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City of Northampton Water Department Receives Awards from Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

On May 5, 2015 the City of Northampton Water Department received two awards from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The awards were given out as part of 2015 Public Water System Awards Day.

The first award was for Source Protection for implementing an effective watershed protection program. In 2014, Northampton pursued the acquisition of additional watershed lands with the purchase of three separate parcels in Hatfield and Whately, totaling 81 acres. An additional acquisition of a 24 acre parcel occurred in 2013. These four purchases demonstrated the City's willingness to aggressively protect its public water supplies.

The second award for Water Conservation was for in recognition of the City of Northampton's water conservation and water management act permit implementation efforts in 2014. The City had less than 10% unaccounted water during its annual audit in addition to having well below average consumption of 65 gallons per person per day.

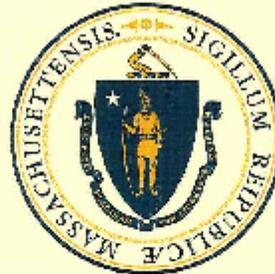
The awards were accepted by Edward S. Huntley, P.E., Director of Public Works, Greg Nuttelman, Water Superintendent and Nicole Sanford, Senior Environmental Scientist. This is the second year in a row that the City received water awards from DEP. Last year the City received an Outstanding Performance and Achievement award in the Medium to Large Community public water system category.

The awards were presented on the 41st Anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act. In speaking on the awards Mayor Narkewicz said, "We are particularly proud of this accomplishment. It is the day-to-day dedication of the staff in the Water Department that makes awards like this possible and I commend them for their work." Director Huntley highlighted the Water Department staff in saying, "It is the skills of licensed distribution operators, licensed treatment plant operators, engineers, scientists, water meter readers, and clerical and accounting staff that result in Northampton having one of the best water systems in the state."



Pictured from left to right - Beth Card, DEP Deputy Commissioner, Edward S. Huntley, P.E., Director of Northampton Public Works, Greg Nuttelman, Northampton Water Superintendent, Nicole Sanford, Northampton Senior Environmental Scientist and Richard Larson of the Western Regional DEP Office.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



Northampton Water Department

ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
I AM PLEASED TO CONFER UPON YOU THIS GOVERNOR'S CITATION IN RECOGNITION
OF YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE TO MAINTAINING A SAFE, ABUNDANT SUPPLY OF CLEAN WATER AND IN
APPRECIATION OF YOUR COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING THIS VALUABLE NATURAL RESOURCE .

THIS FIRST DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR 2015

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
Governor

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
Lieutenant Governor

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Environmental Protection
Drinking Water Program



2015

Public Water System Award

is presented to

Northampton Water Department

PWS ID #1214000

For Outstanding Performance
and Achievement in 2014.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Yvette dePeiza".

Yvette dePeiza - Program Director
MassDEP Drinking Water Program