

# Connecticut Department of Public Health

#### **Source Water Protection Initiatives**

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#### Who we are? DPH – Branch of Regulatory Services Drinking Water Section

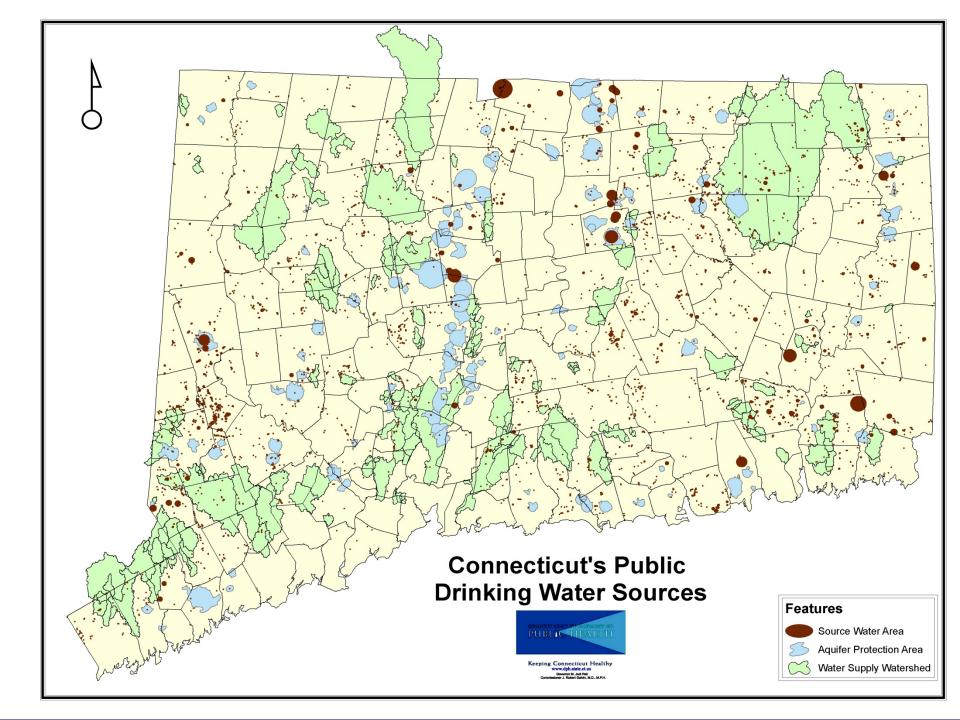
Drinking Water Section - 46 staff, 7 units
 Safe, Pure & Adequate Public Drinking Water in CT
 Primacy Under the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act
 Oversight of numerous State statutes

 Regional and Individual Planning
 100,000 acres of water company owned land
 State Revolving Loan Fund
 Capacity Development



### What are the responsibilities

- Regulate 2,550 Systems with 4,400 sources
- 6 84 systems serve over 1,000 people
- 500 systems that serve under 1,000 people
- 2,000 non-community systems





## **CT's Public Drinking Water**







# Source Water Assessment Program

- Completed assessments with assistance from Stakeholders- 2003
- Assessments identified surface water supplies as low vulnerability, low yielding bedrock wells with a higher vulnerability
- Modified large system plans to recognize assessments and update
- Worked toward SWAP2 streamlined assessment linked to surveys, water quality, and updated vulnerabilities



# Connecticut Source Water Collaborative

 Source water protection stakeholders Protection of existing and future sources Ational Collaborative & North Carolina Formalize Collaborative around SWP http://www.ct.gov/dph/ctswc Developed with support from EPA HQ ♦ Successful with support of attendees – Jim Taft and Jane Downing



## Source Water Protection Initiatives for the Future

- Formalize & work with SWC
- Work together to implement projects
- Finalize and use SWAP2 GIS assessments
- Promote the use of SWP areas with other state and local agencies
- Work to prioritize reviews and inspections of threats and potential threats
- Educate, communicate and link
- Integrate into existing programs



#### **Thank You**

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