

VII. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The goal of this element is to identify individuals and positions that will help develop and implement the WHPP and outline their responsibilities. This is generally accomplished by creating a local wellhead protection team and establishing the appropriate role and responsibilities for each team member. Given the dynamic nature of wellhead protection, it is important to acknowledge that roles and responsibilities will change over time and that planning for this change is essential.

Although the MDEQ requires that only one person be identified as the WHP contact for the City, the long term success of the WHPP depends on the effectiveness of the Wellhead Protection Team and the continuing education and awareness of groundwater issues within the local community. Most communities have interested citizens and uniquely qualified individuals who have lived in the area for years and can contribute greatly to the long-term success of the WHPP.

For Harbor Springs, a joint Wellhead Protection Team has been established which includes the following representatives:

➤	Wayne Chellis	West Traverse Township
➤	Bob Morris	HSASDA
➤	William Dohm	Little Traverse Township
➤	Dan Begnoche	Env. Health Dept. Supervisor
➤	Dick Schiller	Fire Chief
➤	Peter Pallas	Northern Diecast Corp.
➤	Joe Chattaway	Zoning Board, Little Traverse Township
➤	Frederick Ward	Harbor Springs Water & Street Superintendent
➤	Ron McRae	Harbor Springs City Clerk
➤	Erik Johnson	Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering, Inc.
➤	Jack Sommerville	Pleasantview Township

The Wellhead Protection Team represents the “stakeholders” of the community and the Team has provided input and guidance on how the area manages its water supply, and how to best implement continuing management strategies to help protect the area’s groundwater. The Team reflects the reality that the groundwater reaching the existing production wells does not recognize property boundaries, and a cooperative effort with the area communities is necessary to effectively manage land uses and development within the wellhead delineation areas.

The Wellhead Protection Team members listed above, and others, have been responsible for the development and implementation of the WHPP. The Team has met on numerous occasions to evaluate and develop the elements of the WHPP. Additionally, the Team will be instrumental in future revisions or changes in the program. The Wellhead Protection Team will meet once a year to review the WHPP relative to changes or plans in the community. More frequent meetings will be scheduled if needed. The agenda of the annual Wellhead Protection Team meetings will minimally include a review/update of the contaminant source inventory and a review of the City’s water production. Additional items that may be addressed include:

- Current wellhead protection education/awareness efforts
- New wellhead protection education/awareness ideas and recommendations
- Other communities’ WHP programs
- Review of any changes in MDEQ WHP guidance
- Abandoned well closures
- Review effectiveness of the WHP management options

At a minimum of every three years, the Wellhead Protection Team will assist in the Contaminant Source Inventory update. Interim updates will be conducted as necessary.

Initial goals of the program were developed by the Wellhead Protection Team to provide guidance for the future management strategies for the implementation of the program. Program goals are included in Attachment D.

Harbor Springs' Wellhead Protection Plan specifies certain responsibilities for the long-term implementation of the Program. These responsibilities should be reviewed, the effectiveness evaluated, and appropriate action taken to ensure the long-term success of the City's Wellhead Protection Program. Specific lead and support responsibilities are identified in the Action Plan presented earlier in this report.