

BECOME A MEMBER

Join the Coalition and be a member of a growing movement to make water resources policies and regulations responsible and sustainable. Members enjoy numerous benefits, including:

- Access to educational materials, comment letter and correspondence templates, and opinion leaders;
- Strategies and advocacy in support of your community and organization's regulatory concerns;
- Receiving the Coalition's email alerts, monthly newsletter, reports, invitations to industry events, and other materials;
- Representation on standing committees; and,
- Voting on matters before the membership.

There are six membership categories:

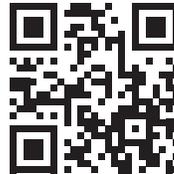
- Public Agency
- Public Affiliate
- Consultant and Legal
- Sustaining Business
- Supporter
- Individual

Dues for municipalities are based on total population. Dues for regional authorities and districts are based on total population served. First-year municipal members are eligible for reduced membership dues! The Coalition is an approved 501(c)(4) nonprofit.

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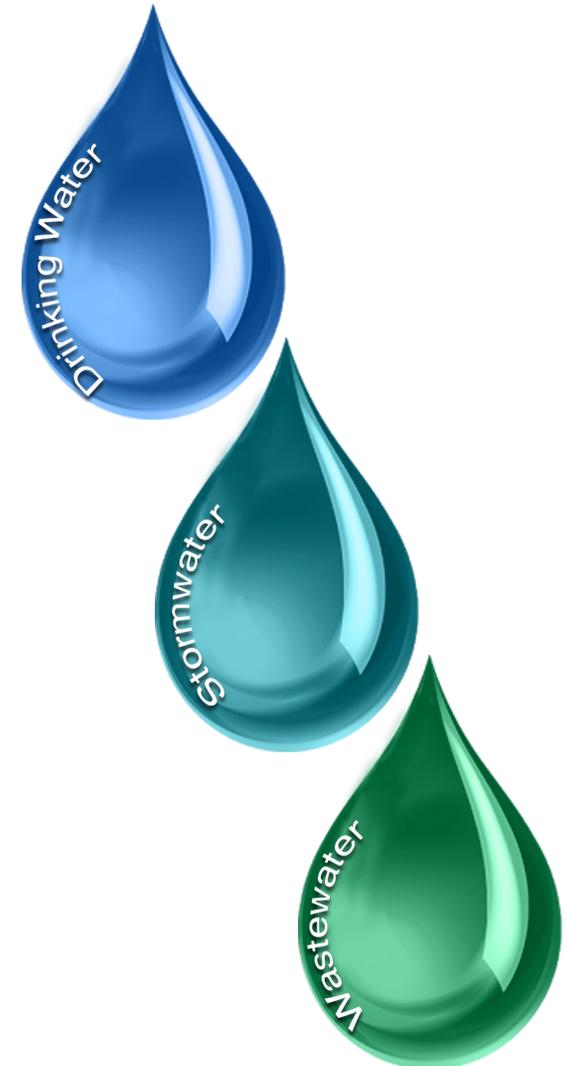
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What We Do

We promote communities' interests and concerns – protecting public health and the environment using current, sound science and cost-effective approaches. Member organizations include municipalities, public agencies, and private companies committed to the principles of stewardship and sustainability.

MCWRS advocates for sensible solutions that don't bankrupt communities or compete with other municipal priorities. Increasingly stringent regulations based on old science and requiring more money for fewer environmental benefits are not a reasonable solution to our environmental challenges.

We monitor policy and regulatory proposals and actions that affect our members. We submit comment letters and testimony at hearings, organize members for coordinated responses, challenge unreasonable permits, and advise state committees. We call for greater accountability from regulatory agencies and other stakeholders. Our experts help the Coalition navigate the ever-changing regulatory process and this valuable industry knowledge and experience is available to all MCWRS members.



The Massachusetts Coalition for Water Resources Stewardship (MCWRS) focuses on advocacy, education, and research on water resources issues related to:

Drinking Water

- A safe, adequate, and reliable water supply protects public health and safety, and supports economic development.
- Standards and regulations, such as the State's SWMI program, are ever-changing and often add unjustified cost burdens and requirements.

Stormwater

- Managing stormwater runoff protects the quality of waterbodies and drinking water sources, and reduces flooding.
- Municipal stormwater systems are held to increasingly stringent permits and regulations, such as EPA's MS4 permit and TMDLs, but frequently lack dedicated staff and stable funding. Plus, these measures fail to address the largest contributor of nutrient pollution – nonpoint source runoff.

Wastewater

- Cost-effective measures to upgrade transport, treatment, and disposal safeguard public health and protect rivers and bays.
- Treatment facilities, regulated under NPDES, are pushed to meet higher permit limits (such as for nutrients), based on questionable science, creating onerous financial demands with diminishing environmental benefits.



Key Accomplishments

MCWRS is an award-winning leader in the Commonwealth. We are committed to making federal and state water resources policies and regulations more holistic and environmentally and fiscally sustainable. Since the Coalition's founding in 2009, we have represented the interests of communities throughout the state. Notable accomplishments and activities include:

- Participate on state commissions and committees for water infrastructure, financing, and standards.
- Filed an appeal of EPA's Final MA Small MS4 General Permit on behalf of communities.
- Manage annual Symposium with over 100 attendees from around the country to hear from leaders of EPA, MassDEP, EEA, and NACWA, and industry experts on relevant issues.
- Submit regulatory and policy comment letters, including for delegating NPDES authority to MassDEP and revising the State Water Management Act.
- Assisting communities in devising strategies to address pending regulatory and legal actions.
- Develop workshops with agency, municipal, and consultant staff on issues of special concern.
- Publish reports and policy papers for the Congressional Delegation and other decision makers.