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**Dedham-Westwood Water District Awarded \$907,400 Grant to Support  
the District's Lead Water Service Line Inventory Project**

**Dedham, MA** – The Dedham-Westwood Water District has received a \$907,400 State Revolving Fund Grant (SRF) from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the Trust) to support creating a lead water service line inventory project that complies with the [Revised Lead and Copper Rule](#) regulatory requirements.

Funds will be used to develop an electronic inventory of both public and private water service lines in the District's distribution system. The District is working with Weston & Sampson Engineers to obtain information about approximately 13,500 water service line connections, including the service line material, size, location, and more. Once the inventory is complete, a database will be created and made publicly available.

The Revised Lead and Copper Rule was announced in December 2021 to better protect communities from exposure to lead in drinking water. The revised rule will require public water suppliers to create a lead service line inventory and replacement schedule by October 2024. In addition, sampling protocols have changed to better meet the science behind how lead and copper enter the water, and there are increased sampling requirements for schools and daycare facilities, which were previously not included in sampling programs.

"The District is extremely appreciative to the Healey-Driscoll Administration, MassDEP, and the Trust for awarding us this grant," said Executive Director Blake Lukis. "These funds will help the District create a comprehensive service line inventory that complies with the newly revised regulatory requirements."

The Lead Service Line Planning Program is offered by MassDEP and the Trust. The program assists Public Water Suppliers (PWSs) with completing planning projects for lead service line inventories and replacement programs. Since July 2022, \$20 million in SRFs has been available for PWSs to complete planning projects for Lead Service Line inventories and replacement plans.

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