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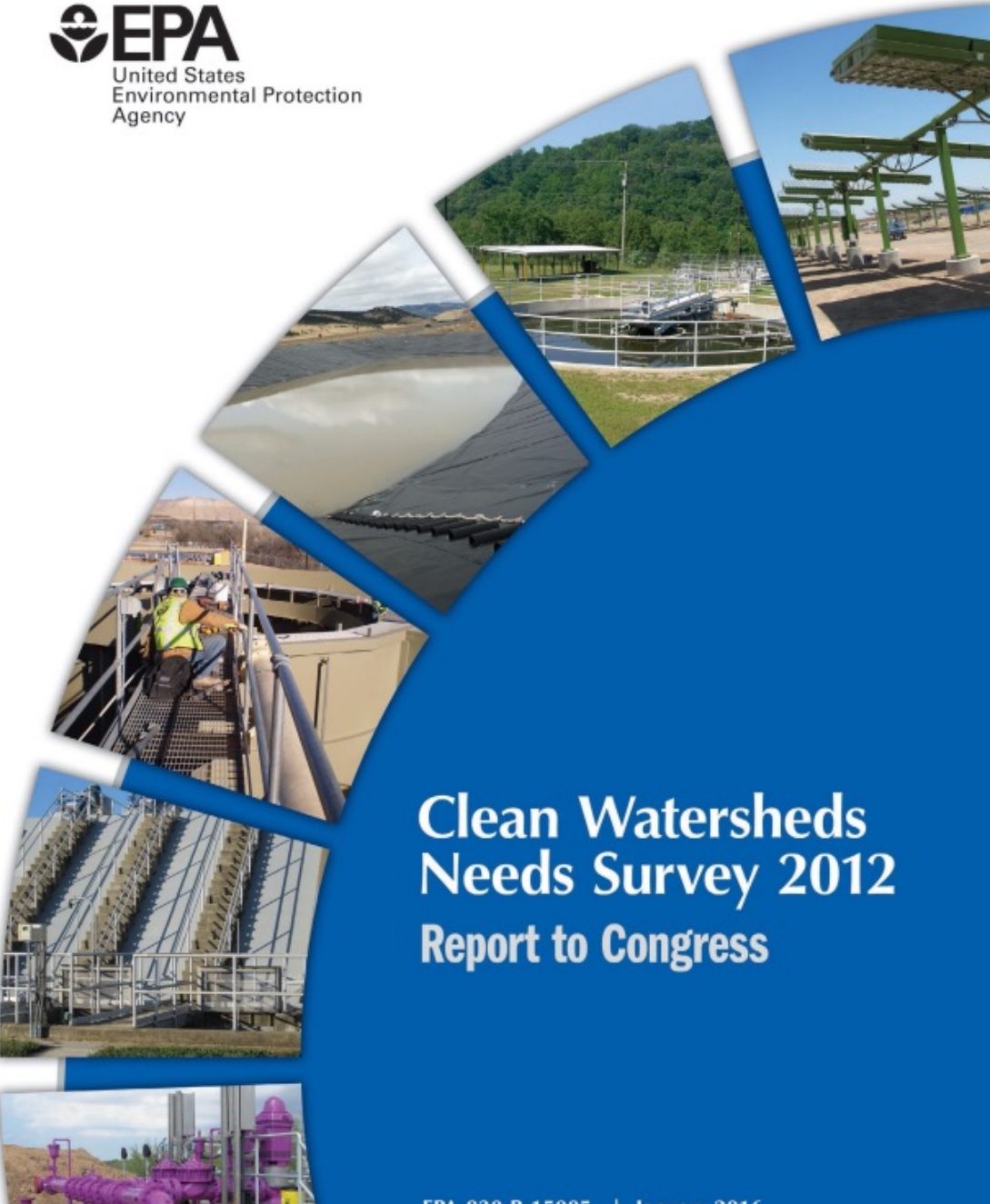
# A Tale of Two States

Clean Watershed Needs Survey Lessons Learned and How to Tackle the 2026 Survey

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**Clean Watersheds  
Needs Survey 2012  
Report to Congress**

