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December 2024: Mapping opportunity/Request for information open to publicly owned/operated water utilities

As part of its work to prepare PWSs and POTWs for climate change and emergencies, WURP released a Request for Information (RFI) [BD-25-1045-BPE00-BPE01-110888](#) to identify and collect information from publicly-owned/operated Public Water Systems (PWS) and publicly-owned treatment works (POTWs) interested and ready to receive GIS mapping services. This effort aims to ensure that all public water utilities have accurate maps of their respective systems to enhance asset management, improve system operations and resiliency, and plan for and respond to emergencies. If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please refer to the COMMBUYS posting for directions and application: [BD-25-1045-BPE00-BPE01-110888](#). The RFI closed on February 14, 2025.

September 2024: Publication of the drinking water service area dataset to MassGIS

MassDEP is pleased to announce the publication of the drinking water service area dataset to MassGIS. Data delineating the areas served by public water systems (PWSs) is available for the first time through [MassMapper](#) and the MassGIS's [ArcGIS Online Data Hub](#). The full dataset including description, metadata, and upcoming options to download the data or use it in ArcGIS Online are available through the [MassGIS's dataset landing page](#). This mapping effort began in 2017, as part of the "[Enhancing Resilience and Emergency Preparedness of Water Utilities through Improved Mapping](#)." Through this project, the MassDEP [Water Utility Resilience Program \(WURP\)](#) began to uniformly map drinking water service areas throughout Massachusetts using information collected from various sources. Along with confirming existing public water system (PWS) service area information, the [MassDEP WURP Mapping Project](#) collected and verified estimated service area delineations for PWSs not previously delineated. As of the date of publication, WURP has [delineated Community \(COM\) and Non-Transient Non-Community \(NTNC\) service areas](#). Transient non-community (TNCs) are not part of this mapping project. *All PWS service area delineations are approximate estimates for broad planning purposes and should only be used as a guide.* These data are considered estimates because not all

properties within a PWS service area are necessarily served by the system, and the PWS could serve some properties outside the mapped service areas – please contact the relevant PWS to confirm service. Please review the accompanying metadata for additional details about the dataset development, review, and maintenance process. Questions may be directed to WURP at WURP@mass.gov.