

Dedham-Westwood Water District Annual Report 2019

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Mission

To provide high quality drinking water and water for fire protection to the Towns of Westwood and Dedham.

Water Quality



DWWD Employees and Commissioner receive award during Drinking Water Week May 2019

In 2019, The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection named Dedham-Westwood Water District as a winner of the annual Public Water Systems Awards. The award was also received for the prior four years! Dedham-Westwood Water District was among eight Public Water Supply systems to receive the Consistent Performer Award.

From left to right Martin Suuberg, Commissioner of the MADEP, Tabitha Maccalous DWWD water quality supervisor, Eileen Commane, DWWD executive director, Robert Marsh, DWWD Business Manager, Dr. Ronald Willey, DWWD Water commissioner, Yvette DiPieza, Director DEP Drinking Water Program



DWWD New Water Filters Bridge Street Treatment Plant Modernization project

2019 Capital Improvement Projects

Work this past year included replacement of 14,479 feet of water mains, 32 replaced and new fire hydrants, 43 new and replaced water services and 576 meters replaced or installed.

The Bridge Street Water Treatment Plant Modernization Project began in the summer of 2017. The project is expected to be completed in Spring of 2020. The project has taken significantly longer than originally scheduled. The project will exceed the original budget of \$8.8 million dollars by \$600,000. The treatment plant has undergone renovation to the structure, heating and ventilation systems, and includes a new emergency generator, treatment process and pumping equipment replacements, and a new building to house filtration equipment. Additional items added to the scope of work after construction began include new raw and finished water piping, a new roof on the Pre-Treatment Building and new water quality automatic analyzer equipment. The project received a 2% loan from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust.

MADOT Low Salt Zone Request

The DWWD continues to request MassDOT to take measures to reduce the amount of sodium and chloride they apply which ends up in the Public Water Supply Wells situated near the highway.

Water Conservation

The DWWD is committed to working to protect water supplies and encourage conservation of water. We continue to provide DropCounter-an application which helps customers access their water consumption patterns from smart phone or computer and provides timely water saving ideas and information.

DWWD also continues to offer rebates and provided incentives to 40 residents to purchase water efficient washing machines and to 97 customers to replace their toilets with ultra water conserving models. Rain Sensors, low flow showerheads and aerators are available free of charge at our office. The District provides a hands on classroom education program to Dedham and Westwood elementary schools covering water resource protection and conservation through a partnership with the Neponset River Watershed Association.



Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen M. Commane, Executive Director