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# Presentation Outline

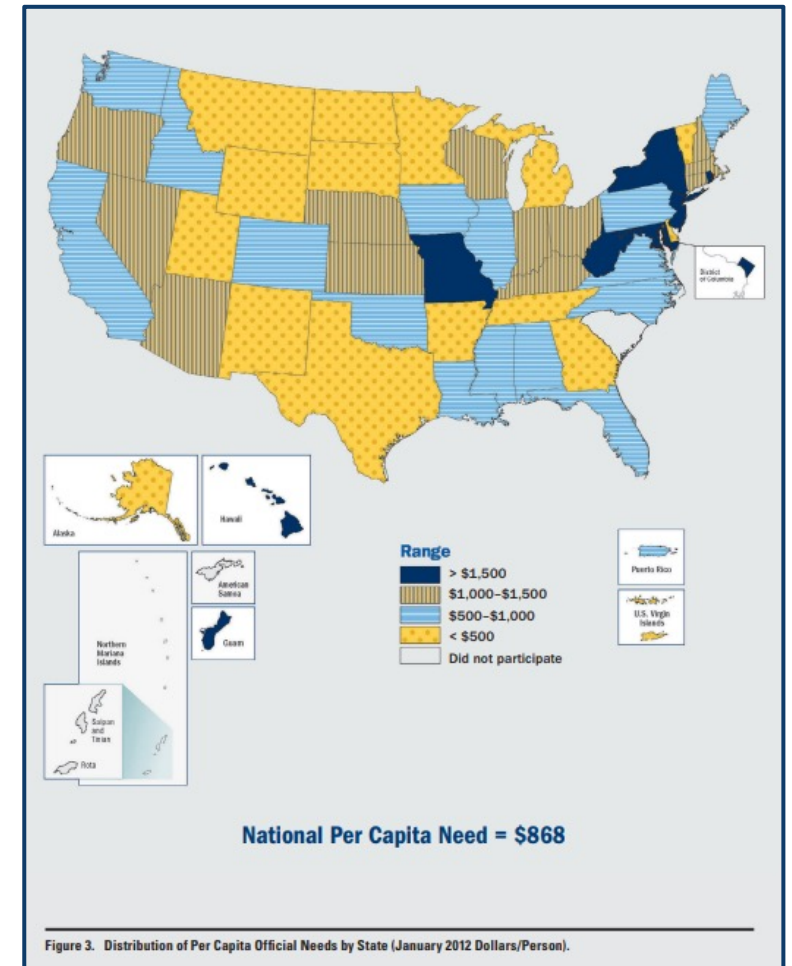
- Overview of Clean Watershed Needs Survey (CWNS) Program and Requirements
- Woodard & Curran/Massachusetts Findings
- Rhode Island Findings
- Lessons Learned and 2026 Next Steps

# CWNS Overview

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# What is the Clean Watershed Needs Survey?

- Comprehensive assessment of capital costs (**or needs**) to meet the water quality goals of the Clean Water Act
- By the EPA, through the State Agencies
- Report to Congress includes:
  - ▶ Estimates needs to address water quality or quantity public health concerns
  - ▶ Location and contact information for facilities and projects
  - ▶ Facility population served, flow, effluent, and unit process information
  - ▶ Nonpoint source pollution control best management practices



# Eligible Projects, Needs, and Documents

- Acceptable projects must be SRF eligible and have appropriate accepted documentation
- Types of acceptable documents include the following:
  - CIP or Master Plan
  - Facility Plan or Preliminary Engineering Report
  - Final Engineer's Estimate or Low Bid
- Other acceptable forms of needs support
  - Small Community Forms
  - PE Stamped Cost Estimates
  - State Specific Approaches (SSAs)



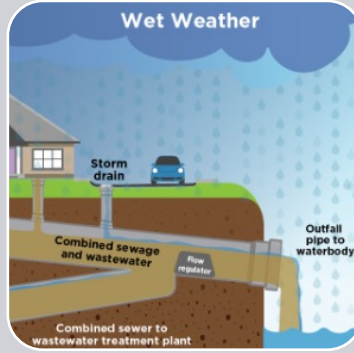
## Wastewater Treatment

- Secondary Wastewater Treatment
- Advanced Wastewater Treatment



## Collection Systems

- Infiltration and Inflow Correction
- Sewer Replacement or Rehabilitation
- New Sewers



