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Water Infrastructure Support Program

We help New England's resident and nonprofit-owned manufactured housing communities get funding to create safe and reliable water infrastructure

What is WISP?

CDI has worked with manufactured homeowners across New England since 2009, helping them cooperatively purchase and democratically manage their neighborhoods. CDI is now launching the Water Infrastructure Support Program (WISP) to help both resident- and nonprofit-owned communities access the funding to build safe and reliable water and wastewater infrastructure.

Manufactured-home communities (MHCs) are an essential source of affordable housing for New England. But often their infrastructure is at the end of its useful lifespan, so major investment is needed to sustain these affordable communities for the long term.

WISP bridges the gap between the worlds of water infrastructure funding--traditionally geared towards municipalities--and MHCs. This program provides **FREE technical and managerial support** to connect eligible MHCs across New England with available funding sources, including USDA-Rural Development.

What services are offered?

- Assess existing technical, managerial and financial condition
- Report findings and make recommendations
- Draft policies and procedures

- Environmental Review
- Permitting Assistance
- Preliminary engineering and final design

- Identify funding sources
- Help to apply for funding
- Financial planning and project sequencing

- Disbursement support
- Funding requirement compliance
- Capital improvement planning



Assessment

Project Development

Secure Funding

Project Implementation

Who is eligible?

To be eligible, the MHC in New England must be:

- Resident-owned or nonprofit-owned
- In a USDA Water and Environmental Program (WEP) eligible area (tinyurl.com/2p9ea4yk)
- In a town with under 10,000 people and a median household income lower than the state median
CT \$88,069 ● MA \$82,128 ● ME \$49,754
NH \$67,105 ● RI \$81,311 ● VT \$55,307



CDI can quickly determine if your MHC is eligible when you contact us at cdi.coop/wisp

How can I request assistance?



To learn more and request assistance, visit cdi.coop/wisp or email wisp@cdi.coop