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PRESS RELEASE

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CITY OF NORTHAMPTON ENDS WATER USE RESTRICTION

Effective immediately, the City of Northampton Department of Public Works is ending the water use restriction for users of the Northampton Public Water Supply. The City's water supply system is regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). DEP requires that water restrictions be implemented when stream-flow in the Mill River drops below a certain quantity of flow (26.3 cubic feet per second) for a consecutive 3-day period during the months of May through September, or when the Massachusetts Drought Task Force declares drought conditions at a drought advisory level or higher. There is no drought advisory at this time and the Mill River stream flow has been above 26.3 cubic feet per second for more than seven days. This allows the water restriction to be lifted.

The City appreciates the efforts water users have made to comply with the ban on non-essential water use. We would like to extend our thanks to all who have helped conserve our most precious resource.

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