## Combined Sewer Overflows

- Combined Sewer Overflow Correction



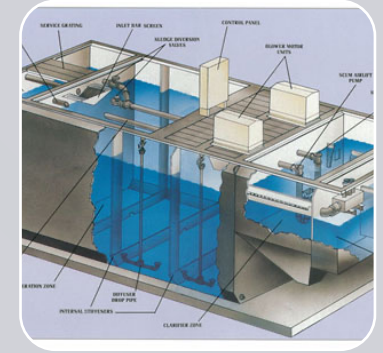
## Stormwater

- Grey Infrastructure
- Green Infrastructure
- General Stormwater Management



## Nonpoint Source

- Agriculture
- Silviculture
- Ground Water Protection
- Marinas
- Brownfields
- Storage Tanks
- Sanitary Landfills
- Hydromodification



## Decentralized Wastewater Treatment

- Clustered Systems



## Mass. Water Resources Authority 2012 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey

**Description:** The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority is responsible for the operations of several wastewater treatment facilities, headworks, and other collection system components.

**System Name:** MWRA

**Point of Contact:** Mass. Water Resources Authority  
617 788 4300

**CWNS Number:** 25000128001

**Permit Number(s):** MA0103284\*

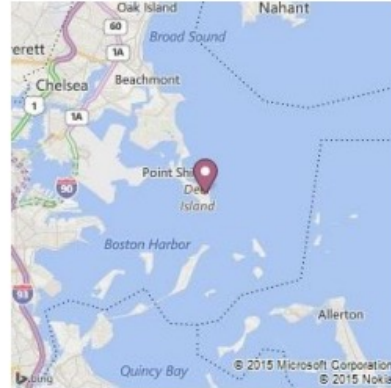
**County:** Suffolk (Primary)

**Watershed(s):** Charles (Primary)

**Congressional District:** 7th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Primary)

**Address:** 190 TAFTS AVE, DEER ISLAND, BOSTON, MA,02152

**Total Documented Needs\*\*:** \$1,212,018,849



### Facility Description

| Type                          | Present | Projected | Changes Needed    |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----------|-------------------|
| Collection: Interceptor Sewer | N       | Y         | New               |
| Collection: Pump Stations     | Y       | Y         | Rehabilitation    |
| Treatment Plant               | Y       | Y         | Increase Capacity |

\* Denotes National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

\*\* The Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS) provides a comprehensive assessment of the unfunded needs to meet the water quality and water-related public health goals of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The Survey is a "snapshot" of data and needs; needs are of January 1, 2012, and all the costs are in January 2012 dollars.



## Mass. Water Resources Authority 2012 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey

### Documented Needs



### Needs Categories:

- Secondary Treatment (I)
- Advanced Treatment (II)
- Replace/Rehab of Sewers (III-B)
- New Interceptor Sewers (IV-B)
- CSO - Traditional Infrastructure (V-A)

Note: In the CWNS 2012 Report to Congress, categories I-VI, X needs are reported as "Official Needs" and Category XII is reported as "Other Documented Needs".

### Population Information

|                                    | Resident Population |                  |                | Non-Resident Population |           |                |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------|----------------|
|                                    | Present             | Projected        | Projected Year | Present                 | Projected | Projected Year |
| From upstream collection system(s) | 1,693,288           | 1,862,568        |                | 15                      | 15        |                |
| <b>Total Receiving Treatment</b>   | <b>1,693,288</b>    | <b>1,862,568</b> |                | <b>15</b>               | <b>15</b> |                |

