

# UNDERSTANDING THE DWSP2 PROCESS



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.*

With guidance from a cost-free technical assistance (TA) provider, your municipality will follow the [DWSP2 Framework](#) process, outlined below, to develop a drinking water source protection plan.

## Phases of the DWSP2 Process:

### Plan Preparation

- **Completing the Overview of the Water System Worksheet:** Your municipality will complete the *Overview of the Water System* worksheet prior to plan development. This one-page worksheet gathers the necessary data to kick off the plan.

### Plan Development

Plan development steps are not linear and can be completed in the order that is most efficient for each municipality.

- **Prepare drinking water source protection maps:** Your TA provider will delineate and map your municipality's source water areas to help your stakeholder group visualize the drinking water sources and identify neighboring communities that may need to be involved.
- **Form a stakeholder group:** Your municipality and TA provider will identify interested parties that could provide relevant expertise to help you in DWSP2 planning and/or would be involved in protection strategies that you implement later.
- **Formulate the vision and goals:** Your municipality and identified stakeholders will determine goals and a vision statement that help guide source water efforts specific to your community.
- **Inventory potential contaminant sources:** Your stakeholder group and TA provider will use a combination of available data and local knowledge to identify potential contaminant sources around your drinking water source.
- **Complete drinking water source protection maps:** Your stakeholder group and TA provider will use a combination of available data and local knowledge to update and complete source water maps.

- **Identify protection and management methods:** Your stakeholder group and TA provider will identify current and future source water protection methods, specific to your community's needs.
- **Develop an implementation timeline:** Your stakeholder group and TA provider will create an implementation timeline — including a step-by-step process, cost analysis, and identification of potential funding sources — to guide implementation of protection and management methods.
- **Finalize plan:** Your stakeholder group and TA provider will compile the report, designate members to the plan management team, and submit for review to the state DWSP2 team.

## Plan Implementation

- **Implement plan:** Your plan management team, with limited assistance from a TA provider, will implement the protection and management methods developed in your plan, utilizing the identified steps, cost analysis, and funding sources from the DWSP2 plan.

## Plan Progression

- **Update and monitor plan progress:** The plan management team will keep your municipality's implementation methods moving forward, provide updates to your stakeholder group, and monitor outcomes.

## Locally Led, State-Supported Source Water Protection

DWSP2 plans are 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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