



# North Central Massachusetts Private Well Program

## About

The North Central Massachusetts Private Well Program is a community partnership funded by The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts. The goal of the program is to promote better public health and safety for households with private wells. The program will assess private wells in the northern Worcester County area to determine water quality, educate homeowners on what their water test results show, and work directly with homeowners if there is a need for remediation efforts.

During the 2021 pilot year, RCAP Solutions is partnering with six communities in the region (see list on reverse side for towns and the months in which service will be provided) to provide complimentary services to residents. This will include a limited number of complimentary private well assessments, water testing, and additional resources for well owners. A second phase of this effort will include public education, advocacy for private well regulations that better protect homeowners and communities and that are on par with regulations for public water systems, and identification of financial resources for homeowners needing well remediation.

## What's in Your Well Water?

Unlike public drinking water systems, private wells do not have experts regularly checking the water's source and quality before it is sent to the tap. Households that use private wells should take special precautions to ensure the safety of their drinking water.

When considering well contamination problems and risks, it's important to know what kind of well you have and how it was constructed. Knowing how water gets into your well and from what source will help you understand what you need to do to protect your groundwater source and well from adverse impacts. RCAP Solutions will compile and assess this information for participating private well owners in order to identify potential issues with their wells, including contamination threats.

## Testing Will Assess the Following:

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| ■ Arsenic  | ■ Iron      | } Standard Analysis | ■ Coliform Bacteria |
| ■ Chloride | ■ Lead      |                     | ■ Nitrate/Nitrite   |
| ■ Copper   | ■ Manganese |                     | ■ Uranium           |
| ■ Fluoride | ■ pH        |                     | ■ Radon             |
| ■ Hardness | ■ Sodium    |                     |                     |
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**Note:** RCAP Solutions will not be testing for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) through this program. To get your well water tested for PFAS through MassDEP, visit: <https://dwp-pfas.madwpdep.org/>  
Free PFAS testing through MassDEP is available to a limited number of applicants in all RCAP Solutions 2021 Eligible Communities except Sterling.

## Request an Assessment & Water Test

Scan the QR code or visit the link below to request a complimentary well assessment with water test.



<https://bit.ly/WellRequest>

Please note: Safety is our top priority. When completing well assessments, our staff are required to wear face coverings and practice social distancing.

Requests are handled on a first-come, first-served basis. When registering to receive the grant-funded services, residents will be asked for their permission to complete short questionnaires – one prior to and two others following the well assessment. Information from these questionnaires helps us improve our understanding of resident priorities and informs improvements to our programming. Aggregate, de-identified results will be shared with local boards of health and our partners to inform development of this program.

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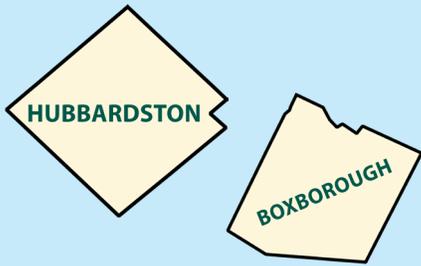
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## 2021 Eligible Communities

Below we have outlined the six towns whose residents are eligible for a complimentary well assessment and water test during 2021 and in which months the assessments will be conducted. Well assessments and water testing will be scheduled to occur during regular business hours, Monday through Friday only. Forty (40) slots are available in each town.

The success of our efforts in these towns will guide the implementation of the program into other communities over the next several years and the development of solutions to improve the quality and safety of private well water.

### May & June



### July & August



### September & October



### Our Partners

With funding from The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts, RCAP Solutions is partnering with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), the Montachusett Public Health Network, Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, and the Massachusetts Environmental Health Association on this important project.

RCAP Solutions can provide local well owners with the opportunity to have a complimentary, on-site professional review of their wellhead and recharge area, as well as to determine maintenance needs. Well vulnerabilities will be evaluated based on well specifications, nearby environmental threats, geology, and contamination issues in the area.



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