

25th Anniversary Water Resources and Sustainability Symposium **Where Have We Been, Where Are We Now, and Where are We Going?**

CALL FOR PAPERS

The New England Water Works Association and its Water Resources, Groundwater, Conservation, and Sustainability Committees are seeking presentations for the 25th Anniversary Water Resources and Sustainability Symposium. The symposium will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Devens Common Center in Devens, MA.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of NEWWA's Water Resources and Sustainability Symposium. Over the years the Symposium has focused on a variety of water resource challenges and opportunities across New England including integrated water resource management, regional planning, supply and demand management, land and watershed management, stormwater management, climate change impacts and mitigation, drought planning, and the ever-changing legislation and regulations impacting water use and allocation. While we have learned a lot, we are still facing many of the same challenges today that we did during our first Symposium in 2000.

For this year's symposium we are soliciting abstracts that focus on water resource management and sustainability issues in New England over the past twenty-five years, where we are today, and what we think the future may bring. Suggested abstracts include research and case studies that address topics like:

- Science of climate change and its impact on water availability and demands.
- Case studies and lessons learned by drinking water systems responding to ever changing supply quality, quantity, and regulations.
- Advances in drought planning for public water suppliers.
- Optimization of groundwater and surface water sources.
- Balancing in-stream and out-of-stream water needs.
- Effective strategies for supply and demand management.
- Successful application of water use offsets and mitigation measures.
- Watershed based quality and quantity planning.
- Impacts of water withdrawal regulations on public water supply and the environment.
- Impacts of potential federal policy changes on water resource regulation and funding.
- Applying water re-use to reduce withdrawals.
- Local and State approaches to water resource planning and allocation.
- Impacts of land use and management on water quality and quantity.
- Changes in science since MA's Sustainable Water Management Initiative.
- Integrating Water Supply, Wastewater, and Stormwater Management.
- Regional water supply planning to optimize supply and minimize impacts.
- Considering water resources in land use planning.
- Involving stakeholders in water resource decision making.
- Applying advanced technology for optimizing water resources.

The abstract submittal deadline is **May 15, 2025**. Abstracts should be 150 words or less. Presenting authors will receive a discounted symposium registration. Please provide contact information for the presenting author and/or primary person to contact regarding your abstract.



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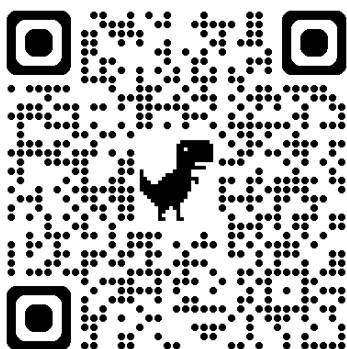
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Thank you for your interest in the NEWWA Water Resources and Sustainability Symposium.

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