The Aquifer Protection Program, administered by the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, identifies high-priority public water supply and water resources protection areas. The program utilizes DEEP's maps and the results from hydrogeological investigations performed by freelance professionals to identify areas which are important to the water supply. The mapping of these areas is critical to understanding the potential impact of development on the underlying aquifer and its ability to recharge. The data is made available through the DEEP website for the digital spatial data shown on the map.

**Aquifer Protection Areas**

- **AQUIFER PROTECTION AREA DATA** - Aquifer Protection Areas (AQPAs) are areas identified as having high-priority public water supply and water resources protection areas. The AQPAs are shown on the map and are based on hydrogeological investigations.

**DATA SOURCES**

- **AQUIFER PROTECTION AREA DATA** - Aquifer Protection Area data, which are shown on the map, are based on hydrogeological investigations performed by freelance professionals and are available for download.

**EXPLANATION**

The Aquifer Protection Program allows for the identification of areas that are important to the water supply and are subject to development. The mapping of these areas is critical to understanding the potential impact of development on the underlying aquifer and its ability to recharge. The data is made available through the DEEP website for the digital spatial data shown on the map.

**MAPS AND DIGITAL DATA** - Go to the CT ECO website for the digital spatial data shown on the map. More information about wellhead protection in Massachusetts is available through the DEEP website.