susceptibility of drinking water sources to contamination from these land uses; and
- ? publicize the results to provide support for improved protection.

## SWAP and Water Quality

Susceptibility of a drinking water source does *not* imply poor water quality. Actual water quality is best reflected by the results of regular water tests.

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

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**Table 1: Public Water System (PWS) Information**

<b>PWS NAME</b>	Savas Plaza
<b>PWS Address</b>	330 Bedford Street
<b>City/Town</b>	Lakeville
<b>PWS ID Number</b>	4146032
<b>Local Contact</b>	Steven Savas/Marisa Picone-Devine
<b>Phone Number</b>	508-947-2434/508-888-7262

<b>Well Name</b>	<b>Source ID#</b>	<b>Zone I (in feet)</b>	<b>IWPA</b>	<b>Source Susceptibility</b>
Well #1	4146032-01G	155	471	Moderate

## Introduction

We are all concerned about the quality of the water we drink. Drinking water wells may be threatened by many potential sources of contamination, including septic systems, 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. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) staff is available to provide information about funding and other resources that may be available to you.

### This report includes:

1. Description of the Water System
2. Discussion of Land Uses in the Protection Areas
3. Recommendations for Protection
4. Attachments, including a Map of the Protection Areas

### 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 an Interim Wellhead Protection Area (IWPA).

- **The Zone I** is the area that should be owned or controlled by the water supplier and limited to water supply activities.
- **The IWPA** is the larger area that is likely to contribute water to the well.

In many instances the IWPA does not include the entire land area that could contribute water to the well. Therefore, the well may be susceptible to contamination from activities outside of the IWPA that are not identified in this report.

## 1. Description of the Water System

Well #1 provides drinking water primarily to the employees at Savas Plaza in Lakeville. The well has a Zone I of 155 feet and an Interim Wellhead Protection Area (IWPA) of 471 feet. The IWPA provides an interim protection area for a water supply well when the actual recharge area has not been delineated. The actual recharge area to the well may be significantly larger or smaller than the IWPA. The well is located in an aquifer with a high vulnerability to contamination due to the absence of hydrogeologic barriers that can prevent contaminant migration. Please refer to the attached map for land uses that are located within the Zone I and IWPA.

DEP requires public water suppliers to monitor the quality of the water. For current information on monitoring results and treatment, please contact the public water system person listed above in Table 1. Drinking water monitoring reporting data is also available on the web via EPA's Envirofacts website at [http://www.epa.gov/enviro/html/sdwis/sdwis\\_query.html](http://www.epa.gov/enviro/html/sdwis/sdwis_query.html).

## 2. Discussion of Land Uses in the Protection Areas

Key issues include the following.

1. Zone I Issues (plaza, parking)
2. Residence
3. Local Road
4. Golf Course

**Table 2: Activities within the Water Supply Protection Areas**

Potential Contaminant Sources	Zone I	IWPA	Threat	Potential Concern
Plaza, Parking	Yes	Yes	M	spills, contaminants in stormwater
Residential	No	Yes	M	pesticides and fertilizers from lawn care; leaks or spills of automotive fluids; stormwater; microbial contamination from septic systems
Local Roads	No	Yes	M	leaks or spills of fuel and other substances; contamination from vehicular accidents; over-application or spills of pesticides for vegetation management along rights-of-way; stormwater contaminants
Golf Course	No	Yes	M	spills or over-application of pesticides or fertilizers; microbial contamination from geese

\* For more information on Contaminants of Concern associated with individual facility types and land uses please see the SWAP Draft Land Use / Associated Contaminants Matrix on DEP's website - [www.state.ma.us/dep/brp/dws/](http://www.state.ma.us/dep/brp/dws/).

## Glossary

**Aquifer:** an underground water-bearing layer of permeable material that will yield water in a usable quantity to a well.

