

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

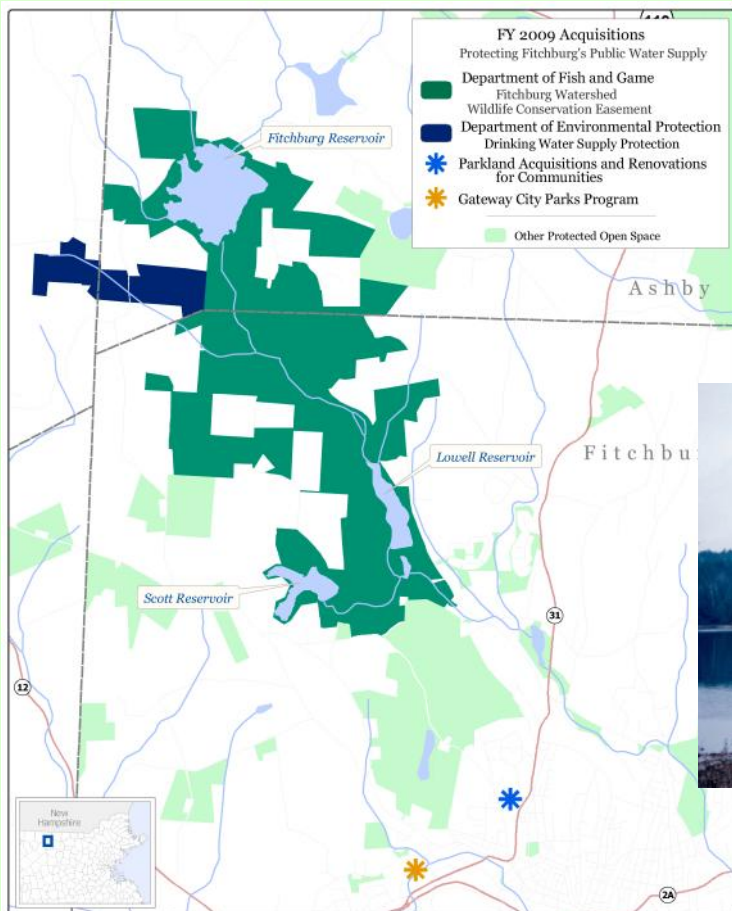


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Conserving key parcels of vulnerable land in order to prevent contamination from inappropriate land uses is vital to ensuring that the Commonwealth will always have an abundant supply of clean water. In FY09, the **Drinking Water Supply Protection** Program contributed 372 acres to the Commonwealth’s land conservation efforts at a cost of \$1.4 million. This DEP conservation program provides grants to municipalities and public water systems to purchase land or conservation restrictions in order to protect existing public drinking water supplies. Since 2005, the Commonwealth has invested more than \$7.2 million to protect 1,744 acres of land in strategic locations across the state as part of a comprehensive approach to protect drinking water sources.

Funds Expended	\$1.4 million
Acres Protected	372
Total Projects	7
Communities	6

Fitchburg, 2009 Acquisitions



Two exemplary DEP land conservation projects – the Crocker/Cassano and Rice land acquisitions – permanently protect the water supply in the city of Fitchburg. These acquisitions ensure that 173 acres of land critical to water supply are protected from development. In addition, the DFG purchased a 1,875 acre conservation restriction over Fitchburg water supply lands.

