

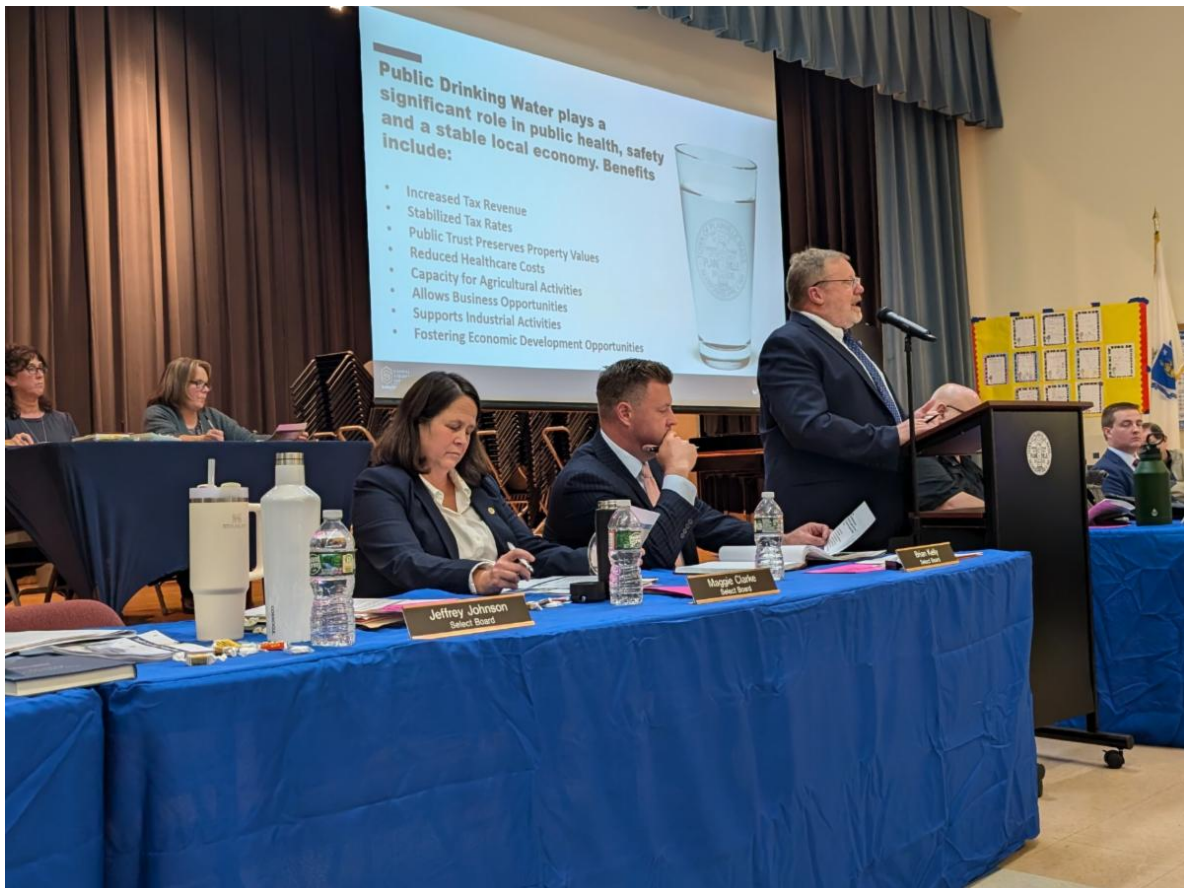


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A Big Step Forward: Town of Plainville Approves New Water Treatment Plant Replacement Project

At the October 7, 2024, Special Town Meeting, members of the Town of Plainville approved the much-anticipated Water Treatment Plant Replacement Project by a two-thirds majority vote. This critical decision will pave the way for improved water treatment infrastructure aimed at addressing concerns over PFAS contamination and ensuring safe drinking water for the community.
Supporting Plainville Every Step of the Way

As a trusted partner, Capital Strategic Solutions (CSS) has been working alongside the Town of Plainville and BETA to support and enhance their efforts to bring this project to fruition. Our team of former municipal employees specializes in delivering innovative and cost-effective services that maximize success while minimizing risks for our clients. Here's a look at how CSS has contributed to this project:

Content and Website Updates

CSS collaborated closely with the project team to develop and update the Water Treatment Plant Replacement webpage. This involved providing accurate, up-to-date project information, maintaining a calendar of events, and creating a user-friendly FAQ section. By enhancing the town's website, we ensured residents could easily access the latest updates about the project.

