

The **Zone I** is a 400-foot radius around each well. This is the area where impacts are likely to be *immediate and certain*. The Zone I is the most critical area for protection.

According to the requirements of the MassDEP Drinking Water Regulations, “[a]ll suppliers of water shall acquire ownership or control of sufficient land around wells, infiltration galleries, springs and similar sources of ground water used as sources for drinking water to protect the water from contamination. This requirement shall generally be deemed to have been met if all land within Zone I is under the ownership or control of the supplier of water. Current and future land uses within the Zone I shall be limited to those land uses directly related to the provision of the public water system or to other land uses which the public water system has demonstrated have no significant impact on water quality.” MassDEP Policy 94-03 provides further guidance on the implementation of the Zone I requirements established under the regulations.

This restriction is not strictly enforced with respect to many pre-existing activities. In Wayland there are portions of approximately fifteen residential properties as well as other non-water related activities occurring in the Zone I areas.

