

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) currently supplies water from the Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs to 50 municipalities. What if the MWRA expanded its service to communities with water supply concerns, such as those within the Ipswich, Charles and Sudbury-Assabet-Concord (SUASCO) river watersheds? Would it address stresses in key watersheds or drive uncontrolled growth, further stressing the watersheds? Would this offset the need for significant rate increases over the long-term to MWRA communities, or is it merely a short-term fix? What are the implications to the long-term health of the Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs and their tributaries? If expansion is undertaken, what statutory and regulatory issues would have to be addressed to ensure that an affordable, clean and abundant water supply remains available to Massachusetts residents for years to come?

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