# Timeline Overview

Spring 2022  
CWNS Rolled  
out to States

Summer  
2022 – Spring  
2023 Data  
Collection

May 2023  
EPA Data  
Reporting  
Deadline

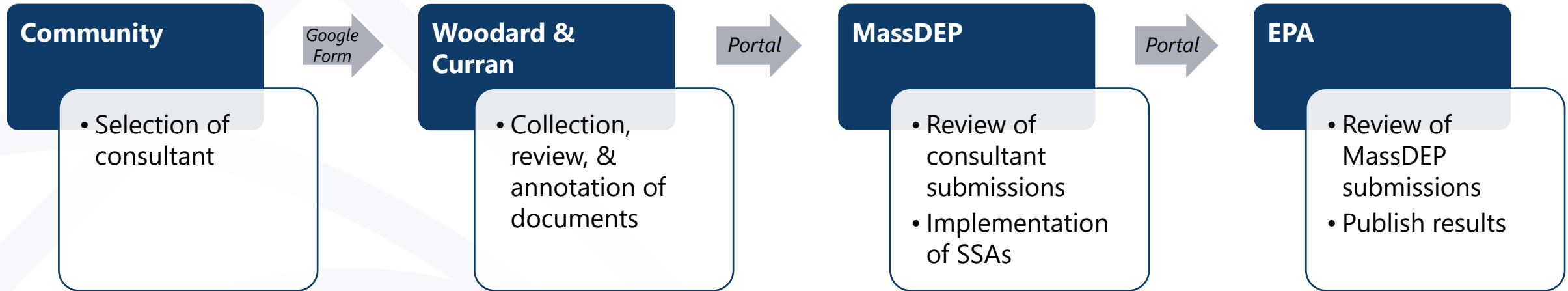
Summer  
2024 EPA to  
Publish 2022  
Survey Data

