

NEW ENGLAND WATERSHED MANAGERS COLLABORATIVE (NEWMAN)

Scope: Regional/Watershed **Location:** Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont

SCOPE:

- » Regional scope with efforts throughout New England
- » NEWMAN is comprised of 15 surface water suppliers in New England
- » Focus on protecting drinking water for over 4 million people in all six New England states (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont)

COLLABORATIVE FORMATION:

- » The City of Manchester (NH) Water Works and EPA Region 1 partnered to establish a regional collaborative to help New England surface water suppliers address challenges and leverage opportunities to protect their drinking water sources.
- » The NEWMAN Collaborative focuses on four areas:
 - 1) Forestry; 2) Land Management; 3) Land Acquisition; and 4) Recreational Access.
- » First meeting held at Manchester Water Works in Manchester, NH in September 2011.

MEMBERS:

The 15 members of the NEWMAN Collaborative include the largest surface water suppliers in New England and collectively represent 4 million of the 16 million population served by public water systems in the region. The collaborative includes some of the largest cities in the region including metropolitan Boston, Massachusetts; Manchester, NH; Hartford, Connecticut; and Portland, Maine.

- » City of Montpelier (VT)
- » City of Keene (NH)
- » Manchester Water Works (NH)
- » York Water District (Maine)
- » Kittery Water District (Maine)
- » Portland Water District (Maine)
- » Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Wells Water District (Maine)
- » City of Cambridge (MA)
- » City of Amherst (MA)
- » Department of Conservation & Recreation, Quabbin Reservoir (Boston, MA)
- » City of Northampton (MA)
- » City of Worcester (MA)
- » The Metropolitan District (Hartford, CT)
- » Regional Water Authority (New Haven, CT)

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WATER CONCERNS:

- » Pollution as a result of population growth and the increasing demand for recreational space near urban areas.
- » Addresses the most common issues: land management; forestry; land acquisition; and recreational access.

STRATEGIES:

- » Protect the surface water drinking sources throughout New England through a unique collaborative approach discussing and solving policy and technical issues among six states.
- » Hold regular meetings to discuss current challenges being faced by surface water suppliers.
- » Host field trips in different water supply watersheds in order to see firsthand what the challenges are for NEWMAN members.
- » Educate water supply staff and related partners including foresters about very specific issues such as managing invasive species including wildlife management and terrestrial application of pesticides.

RESULTS:

- » Projects implemented to address specific concerns raised by NEWMAN members
- » Creation of the NEWMAN Directory—a directory for NEWMAN members that provides a resource for water supply land managers.