

# COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT





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# LETTER FROM THE CEO

The Metropolitan District prides itself on the uninterrupted delivery of essential public utility needs - affordable, quality drinking water and reliable wastewater treatment services - to its residential and business customers. This will always be the core of our mission.

While working to maintain the MDC as a national leader in providing drinking water and wastewater treatment, we also contribute in a variety of additional ways to enhance the quality of life for the region.

This community impact report details how the MDC protects our environment, promotes diversity, creates economic opportunities, and invests in our member towns.



For more information or to participate in one of our programs, please refer to the resource page at the end of this report.

**Scott Jellison**  
*Chief Executive Officer*





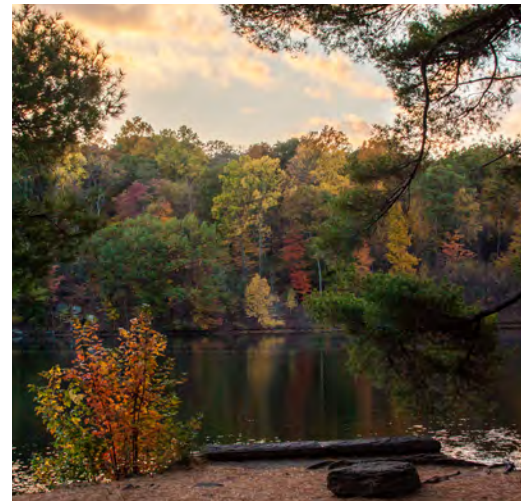
# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

## WATERSHED PROTECTION

A watershed forest is the first line of defense for protecting water from degradation and maintaining high quality drinking water. This land acts as a natural filter and buffer to pollutants and protects the integrity of the District's drinking water supply reservoirs. The MDC is very fortunate to have heavily forested watersheds, which help safeguard the water supplies by acting as a natural filter and buffer to potential contaminants.



THE MDC'S WATER COMES FROM APPROXIMATELY  
**89.7 SQUARE MILES**  
OF SURFACE WATER RESOURCES IN WATERSHEDS



THE MDC OWNS OVER  
**31,000 ACRES**  
OF LAND IN CT AND MA



THE RESOURCES FEED THE  
**9.5 BILLION GALLON**  
NEPAUG RESERVOIR



THE MDC'S WATERSHEDS ALSO FEED THE  
**30 BILLION GALLON**  
BARKHAMSTED RESERVOIR

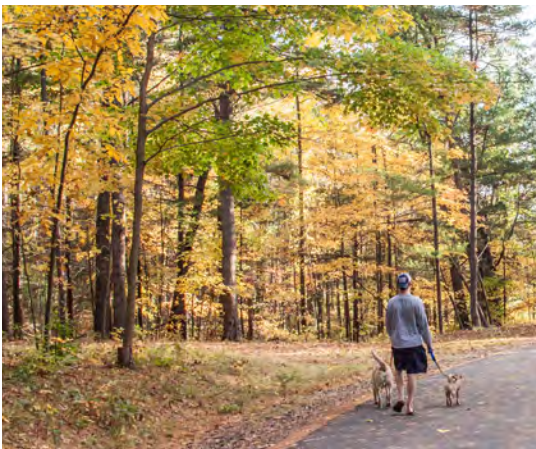


# RECREATION

## PLACES TO HIKE, BIKE, SWIM, BOAT OR FISH

The MDC maintains some of Connecticut's more popular recreation areas, including **Lake McDonough** and the **West Hartford Reservoirs** and **Reservoir 6**. The District also manages land along the **West Branch of the Farmington River**, one of the largest tracts of open space in the state.

This stewardship includes the protection and management of watershed lands and natural resources, as well as making the area available for public recreation.





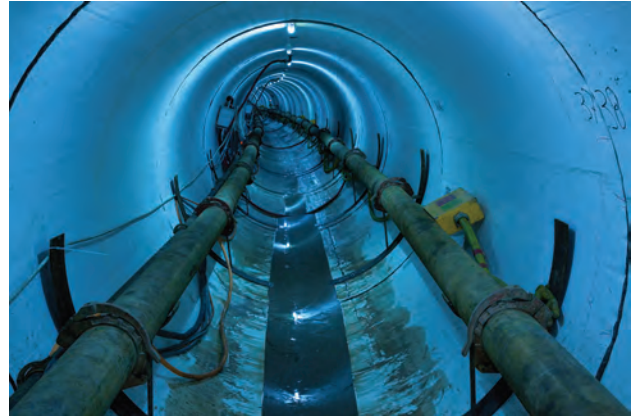
# CLEANING UP THE CONNECTICUT RIVER

## THE CLEAN WATER PROJECT

The Clean Water Project, which includes over \$2 billion infrastructure improvements to the MDC's wastewater system, helps protect the health and safety of citizens during storm events and formally addresses a federal consent decree and a Connecticut DEEP consent order to achieve Federal Clean Water Act goals.

The Clean Water Project is a plan designed to control and reduce the overflow of untreated sewage into local waterways.

While it's impossible to get all the stormwater out of the system, in order to meet the guidelines and deadlines of the government mandates, and design a cost efficient approach, the MDC developed a five component solution for the Clean Water Project.





