

WARNER GROUNDWATER PROTECTION Newsletter

PROTECTING WARNER'S DRINKING WATER FOR OUR FUTURE

WHAT IS THE PROPOSED GROUNDWATER PROTECTION ORDINANCE OVERLAY DISTRICT?

Key Takeaways from the Proposed Groundwater Protection Ordinance (GPO)

🔧 The GPO gives Warner some local protection over groundwater supplies from new or expanded uses within the proposed Groundwater Protection Overlay District.

🔧 The GPO includes a Map (a protective Zoning District over the aquifer and wellhead protection areas which provide our public drinking water), a list of Prohibited uses, and a list of Conditional uses.

🔧 The GPO is administered by the Planning Board.

🔧 **Permitted uses** in the GPO and underlying district are those not listed as Conditional or Prohibited.

🔧 **Prohibited uses** in the GPO District:

- 1) Would be grandfathered if in operation at the time the ordinance is adopted;

- 2) May receive a variance from the ZBA; or
- 3) May be allowed elsewhere in Warner.

🔧 **Conditional uses** in the GPO District are allowed provided the applicant puts a few extra protections in place.

What Does the Proposed GPO NOT Do?

- 💧 The proposed GPO District does not cover the entire Town.
- 💧 Taxes and water bills will not be raised as a result of the GPO.
- 💧 The proposed GPO will not impact existing non-conforming land uses unless they seek to expand.
- 💧 Residential uses are not impacted.
- 💧 The GPO will not impact any land uses which are not listed as Prohibited or Conditional.

WHAT DOES THE PROPOSED GPO DO?

Over the underground aquifer and the existing wellhead protection area, the Proposed Groundwater Protection Ordinance:

- ✓ Protects our drinking water from future contamination.
- ✓ Prohibits new *specific industrial-type uses* like hazardous waste, dumps, and junkyards.
- ✓ Allows for new business development.
- ✓ Covers the area shown on the Map on the reverse of this Newsletter ->

For more information about the GPO including Newsletters and Fact Sheets, visit the Warner Groundwater Protection Committee webpage at:

<https://WarnerNH.gov/gpc>

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What Does the Proposed GPO NOT Do?, cont.

- ◆ Your personal vehicles and fuel storage (lawn mowers, cars, tanks, etc) are not affected by the GPO.
- ◆ Residential fertilizers and pesticides are not impacted.
- ◆ Conditional uses can still locate within the GPO District with Planning Board approval.
- ◆ Whether or not the proposed GPO passes, new development that could impact our groundwater still has to comply with applicable local, state and federal regulations.

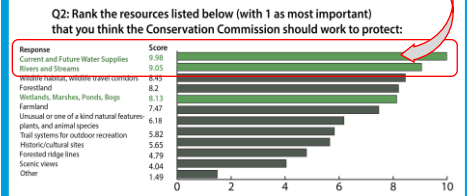
Watch for the Proposed Groundwater Protection Ordinance (GPO) on the March 14 Ballot!

After the January 9 and January 30 Planning Board public hearings, the Board voted 5-0 to place the proposed Groundwater Protection Ordinance (GPO) on the March Town Meeting 2023 ballot. The WGPC is pleased to have obtained a strong recommendation based on Board's vote.

We need your help to vote Yes and support this important Zoning Ordinance amendment that will give Warner some local control over groundwater protection.

Did you know?

The Warner Conservation Commission's 2021 survey of residents indicated a strong desire for water supply protection. 🗳️



Find the full (& larger scale) results on the Conservation Commission's webpage:

<https://warner.nh.us/departments/conservation/>

PROPOSED GROUNDWATER PROTECTION OVERLAY DISTRICT AREA