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Capital Strategic Solutions (CSS) is proud to announce that we have recently received Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certification in the states of Connecticut, Maine, and Vermont. These new certifications complement our existing DBE status in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, making us now certified in all six New England states, Florida and New Mexico. This milestone not only expands our opportunities to deliver critical services to municipalities and communities throughout the region but also reflects our commitment to inclusivity and diversity in business.

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Ensuring Safe Drinking Water: CSS Partners with Public Water Suppliers on Lead and Copper Rule Compliance

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At Capital Strategic Solutions (CSS), we are committed to safeguarding public health through comprehensive community-focused services. In collaboration with public water suppliers, we are taking a proactive approach to enhance water quality and meet regulatory compliance for lead and copper standards in the public water systems. This initiative not only helps protect residents but also sets a foundation for informed decision-making and future infrastructure improvements.

Key Project Objectives

Our team will undertake a systematic and accurate collection of data regarding lead and copper materials in the water distribution system and household plumbing. This data collection is essential for compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) and helps mitigate potential risks to the community's health. CSS's role includes a multifaceted community engagement and education strategy to maximize awareness, provide updates, and facilitate transparent communication.

Community Engagement and Education Strategy

1. **Lead in Drinking Water Webpage Content** To keep the community well-informed, CSS will develop content for a dedicated "Lead in Drinking Water" webpage. This page will include:
 - An overview of the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions.
 - ADA-compliant graphics, images, and maps to aid accessibility.
 - Regular updates on schedules and project milestones.
 - Streamlined contact information to assist residents with inquiries.

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Welcome Mary Ellen Kelley

Capital Strategic Solutions is proud to welcome Mary Ellen Kelley to our team as Senior Project Manager. Mary Ellen's extensive expertise in municipal finance, administration, and grant writing combined with her state and municipal experience and her passion for governance makes her a financial powerhouse. She has a collaborative work ethic that builds an environment of trust and brings people together.

Prior to joining CSS, Mary Ellen was the Chief Financial Officer for the City of Framingham, working for the community for years as a town, and overseeing its transition to a city. As the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administration and Finance Mary Ellen developed and managed a \$450 million annual operating budget, created the city's Capital Improvement Plan, and



successfully sought out and managed grants and federal funding. Mary Ellen is able to wear multiple hats and jump into new projects with an ease that ensures continuity of services. As Framingham transitioned into a city, she provided her keen insight into the reorganization of departments and senior positions. Her expert insight and willingness to make adjustments created a productive organization that was able to successfully fill positions with qualified candidates.

**Meet Mary
Ellen**

Welcome Joseph (Joe) Comperchio



Capital Strategic Solutions is excited to welcome Joe Comperchio to our team as Senior Project Manager. Joe is a law enforcement professional with more than 30 years of experience, and a talent for administration, compliance, and evaluation. With his attention to detail and acumen in public safety policy, Joe has served law enforcement in a myriad of roles. Serving as a Police Captain in Weymouth for over a decade, Joe was an instructor at the police academy and shared his expertise as a consultant for statewide bodies. Joe's dedication is comprehensive, and he leverages his transformational leadership style to foster trust and transparency within the community. Capital Strategic Solutions is looking forward to sharing Joe's experience with the communities we serve.

Joe's most recent work has been for the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission as an Assessment Compliance Manager. His experience with accreditation and assessment started during his time in Weymouth and has only grown over time. As an Assessment Compliance Manager, Joe takes in an abundant amount of data, reports, and assessments, applies the regulatory standards and submits his findings to the larger commission. This combines his meticulous eye with his understanding of big picture policy procedures.