Spring 2026  
CWNS Starts  
Again



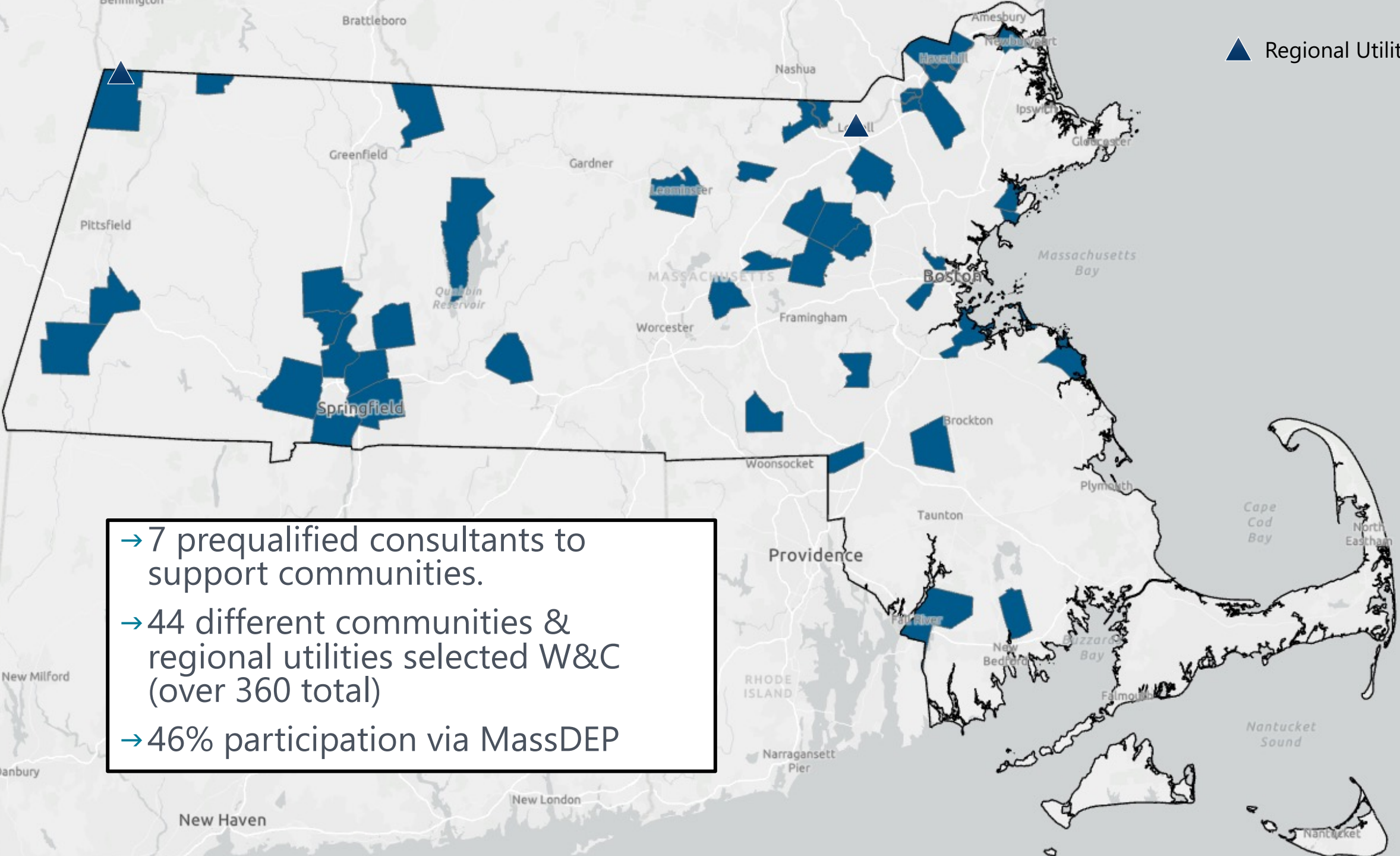
# Woodard & Curran - Massachusetts

# MassDEP Procedures & Process



- Preparedness from MassDEP
- Active engagement from communities
- Documentation & portal challenges
- Documents versus SSAs

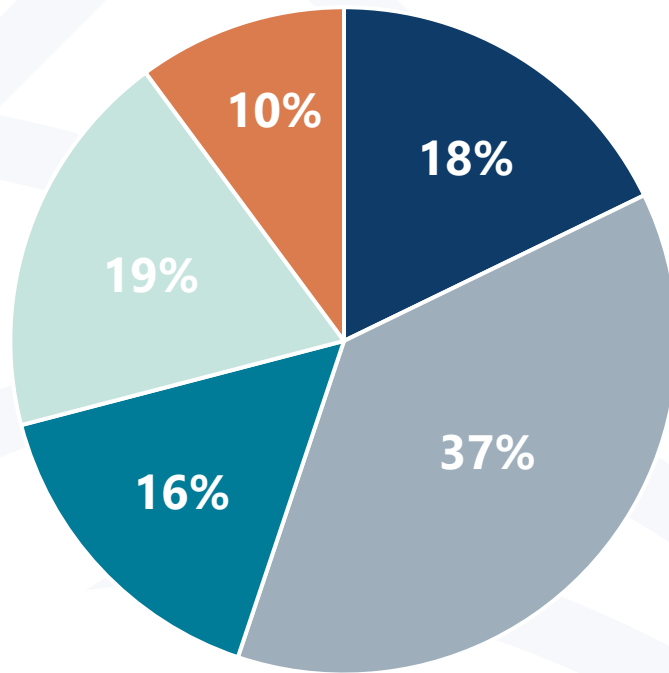
▲ Regional Utility



- 7 prequalified consultants to support communities.
- 44 different communities & regional utilities selected W&C (over 360 total)
- 46% participation via MassDEP

# Documents Collected and Submitted – By the Numbers

## Woodard & Curran DEP Submission



■ Treatment    ■ Collections    ■ CSO  
■ Stormwater    ■ Nonpoint Source    ■ Decentralized

| Category        | Submission (\$)         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Treatment       | \$ 822,000,000          |
| Collections     | \$ 1,723,000,000        |
| CSO             | \$ 729,000,000          |
| Stormwater      | \$ 873,000,000          |
| Nonpoint Source | \$ 468,000,000          |
| Decentralized   | \$ 0                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>\$ 4,616,000,000</b> |

# Rhode Island

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# RIDEM Procedures & Process

- Learning on the clock
- Two main processes to learn:
  - ▶ Acquiring the needs
  - ▶ Using the CWNS portal to submit the needs
- Order of implementation
  - ▶ State Specific Approaches
  - ▶ Cold Calling & Email Push
  - ▶ In-person presentations
  - ▶ Priority Project List
  - ▶ In-House Planning Documents
- State procurement – bringing on Limnotech and Woodard & Curran

Environmental Topics ▾ Laws & Regulations ▾ Report a Violation ▾ About EPA ▾

CONTACT US

## Clean Watersheds Needs Survey

EPA's Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS) is an assessment of capital investment needed nationwide for publicly-owned wastewater collection and treatment facilities to meet the water quality goals of the Clean Water Act. These capital investment needs are reported periodically to Congress.

