



MWUA WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

20th Annual Drinking Water Seminar

"Resources for Source Protection"

DATE

Wednesday, September 2nd,
2026

TIME

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

LOCATION

Maple Hill Farm Inn &
Conference Center
11 Inn Road, Hallowell

Agenda

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| 8:30 AM | Registration & Light Refreshments |
| 9:00 AM | Source Water Protection: Developing, Implementing & Using Your Plans |
| 10:00 AM | Comprehensive Plan Reviews |
| 10:30 AM | Grant Funding for Source Protection |
| 11:30 AM | Break |
| 11:45 AM | Lunch |
| 12:30 PM | Scenario: Wellhead Protection & Mineral Extraction Sites |
| 2:00 PM | Water Utility & DOT Collaborations |
| 3:00 PM | Roundtable with Your Instructors |
| 4:00 PM | End |

Your Instructors

Full biographies on the following pages.

Alex Wong

Nonpoint Source Program Manager, Maine DEP

Ashley Hodge

Source Water Protection Coordinator, Maine CDC DWP

Cindy Dionne

Stormwater Program Manager, MaineDOT

David Parent

Superintendent, Sanford Water District

Kate Warner

Education & Science Director, MRWA

Kitty Wilkin

Source Water Program Manager, MRWA

Mark Curtis

VP, Gorham Sand & Gravel, Inc.

Mary Jane Dillingham

Water Quality Manager, Maine Water Company

McKenzie Parker

DWSRF Program Manager, Maine CDC DWP

Your Instructors

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Alex Wong

Nonpoint Source Program Manager, Maine DEP

Alex has been with the Nonpoint Source Program at the Maine DEP since 2021. You may remember Alex from his time at Rural Water, where he wore many different hats — work that included wellhead and source water protection.

Ashley Hodge

Source Water Protection Coordinator, Maine CDC Drinking Water Program (DWP)

Ashley is the Source Water Protection Coordinator on the Water Resources and Resilience Team of the Maine CDC Drinking Water Program. Ashley has worked for the State of Maine for eight years, and has been with the DWP for the last six years. Ashley currently works on source water protection and emergency preparedness, response, and recovery.

Cindy Dionne

Stormwater Program Manager, MaineDOT

Cindy earned her bachelor's degree in Wildlife Biology from the University of Maine at Orono. Her work experience has focused on the enforcement and permitting of Municipal, State, and Federal regulations. Cindy supervised the Industrial & Municipal Wastewater Permitting Unit for ME-DEP before moving to MaineDOT to focus solely on Stormwater.

David Parent

Superintendent, Sanford Water District

In addition to his work with the Sanford Water District, Dave is a past President of MWUA and has served on various MWUA committees over the years. He currently serves on the MWUA Legislative & Regulatory Committee.

Kate Warner

Education & Science Director, Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA)

Kate joined MRWA in July 2020 as the Source Water Program Manager and became the Education and Science Director in the spring of 2025. She has both a M.S. and a Ph.D. from the University of Maine in Ecology and Environmental Science. Kate's research focused on understanding how drinking water quality is changing in response to extreme weather conditions, evaluating both the ecological and economic implications of these changes. Kate also has previous experience in environmental consulting.

Kitty Wilkin

Source Water Program Manager, Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA)

Kitty joined MRWA in May 2025 as the Source Water Program Manager. She has a BS in Environmental Science and an MAT in Education. Kitty brings years of experience in wetland delineation and land use permitting, and a deep appreciation for the complexity of the natural world. After a 15yr sabbatical to raise her three active children, she's eagerly returning to the world of environmental protection and education.

Mark Curtis

Vice President, Gorham Sand & Gravel, Inc.

Mark is the VP of Gorham Sand & Gravel (GSG), a Maine-based, family-owned excavation and site work company. Drawing on decades of hands-on construction and land development experience, he oversees bid strategy, project management, equipment utilization, regulatory compliance, and more. Mark is particularly focused on aligning field operations with financial performance, using data-driven decisions to maximize value on every job.

Mary Jane Dillingham

Water Quality Manager, Maine Water Company

MJ works as a manager for the Maine Water Company, a subsidiary of H2O America. She has worked at Maine Water for over 8 years. The company operates drinking water and wastewater facilities in 21 communities across Maine. MJ also serves as President for the Maine Water Utilities Scholarship Fund, a 501c3 nonprofit that supports education and training for future water professionals.

McKenzie Parker

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program Manager, Maine CDC Drinking Water Program (DWP)

McKenzie earned her bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maine and is a licensed Professional Engineer. She began her career as a public water system inspector. She now serves as the DWP's Chief Engineer and DWSRF Program Manager. In this role, she helps guide the program's technical and financial strategies to support critical drinking water infrastructure needs across Maine.