Meet Joe



From MMA: Massachusetts Launches \$15M MBTA Communities Catalyst Fund

According to a recent news item from the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA), the State of Massachusetts announced that the application period is open for a new **MBTA Communities Catalyst Fund**, which will provide grants for housing and infrastructure projects to communities that are certified as complying with the MBTA Communities Act. The grants will be used to support activities related to housing creation, infrastructure projects associated with housing, and the acquisition of property to promote housing.

The **Notice of Funding Availability can be found online**, and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

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MA Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant Program Expressions of Interest Due November 1

According to a recent news item from the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA), the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant program is accepting Expression of Interest forms through November 1 for its fiscal 2026 Action Grant round.

According to the MMA, Action Grants offer financial assistance to municipalities and Native American tribes seeking to address climate change impacts and implement priority climate adaptation measures.

An Expression of Interest is not required, but preparing one allows potential applicants to receive feedback on up to two MVP Action Grant project ideas.

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From MMA: Massachusetts Governor Signs Bill Providing Required Local Match Funding for Federal Grants

According to a recent news item from the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA), Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey recently signed a bill to leverage interest from the state's rainy day fund to improve the competitive position of the state and its municipalities for federal dollars.

The governor had proposed the plan in a **bill she filed last October** to create a Commonwealth Federal Matching and Debt Reduction Fund as a funding source for the state and communities across the Commonwealth to help meet the required local match for grants. She proposed using up to \$750 million in interest generated annually by the state's stabilization fund, but the bill approved by the Legislature set the maximum annual contribution at about \$250 million.

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Town of Holbrook MA Offering Increased Salary Range for Director of Public Works/Superintendent Career Opportunity

Are you an innovative and motivated professional looking for a position that will help make a difference? Would you like to be part of a team and community that is driven to improve the lives and well-being of its residents? The Town of Holbrook is searching for a Director of Public Works/ Superintendent to lead a team of highly dedicated workers into the future and bring to the town expertise and experience in managing its vital public infrastructure.

As a Senior Manager with the Town, this position will join other dedicated employees and members of the community in their mission to consistently improve services and make a difference in the lives of those that live, work and visit the Town of Holbrook. As an added incentive, the Town is now offering an increased salary range of **\$130,000 to \$140,000** plus per year, depending on experience and qualifications.

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Norfolk County MA Seeks Dynamic, Innovative Chief Procurement Officer

Are you an experienced leader with a passion for procurement and public service? Do you know someone who possesses these qualities and is looking for a new opportunity with a competitive salary range?

Norfolk County, Massachusetts, is looking for a dynamic and innovative Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) to join our team. This is a chance to make a significant impact by driving efficient and effective procurement processes throughout Norfolk County.

Norfolk County offers a competitive salary of **\$70,000-\$90,000** annually and comprehensive benefits package and opportunities for continuous learning and career advancement.

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Town of Medfield Seeking Innovative, Experienced Wastewater Chief Operator

Are you looking to fill a vital role on a collaborative and supportive team? Would you like to work for a town that appreciates and values its public workers? The Town of Medfield is searching for a Chief Operator for its Wastewater Treatment Plant. As a critical member of the Department of Public Works team, the Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator oversees the town's wastewater treatment operations, ensuring the health and safety of our environment and residents.

In addition to excellent pay range of **\$35.20-\$44.63 per hour** and health benefits, Medfield also offers a stable public retirement plan and competitive leave policies.

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From MMA: Massachusetts Municipal Aggregation Guidelines Aim to Streamline Application Process

About Us...



Capital Strategic Solutions (CSS) is a Massachusetts-based certified woman-owned, disadvantaged business enterprise comprised of municipal experts. We deliver creative and cost-effective services that maximize success while minimizing risk for our clients. We have hands-on experience that allows us to formulate and implement strategies tailored to the communities we serve. We specialize in public administration and municipal finance, human resources and policy development, emergency management services and public safety, public works and infrastructure operations, public relations and community engagement, project management and oversight, grant writing and administration, and public management and support services.

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