

WENHAM WATER USE MITIGATION PROGRAM (WUMP)
As approved by the Wenham Board of Selectmen March 26, 2019

The Wenham Water Use Mitigation Program [WUMP] has been implemented to collect a fee to fund water savings projects to mitigate new water demand.

Applicability

The WUMP program is applicable to projects which

- (1) Require a building permit for new construction or an additional dwelling unit (including special permits for accessory apartments)
- (2) Represent a new or increased water demand
- (3) Residential projects of three (3) or more dwelling units and all commercial projects are subject to the WUMP impact fee.

Construction Requirements

All projects subject to the WUMP program must meet the following requirements:

1. All applicable provisions of the state plumbing code must be met.
2. Each faucet, shower head, clothes washing machine, dish washing machine, and toilet shall be energy efficient, water saving, and meet the EPA's Water Efficiency Standards.
3. In-ground irrigation systems must be equipped with a rain and moisture sensing device.

Connection to the public water supply will not be approved until the Town has verified the project complies with these requirements.

Fee Amount

The fee assessed to all projects shall be based on the size of the project, according to the following fee schedule.

Development Type	Fee
Residential — 1 Bedroom	\$550/unit
Residential — 2 Bedroom	\$1,100/unit
Residential — 3 Bedroom	\$1,650/unit
Residential -- 4 Bedroom	\$2,200/unit
Residential – Multi-unit	\$5.50/gpd/unit

*Gallon per day volume to be defined per Title 5.

Fee Collection

The WUMP impact fee will be calculated using a WUMP Fee Calculation Form. Fee payment must be submitted to the Permitting Office prior to the issuance of a building permit. The building plans and disposal works construction (Title V/Septic) permit application and plans will be reviewed to verify the correct fee amount has been submitted.

The Permitting Office will not sign off on a Building Department until the WUMP fee is paid.

Fee Utilization Guidelines

These guidelines are applicable to the collection and dispersal of all fees collected under the Water Use Mitigation Program in the Town of Wenham. These guidelines are effective as of March 26, 2019.

Fee Handling

1. All impact fees will be collected by the Permitting Office and be subject to the same departmental turnover process as all other monies collected and as described in detail in the Town's Financial Policies.
2. All impact fee funds collected are to be forwarded to the Town Treasurer.
3. Town Treasurer shall deposit impact fee funds into a designated Water Usage Mitigation Fund established pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.
4. The Board of Water Commissioners may withdraw funds for expenditure for conserving water resources, reducing demand upon the public water supply, and/or water use mitigation, up to an annual expenditure limit of \$10,000 in accordance with the approved Departmental Revolving Fund accounts under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½.

Program Administration

1. The Board of Water Commissioners will be the responsible for the administration and execution of water use mitigation projects under the direction of the Water Superintendent.
2. The Board of Water Commissioners will solicit Town residents to identify residents interested in receiving water savings devices and appliances at reduced cost. A list of these residents will be maintained at all times.
3. The Board of Water Commissioners will solicit bids to supply water savings devices and/or appliances upon collection of sufficient number of interested residents to make bidding appropriate in the judgment of the Superintendent.
4. The Board of Water Commissioners may expend funds for water conservation education and outreach efforts, including programs for residents to participate in or attend.
5. The Board of Water Commissioners may expend WUMP funds to defray salary and administration costs for the program.
6. The number and types of water mitigation measures will be tracked by calendar year. The Board of Water Commissioners will estimate water savings for the mitigation devices installed.