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Water Utility GIS Mapping Update! Free service !

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In May 2018, MassDEP alerted PWSs about continued funding for the ***Enhancing Resilience & Emergency Preparedness of Water utilities through Improved Mapping*** project, which is coordinated by MassDEP's Water Utility Resilience Program (WURP). The second round of this project is underway, and Tighe & Bond Inc. is currently providing specific Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping free of charge to water utilities across the state, along with performing additional tasks.

One additional task includes completing a statewide GIS datalayer of community water service areas. As noted in the May email, MassDEP had been in the process of developing statewide service area data for public access in the interest of transparency, and in collaboration with additional state agency requests. The statewide service area data under development will only provide a general boundary of existing community water service availability within each Commonwealth municipality, and will not show any detailed information relative to critical infrastructure.

This email serves to notify you that Tighe & Bond representatives will be reaching out directly to work with community officials in order to confirm the draft, water service area information, and the completion of any necessary revisions or corrections to the service area maps. All systems that work with the contractor within a reasonable timeframe will receive a copy of the completed service area map in both digital and paper format. **Please note that there is no charge for this free service.**

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation with this important project. If you have any questions about this specific effort, or would like to know more about how your system can participate in future opportunities under this free mapping program, please contact Kristin Divris of MassDEP's Water Utility Resilience Program (WURP) at 508-849-4028 or Kristin.Divris@state.ma.us or visit MassDEP's website at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/watersheds/water-utility-resilience-program.html>

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