Woodland Homeowner’s Association
Pollution Risk Assessment Results

Woodland Homeowner’s Association (PWSID 1900020) is a community water system in Coventry that serves approximately 120 people through 34 service connections. The water system consists of one gravel packed well. Water is pumped from the well to a storage tank and then released to the distribution system. The last sanitary survey was March 2, 2001. For further information contact Barry Mulvey at 6 Paige Drive, Coventry, RI 02816.

The Source Protection Area is a circle of radius 1,750 feet, or about 220 acres (see Figure 2 on back). It is wooded with low to moderate density residential development. The area also includes cropland and commercial land use (see Table 1 on back).

Sample Summary (for the previous five years)
▲ Bacteria have not been detected.
▲ Nitrate levels in groundwater are somewhat higher than background levels, which may indicate contribution from human activity.
▲ No violations of the standards for other regulated contaminants have been identified. However, there have been detections below levels considered acceptable by US EPA. This indicates the need for continued monitoring.

This report summarizes assessment results for this water system. The assessment identifies both known and potential sources of pollution occurring in the source protection area, and ranks the water source based on the likelihood of future contamination. The goal of this study is to help water suppliers, local officials, residents and consumers to learn more about source water protection. Because water quality is directly related to land use activities, everyone living or working in the source protection area has a role to play in keeping local water supplies safe.

Susceptibility To Contamination

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Note: A ranking of MODERATE means that the water could become contaminated one day. Protection efforts are important to assure continued water quality.

POLLUTION RISKS:
▲ Residential land use is densely clustered near the well.
▲ Several roads are located near the well, increasing the risk of hazardous material spills and road salt contamination.
▲ Underground storage tanks are located inside the source protection area.
▲ Tillable cropland is located Northwest of the well.

PROTECTION OPPORTUNITIES:
▲ The source protection area contains undeveloped forestland, which protects water quality.
▲ The town can implement land use controls and programs to protect this source protection area from future high-intensity development.
▲ Many of the existing threats to water quality are under the control of residents and can be monitored.
▲ Residents can follow the guidelines on the back to reduce the impact of household contaminants.
### Table 1. High-intensity land uses identified within the source water protection area that have the potential to contaminate drinking water.

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<th>Land Use Category</th>
<th>Associated Contaminants</th>
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<td>% Residential</td>
<td>Nutrients, Pathogens, VOCs, SOCs</td>
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<td>% Commercial, Industrial, Institutional</td>
<td>VOCs, SOCs, Solvents, Inorganics</td>
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<td>% Intensive Agriculture</td>
<td>Nutrients, Pathogens, VOCs, SOCs</td>
<td>5.4%</td>
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*Potential contaminants include nutrients (nitrate and phosphorus from fertilizers and animal and human waste), pathogens (bacteria, viruses, and other microorganisms that can cause disease); volatile organic compounds (VOCs) found in fuels and solvents; synthetic organic compounds (SOCs), such as pesticides and plastics; and inorganics, including metals and other substances that can harm human health in high concentrations.

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**What You Can Do To Protect Water Quality**

**Public Water Suppliers:**
- Implement all recommendations in the latest Sanitary Survey.
- Protect undeveloped land within the wellhead or watershed protection area. Work with municipal boards and government as needed to implement land use protection measures and education programs.
- Post signs alerting public to Wellhead or Watershed Protection Area.
- Inspect water supply and protection area regularly for potential pollution sources.

**Municipal Boards and Government:**
- Develop a groundwater protection plan and ordinance and supporting protective zoning regulations, such as limits of paved surface areas within new developments.
- Incorporate groundwater and source water protection goals into the Comprehensive Plan.
- Implement on-site wastewater management or sewer maintenance plans and ordinances.
- Develop programs for land acquisition, conservation easements, or other critical lands protection.
- Adopt a stormwater management plan and ordinance.
- Establish a community education and outreach program that promotes residential pollution prevention and best management practices for the Public Works Department.

**Residents:**
- Inspect septic systems annually and pump as needed.
- Replace/repair cesspools and failing septic systems.
- Reduce fertilizer and pesticide use.
- Reduce stormwater runoff by limiting paved surface areas and maintaining good vegetative cover.
- Pick up after your pets.
- Properly use, store, and dispose of hazardous products.
- Properly maintain motor vehicles and fuel storage tanks.
- Consider replacing underground storage tanks with properly contained above-ground tanks.
- Check all municipal laws that may apply.

**Farmers and Landowners:** Develop conservation plans on agricultural and forest lands that:
- Reduce soil erosion, sediment, and stormwater runoff.
- Address proper nutrient, manure, pest, and irrigation water management.
- Address proper fuel storage and equipment maintenance.
- Conserve water, improve soil health, and protect surrounding natural resources.
- Check all federal and state laws that apply.

**Commercial and Industrial Businesses:** Adhere to all laws, regulations, and recommended practices for:
- Hazardous waste management
- Above- and underground storage tanks
- Wastewater discharge
- Floor drains
- Proper training for all employees

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**For More Information**

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