

# **DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GROTON, LEDYARD, MONTVILLE, NORTH STONINGTON, NORWICH, PRESTON, AND WATERFORD**

*Progress Memorandum  
April 1, 2008*

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## **Introduction**

This memorandum summarizes the work conducted on the Southeast Connecticut Regional Drinking Water Quality Management Plan during the month of March 2008. This is the second progress memorandum per the project work scope.

## **Task 1 – Data Collection and Analysis**

Data collection was largely completed during the months of February and March; although ongoing review and analysis is likely to continue through the balance of the project. Physical watershed characteristics have been mapped and will be presented at the April 17, 2008 Advisory Committee meeting as part of the conceptual watershed model. The majority of local data, planning documents, and regulations have been gathered in all member towns, and the past several years of watershed water quality modeling has been reviewed and summarized. The summary will be presented at the April 17, 2008 Advisory Committee meeting.

## **Task 2 – Meetings and Interviews**

The following tasks are underway or have been completed to date:

### **Internal Meetings, Communications, and Organizational Tasks**

- Monthly Advisory Committee and Administration Group meetings were held on March 20, 2008 at Groton Utilities. Separate meeting minutes have been prepared by Milone & MacBroom, Inc. and were distributed. The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2008.
- Multiple tiers of stakeholder involvement have been established. An Administration Group, comprised of municipal representatives from the seven communities has been established as the decision-making body. The Administration Group will be advised by a formal Advisory Committee that is comprised of individuals who represent different stakeholder groups, such as open space proponents, non-municipal water utilities, developers, etc. All member towns were represented at the March meetings except for the Town of North Stonington. Subsequent to the March meeting, Milone & MacBroom, Inc. contacted First Selectman Nicholas Mullane, who expressed his regrets for having missed the last several meetings and indicated that he would be in attendance at the April meeting.

→ The Administration Group consists of the following individuals:

<i>Municipality</i>	<i>Primary Representative</i>	<i>Alternate Representative</i>
City of Groton	Al Dion	Rick Stevens
Town of Groton	Mike Murphy	Deborah Jones
Town of Ledyard	Fred Allyn	Mike Cherry
Town of Montville	Marcia Vlaun	Open
Town of North Stonington	Nick Mullane	Open
City of Norwich	Mike Schaefer	John Bilda
Town of Preston	Bob Congdon	Kathy Warzecha
Town of Waterford	Tom Wagner	Neftali Soto
Regulatory	Jennifer Pagach	Lori Mathieu

- During the February 26, 2008 meeting, Milone & MacBroom, Inc. was directed to seek individuals to represent a consultant / attorney stakeholder group. Numerous individuals were contacted, including Mr. William Sweeny, AICP of TCOR and Attorney Bates from Robinson & Cole, both of whom agreed to serve as Advisory Committee members; however, neither could attend the March meeting. During the March meeting, Gerald Iwan (regulatory representative) questioned the need for such a stakeholder group. This topic is pending further discussion at the April 17, 2008 meeting.
- The stakeholder group of "Rural Water" was eliminated, with Mr. Marc Cohen suggested as an invited guest as opposed to an Advisory Committee member.
- The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation was identified as a desired Advisory Committee stakeholder. Following the March 20, 2008 meeting, Jackson King, Bill Satti, and Mike Boland have all been contacted in hopes of adding a Tribal representative on the Committee.
- Representation of the business and economic development community has been sought, with no success. To date, representatives of the Northeastern Economic Developers Association (NEDA), the Connecticut Economic Development Association (CEDA), and the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA) were contacted to represent business and industry; however, no commitments have been garnered.
- An alternate representative for the Environmental Group is still being sought. Jack Claussen of the University of Connecticut and Bruce Morton of Aqua Solutions were suggested by Administration Group members. Professor Claussen was contacted; however, he did not respond. Contact information is pending for Bruce Morton.
- Mr. Clint Brown was suggested as an alternate representative for the Developer/Landowner stakeholder category. Following the March 20, 2008 meeting Mr. Brown was contacted and agreed to serve in that role.
- At present, the Advisory Committee consists of the following individuals:

<i>Stakeholder Group</i>	<i>Primary Representatives</i>	<i>Alternate Representative</i>
Water Utility	Greg Leonard	Edward Monahan
Regional Planning	Tom Seidel	Juliet Lemming
Health Districts	Ryan McCammon	Amy Eberly
Open Space/Conservation	Margaret Miner	Sidney VanZandt
Environmental Groups	Zell Steever	Open
Developers/Land Owners	Peter Gardner	Clint Brown
Attorney / Consultants	Bill Sweeny	Timothy Bates
Mashantucket Tribe	Mike Boland	Open

### Public Informational Meetings

→ Three public informational meetings were held during the month of March on March 11, 2008 in Preston; on March 19, 2008 in Ledyard; and on March 31, 2008 in the Town of Groton. Separate meeting minutes have been transmitted.

### Media Outreach

- The New London Day ran a public information meeting announcement on March 7, 2008, noting all three meeting dates and locations and inviting members of the public to attend. A second announcement and newspaper article ran on March 29, 2008 prior to the Town of Groton public information meeting.
- Local access television (GMTV) ran a meeting announcement the week prior to the Groton informational meeting and filmed the meeting, which subsequently aired.

### Task 3 – Management Strategies

Work has begun on a number of fronts relative to assessment of management strategies, including work on map and ordinance evaluations, research and analysis of low impact development, and BMP treatment technologies. This work will be ongoing over the next several months.