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Mr. Don Ouellette,
Director, Department of Public Works
41 Cochituate Road
Wayland, MA 01778

Re: Public Drinking Water Protection – Wellhead Protection Plan for Town of Wayland

Dear Mr. Ouellette,

Each year, the Mass Rural Water Association (MassRWA) undertakes several source water protection projects in the State of Massachusetts. It is MassRWA's mission to seek out qualified communities that would benefit from source protection planning and provide planning services at no-charge to these communities. We are able to provide this service from a source water protection grant under the Environmental Protection Agency. In turn, we expect communities to participate by giving of their time and expertise.

As you know, the state and federal agencies that regulate municipal water supplies encourage towns to have wellhead protection plans as part of a best management practice. Source protection planning provides numerous benefits to communities, including:

- Minimizing threats to public health.
- Preventing expensive treatment upgrades and the need for source replacement.
- Preserving clean drinking water for future generations.
- Increasing public confidence in, and awareness of, drinking water quality.
- Developing financial assistance plans for source protection.
- Improving compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Mass Rural Water Association would like to work with the Town of Wayland to assist the Town in completing a Wellhead Protection Plan (WPP). We have analyzed the available source water data for the Town of Wayland and have discussed source water planning options with the Wellhead Protection Committee. We have also reviewed the draft Wellhead Protection Plan and the capture zone analysis of the town's existing wells by Earth Tech AECOM which will be useful in this effort.

If the Board of Public Works is interested in pursuing the development of a Wellhead Protection Plan, please provide a letter of acceptance including a primary contact who will participate in this important planning process. Since Don Millette, Water Superintendent, works closely with the Wellhead Protection Committee and is cognizant of the issues involved, the members have suggested that he be selected.

We look forward to working with the Town of Wayland.

Sincerely,

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cc: Board of Public Works
Don Millette, Water Superintendent
Wellhead Protection Committee