### About the CWNS

- [What is the CWNS?](#)
- [CWNS capital investment needs](#)

### 2012 CWNS Report and Data

- [Report to Congress](#)
- [Access to detailed data](#)

### CWNS Reports and Data

- [2008 CWNS](#)
- [2004 CWNS](#)

### 2012 Data and Mapping Tools

- [Data dashboard](#)
- [Mapping tool](#)

### 2022 CWNS Updates

Key Dates:

- November 2021 - December 2021: CWNS training webinars for state coordinators
- December 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022: State specific approach and state survey submittal period
- March 1, 2022: CWNS data collection begins

Contact your [CWNS State Coordinator](#) for questions about your state.

**WANT TO LEARN MORE?**  
EPA.GOV/CWNS

# State Specific Approaches



**Stormwater**  
Green Infrastructure



**Nonpoint Source**  
Alum Treatment

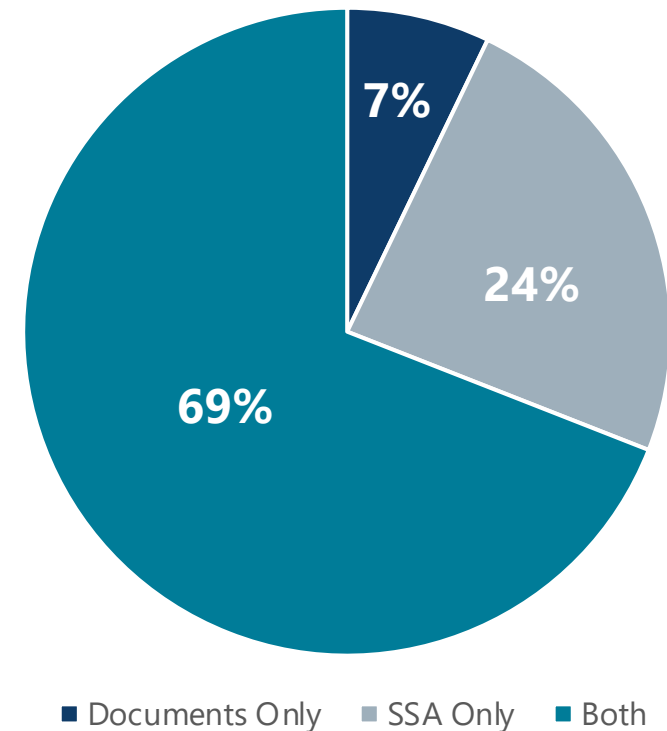


**Decentralized**  
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# Community Participation

- 42 total entities with 100% participation between SSAs and documentation
- 94% participation of wastewater systems through documentation
- Less documented needs for stormwater and non-point source pollution
- Utilized state-specific approaches to augment these categories

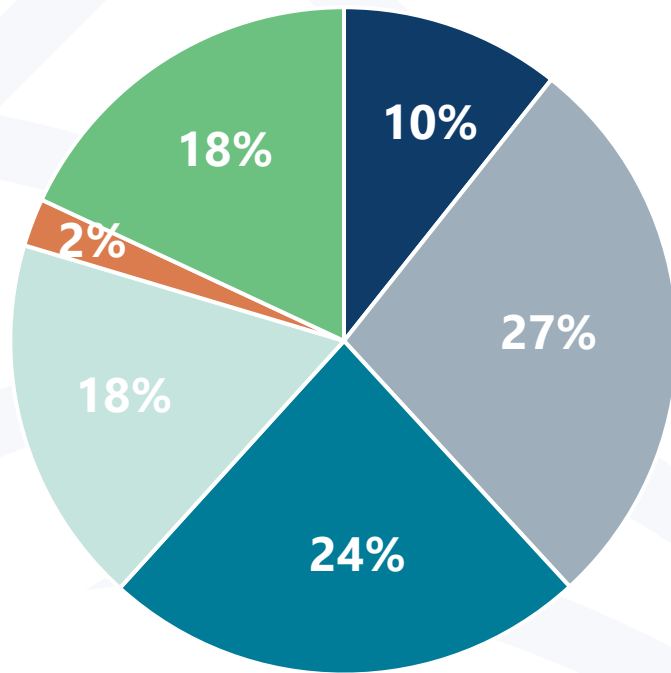
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**RIDEM Submission**