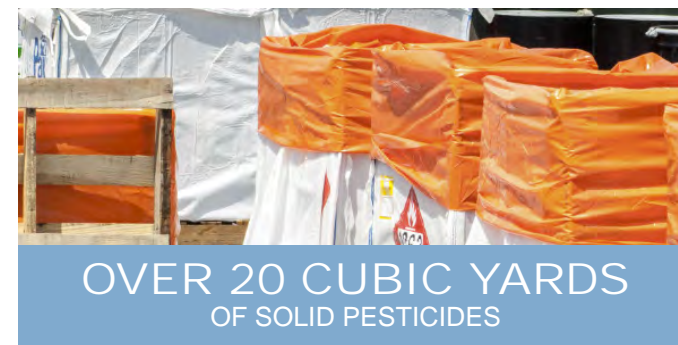
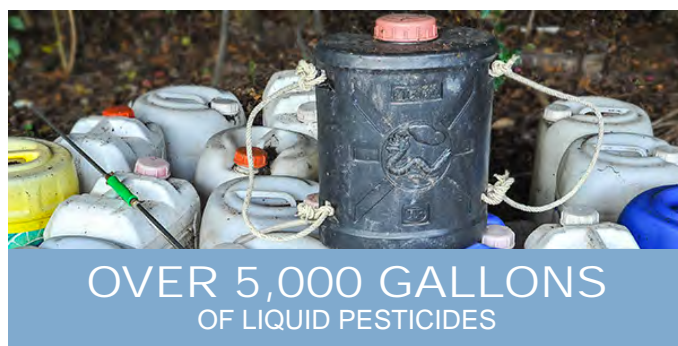
# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

## HAZWASTE PROGRAM

Hazardous waste cannot be simply thrown out with the trash, flushed, or poured down the drain because it passes the problem along to the environment, polluting the air and the water. The MDC sponsors a HazWaste Program to collect the waste and dispose of it through safe, environmentally responsible practices.

Each spring and fall, the MDC conducts a regional household hazardous waste collection program at a series of local sites in member and non-member towns.

In a typical year about 5000 cars visit the collection sites with waste, including:





# SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

## SUPPLIER DIVERSITY SERVICES & INITIATIVES

The MDC provides contractor development opportunities including matchmaker sessions, business card exchanges and pre-bid/bid package briefings.



### MATCH MAKER SESSIONS

INTRODUCE SMALL CONTRACTORS TO  
MDC PRIME GENERAL CONTRACTORS

### SMALL BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER

SMALL CONTRACTORS MEET ONE-TO-ONE  
WITH KEY RESOURCE PARTNERS

### DIVERSITY COMPLIANCE UNIT

PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT  
SERVICES TO GENERAL CONTRACTORS

## SUPPLIER DIVERSITY ACHIEVEMENTS

There's been **60 Prime Construction Contracts** with a total value of over **\$1 billion** awarded by the MDC for the Clean Water Project.

**163 MWBE CONTRACTS**  
FROM MDC DISTRICT TOWNS EQUALING  
**45% OF ALL MWBE SUBCONTRACT AWARDS**

**14 CONTRACTS**  
AWARDED TO MWBE GENERAL  
CONTRACTORS VALUED AT **\$100 MILLION**

**367 CONTRACTS**  
AWARDED TO MWBE SUBCONTRACTORS  
VALUED AT **\$153 MILLION**





# CAREERS

## LEARN AND EARN PROGRAM

The Learn and Earn summer internship introduces high school students to potential careers at the MDC. Students engage with MDC employees and participate in the department of their choice ranging from data and sampling collection, preventative maintenance activities and repairs, to help with clerical duties.



## COLLEGE INTERNSHIPS

The Summer Internship Program is a nine week program for college students. Interns are hired to work across sixteen MDC departments as part of a program designed to offer real world experience and hands on training.





# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

The MDC helps grow our base of small, local, minority and women owned businesses in our member towns by providing opportunities to learn how to do business with us.







## EDUCATIONAL TOURS FOR SCHOOLS

The MDC offers educational tours of our water supply and treatment facilities as well as wastewater treatment plants to students of all ages from grade school through college.



## DRINKING WATER FOR LOCAL EVENTS

The MDC Water Wagon supplies drinking water to dozens of community events in our member towns each year for everything from health fairs, to parades to charity 5Ks.





# SOURCE TO SEA CLEANUP

## SOURCE TO SEA

The Source to Sea Cleanup is an annual trash cleanup of the Connecticut River system all along the four-state watershed (NH, VT, MA, CT) - rivers & streams, shorelines, parks, boat launches, trails and more. The multi-state cleanup is coordinated by the Connecticut River Conservancy, a non-profit advocacy organization working to conserve and protect water quality, habitat and recreational access across the entire Connecticut River Watershed.











# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Whether it's supporting parks and recreation events in our member towns or volunteering with local organizations, the MDC continues to be part of the community we serve.





# RESOURCES

## LEARN MORE

For information about the MDC visit  
[www.themdc.org](http://www.themdc.org)



For information about the Clean Water Project  
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