

CTAWWA Source Water Protection Committee  
Annual Report  
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The Source Water Protection Committee (SWPC), which meets bi-monthly from September through June, is comprised of representatives of public and private water utilities, engineering consulting firms, the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

During 2016 – 2017, the SWPC devoted efforts to a wide range of land management and water quality issues relevant to protecting Connecticut's drinking water sources of supply including; sodium and chloride contamination from winter road deicing, poor land management practices conducted under the auspices of Connecticut's "agricultural exemption", the increasing number of high-density, "affordable housing" residential development proposals within reservoir watershed areas, and water conservation / drought management initiatives. SWPC members also addressed grant opportunities, proposed legislation relating to environmental and water supply issues, and upcoming changes in regulations effecting drinking water utilities. Also during this period, the SWPC supported a municipal water utility's efforts to prevent the construction of a proposed sanitary sewer force main across its watershed, and developed and presented source water protection policies for inclusion in Connecticut's inaugural State Water Plan.