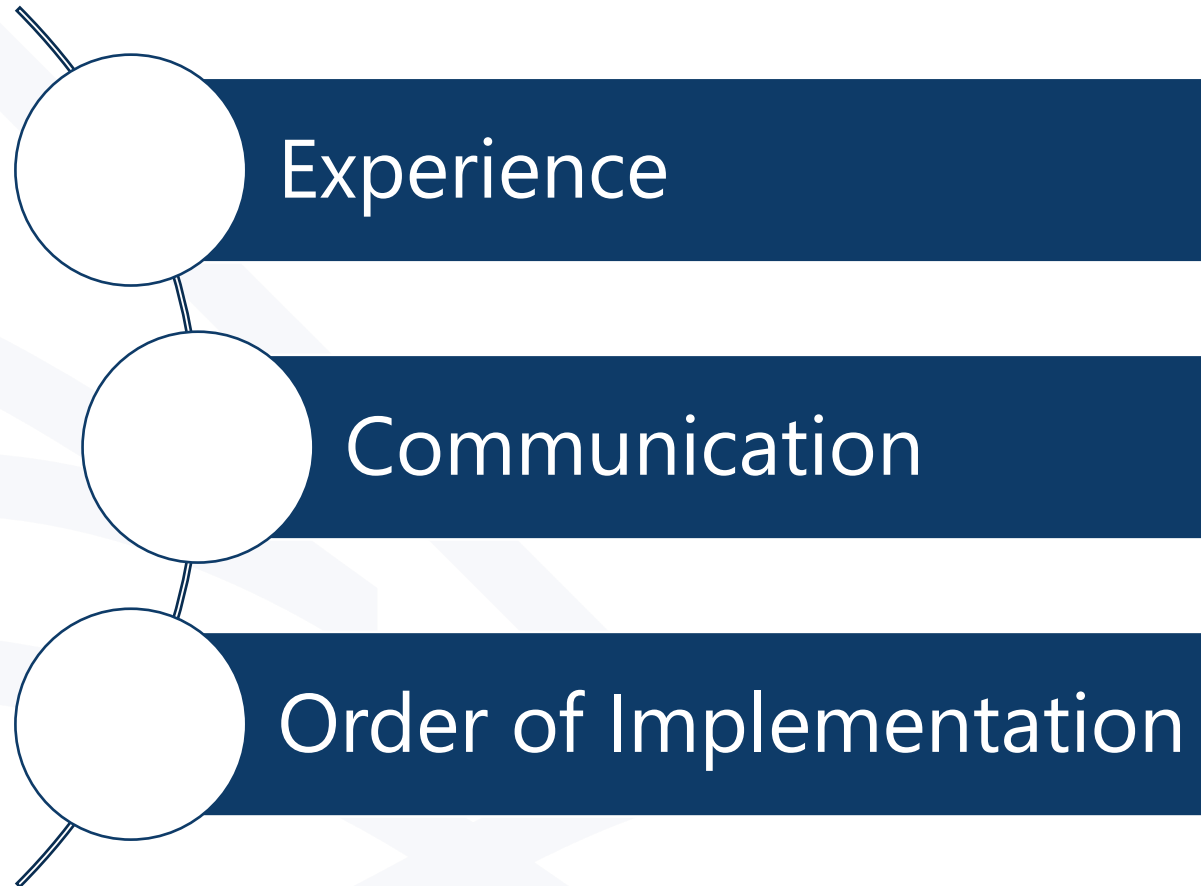


Treatment
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| Collections     | \$ 684,400,000          |
| CSO             | \$ 586,100,000          |
| Stormwater      | \$ 445,500,000          |
| Nonpoint Source | \$ 57,940,000           |
| Decentralized   | \$ 449,200,000          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>\$ 2,488,840,000</b> |