**Hydrogeologic Barrier:** an underground layer of impermeable material that resists penetration by water.

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

## What is Susceptibility?

Susceptibility is a measure of a well's potential to become contaminated due to land uses and activities within the Zone I and Interim Wellhead Protection Area (IWPA).

The overall ranking of susceptibility to contamination for the well is MODERATE based on the presence of at least one MODERATE threat within the Zone I and IWPA.

1. **Zone I**– The public water system owns or controls the Zone I and conducts regular inspections. The public water system does not meet DEP's Zone I requirements because there are non-water supply activities within the Zone I (commercial plaza, parking).

### Recommendations

- ✓ Keep additional non-water supply activities out of the Zone I.
- ✓ Do not use pesticides or fertilizers within the Zone I.
- ✓ Do not use or store de-icing materials within the Zone I.

2. **Residential** – There is one home with a septic system identified within the IWPA.

3. **Local Road** – Route 18 is located within the IWPA. Leaks and spills, vehicular accidents, and over-application or spills of pesticides are potential sources of contamination.

In addition, stormwater from roadways and adjacent properties flows over, and discharges 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 and washing.

### Recommendations

- ✓ Wherever possible, ensure that drains discharge to outside the Zone I and IWPA.

4. **Golf Course** – Part of a golf course lies within the IWPA.

### Recommendation

- ✓ Talk with the owner/operator of the golf course about the existence of the public well at Savas Plaza and the location of the IWPA.

## 3. Recommendations for Protection

Implementing protection measures will reduce susceptibility to contamination.

### Priority Recommendations:

#### Zone I

- ✓ Continue to inspect the Zone I.

### Training and Education

- ✓ Educate employees on source protection measures for protecting water supplies. Describe proper use, storage and disposal of materials within the Zone I. See the enclosed *Businesses Protect Drinking Water* fact sheet.

### Facilities Management

- ✓ Do not use or store pesticides, fertilizers or road salt within the Zone I.

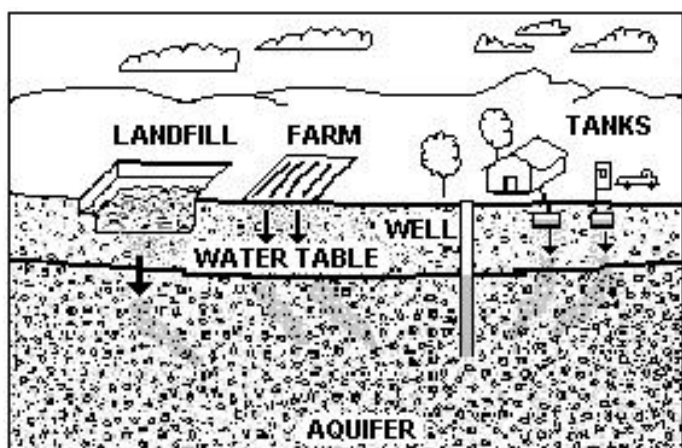


Figure 1: Example of how a well could become contaminated by different land uses and activities.

### For More Information

Contact Isabel Collins in DEP's Lakeville Office at (508) 946-2726 for more information and for assistance in improving current protection measures.

### Planning

- ✓ Work with town officials to improve water supply protection.

Funding opportunities are described in *Grant and Loan Programs: Opportunities for Watershed Protection, Planning and Implementation* at <http://www.state.ma.us/dep/brp/mf/files/glprgm.pdf>.

Citizens and community officials should use this SWAP report to encourage discussion of local drinking water protection measures.

## 4. Attachments

- Map of the Public Water Supply Protection Area
- Recommended Source Protection Measures fact sheet
- Businesses Protection Drinking Water fact sheet

### Additional Documents

To help with source protection efforts, more information is available by request or online at [www.state.ma.us/dep/brp/dws](http://www.state.ma.us/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; and
4. Draft Land/Associated Contaminants Matrix.

Copies of this assessment have been made available to the public water supplier and town boards.