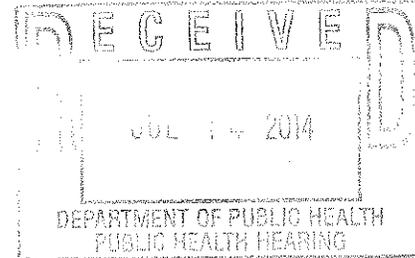




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Re: Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) Boundary Alteration
Town of East Hampton Comments

Dear Ms. Keenan:

In response to the Department of Public Health's (DPH) proposed boundary revisions, the Town of East Hampton would like to offer the following comments.

The Town of East Hampton cannot support the Departments' proposal for a Central Connecticut Corridor Public Water Supply Management Area. The sheer number of municipal and non-municipal water providers and the diversity in size of the area they serve cannot lead to success. The logistics of scheduling meetings, working through agendas and developing consensus around potable water issues would be difficult at best, if not impossible. Additionally, this Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) would contain many water utilities who may have competing interests regarding Exclusive Service Areas. Should the DPH strongly support such a boundary realignment we suggest the CCC WUCC be divided into two smaller "sub-areas" such as "north and south." Then a WUCC co-chairperson could be designated for each sub-area who would then report to a CCC WUCC Executive Committee.

The Town of East Hampton does support the Department's proposed realignment of Public Water Supply Management Areas with the proposed new Council of Government realignment. This will place the Town of East Hampton in the newly created Lower Connecticut River Valley WUCC. Such realignment should benefit the Town as greater synergies are available with similar sized Towns facing similar potable water needs.



We appreciate your consideration of these comments during the process of finalizing the future WUCC boundaries. Please feel free to contact myself or Vincent F Susco, Jr. at 860-267-2536 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Maniscalco', written over a horizontal line.

Michael Maniscalco
Town Manager

cc: Town Council
Water Development Task Force