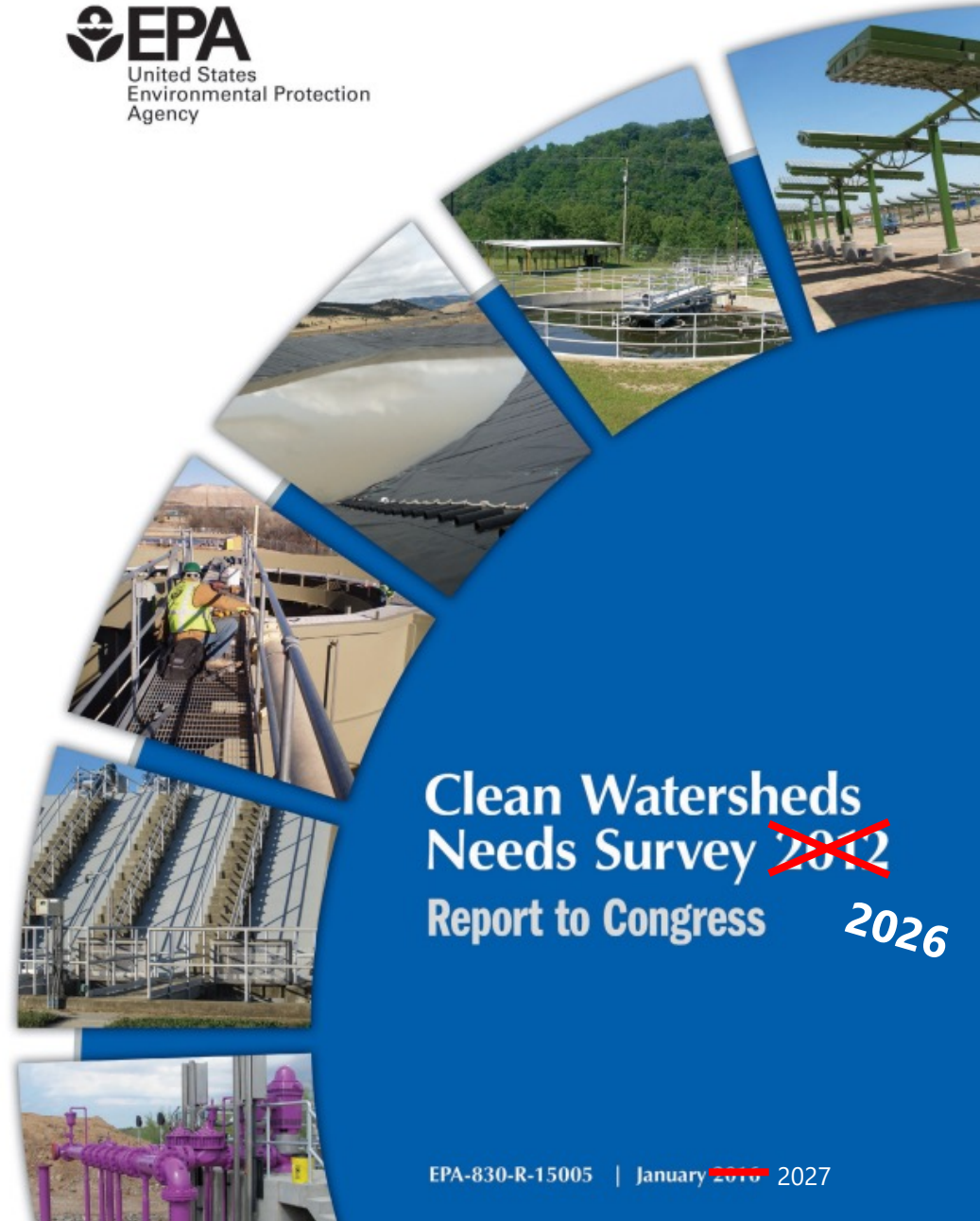
# Lessons Learned & 2026 Next Steps

# Lessons Learned



# 2026 Next Steps

- Start the process early!
- Inform communities and encourage them to update or develop planning documents
- Create training procedures for staff and flyers for communities
- Prepare SSA approaches



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Thank You!

