

# WHAT IS DWSP2?



## Together, We Can Protect Your Drinking Water

*The Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) is a locally led, state-supported program that empowers municipalities to take action to improve and protect their public water sources and surrounding environment. The program offers free technical assistance to develop and implement community-specific drinking water source protection plans. DWSP2 is designed to build off previous work, help align priorities, and fill gaps within a municipality's current and future source water protection efforts.*

Protecting drinking water is a high priority for New Yorkers. DWSP2 assists municipalities with proactively protecting their drinking water sources and the surrounding environment. The finalized plan will evaluate the current source water condition based on data and mapping, leading to actionable steps the municipality can take to protect their drinking water sources now and into the future.

### What to Expect from DWSP2

- Free technical assistance throughout the entire DWSP2 Plan development process
- Flexible schedule for communities to continue meeting other priorities
- Mapping the drinking water source and surrounding area
- Inventory of potential contaminant sources surrounding the drinking water source
- Actionable list of source water protection methods
- Guidance on funding sources and strategies for implementing source water protection actions
- Free technical assistance to start plan implementation

### Which Communities are Eligible for DWSP2?

DWSP2 is open to all community public water supplies in New York. This program is designed for:

- Small, medium, and large public water supplies
- Rural and urban communities
- Public water supplies who do not have updated source water maps
- Municipalities who have:
  - Groundwater, surface water, or both
  - Limited staff capacity
  - A source within or outside of their administrative boundaries

## Community Advantages Provided by DWSP2

Communities participating in the Drinking Water Source Protection Program can:

- Promote public health and resiliency
- Increase community confidence in drinking water
- Enhance environmental protection and recreation
- Avoid preventable drinking water treatment costs
- Strengthen community partnerships

## Drinking Water Source Protection Program Framework

The State has a guidance document that municipalities can use to develop their drinking water source protection plan, "[A Framework for Creating a Drinking Water Source Protection Program Plan.](#)" This document includes an easy-to-follow summary touching on the key components of a protection plan. Technical assistance providers will use the Framework, as they work with their communities, to develop DWSP2 plans.

## How to start DWSP2 In your community

DWSP2 is a comprehensive approach to source water protection that provides your community with actionable steps to keep your drinking water safe now and into the future.

To learn more, fill out the **DWSP2 Interest Form** to schedule an information session. If your municipality is ready to apply today, fill out the **DWSP2 Application**.



DWSP2 Interest Form



DWSP2 Application

Applications and questions can be submitted to: [source.water@dec.ny.gov](mailto:source.water@dec.ny.gov) or visit the DWSP2 webpage: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/115250.html>

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