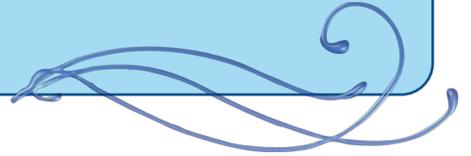


WARNER GROUNDWATER PROTECTION Newsletter



PROTECTING WARNER'S DRINKING WATER FOR OUR FUTURE

With a Local Source Water Protection grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), the Warner Conservation Commission is working with the Central NH Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) on a public outreach campaign to inform Warner's residents and businesses about the importance of clean and plentiful drinking water.

The Warner Groundwater Protection Committee's goal is to protect our town's drinking water resources for future generations while supporting the potential for Warner's sustainable long-term economic development.

At the first meeting of the Committee on August 3, the group began laying the foundation for education goals and data gathering.

NH DES Fact Sheets and other relevant resources will be posted on the Committee's website at <https://WarnerNH.gov/gpc>

Six reasons to protect Warner's drinking water:

- 1) Clean Drinking Water
- 2) Agriculture
- 3) Recreation
- 4) Business Development
- 5) Drought, Floods and Climate Change
- 6) Our Next Generations

Additional information on groundwater protection and its importance to communities can be found at:

2021 Climate Change and Drinking Water (NHDES YouTube)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ug38t6ajyc>

NHDES Drinking Water Website
<https://www.des.nh.gov/water/drinking-water>

WHAT ARE AQUIFERS AND WHY DO THEY MATTER?

Drinking water for public and private wells and municipal drinking water systems is derived from both groundwater and surface water.

These sources include bedrock aquifers (commonly known as deep or artesian aquifers), stratified drift aquifers (sand and gravel aquifers), rivers, lakes and reservoirs.

PROJECT STAGES

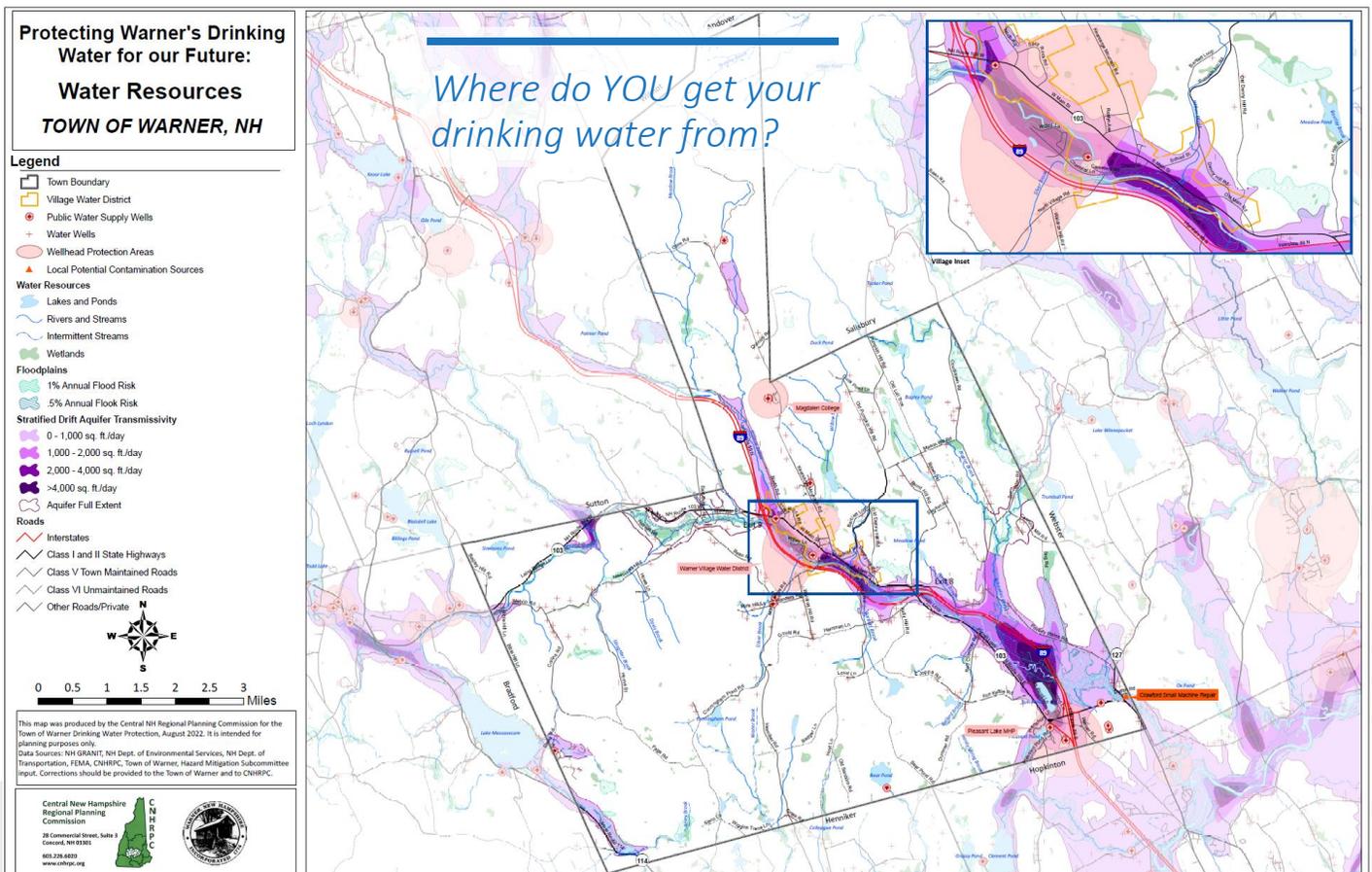
- Public information and outreach – Aug 2022-Mar 2023
- Mapping groundwater resources and threats – Aug-Dec 2022
- Reviewing local regulatory protections – Oct-Dec 2022
- Drafting Groundwater Protection Ordinance – Nov 2022-Jan 2023
- Town Meeting Consideration of Groundwater Protection Ordinance – Mar 2023

Did you know?

Warner hosts a US Geological Survey groundwater monitoring site! View its stats at:

https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nh/nwis/inventory/?site_no=431540071452801

Warner residents and businesses obtain their water from the Water Precinct's municipal wells, public water supplies (wells) and private wells – all are supplied by water from the Warner River watershed and underground aquifers.



Contact the Warner Groundwater Protection Committee:

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