

New England Watershed Managers Collaborative (Newman)

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

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SCOPE:

- Regional scope with efforts throughout New England
- NEWMAN is comprised of 15 surface water suppliers in New England
- Focused 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
 4. Recreational Access
- First meeting held at Manchester Water Works in Manchester, NH in September 2011.

STRUCTURE/FUNDING:

The NEWMAN Collaborative is informal and has no formal structure. The group meets on an ad hoc basis. The Collaborative has no dedicated funding.

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)

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.
 - The group uses a “Basecamp” site that provides a platform for sharing information among members. Basecamp has proven to be an excellent tool for collaboration

Information current as of November 2020. Please check with the Collaborative contacts (or website if available) for the most up to date information. To find other source water collaboratives across the U.S. or to add yours to the list, visit the Source Water Collaborative’s [How To Collaborate Toolkit](#)