

**State of West Virginia
Source Water Assessment and
Protection Program
Source Water Assessment Report**

**Charles Town PSD
Jefferson County
PWSID: WV3301905**



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**Surface Water Public Water Supply Systems
Source Water Assessment and Protection Program (SWAPP)
Susceptibility Report**

*November 2002 Report – R.D. Zande and Associates, Inc.
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What Is The Purpose of a Susceptibility Report?

A susceptibility report identifies the most significant potential significant contaminant sources that could threaten the quality of the general public's water supply. A public water supply's susceptibility ranking does not indicate poor water quality. Regular testing of both the raw water and finished water best reflects actual water quality conditions. This susceptibility report will be used by the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, hereinafter referred to as the WVBPH, and the public water supply systems to identify the quality of the source water and what techniques may be required to improve the water quality in the future. In addition, this report will enhance West Virginia's existing watershed approach to water quality improvement and protection. **Table 1** provides you information on your public water supply.

Table 1: Public Water Supply (PWS) Information

PWS Name	Charles Town PSD
PWS Address	P.O. Box 359 Charles Town, West Virginia 25414
PWS ID Number	WV3301905
County	Jefferson
System Type	Community

What Is The Source Water Assessment and Protection Program?

The Source Water Assessment and Protection Program, also known as SWAPP, was established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, requires every state in the United States to:

- Delineate the area from which a public water supply system receives its water;
- Inventory land uses within the recharge areas of all public water supplies;
- Assess the susceptibility of drinking water sources to contamination from these land uses; and
- Publicize the results to provide support for improved protection of sources.

R.D. Zande & Associates, Inc., hereinafter referred to as RDZ, in conjunction with WVBPH, is undertaking the second and third requirements of the SWAPP. The final task will be undertaken by the WVBPH upon completion of the first three (3) tasks. The rankings of susceptibility of the Charles Town Public Service District's intake(s) to potential contamination are listed in **Table 2**.

Table 2: Intake Information

Facility Name	Source Name	Design Meets Regulations	Susceptibility Ranking
Charles Town Public Service District	Shenandoah River	Yes	High

RDZ assessed the source water treated by the Charles Town PSD based upon three (3) sources of information. The three (3) sources that RDZ utilized were field reconnaissance, personnel interviews, and the analysis of water quality data. The data review, the personnel interviews, and the field reconnaissance were conducted within the Zone of Critical Concern, hereinafter referred to as ZCC. Upon completion of the necessary fieldwork and data review, the results were analyzed, and the findings were used to produce the assessment report. A brief summary of each of the information sources used is listed below.

- **Field Reconnaissance**

On the site visit that began on October 29, 2002, RDZ began conducting the field reconnaissance survey for the Charles Town ZCC. This field reconnaissance survey consisted of the verification of existing Potential significant contaminant sources, hereinafter referred to as PCSs, through the use of Global Positioning System, also known as GPS, equipment and the identification of new PCSs using GPS equipment. The GPS equipment utilized for the PCSs was the Trimble Geo Explorer III-C, which generated latitude and longitude in decimal degrees. The unit also had the ability to be differentially corrected to +/- 5 meters of accuracy. The field survey at each PCS also consisted of a minimum of 30 counts at five-second (5 sec) intervals with a PDOP of six (6) to ensure accuracy. Four (4) existing PCSs were identified and surveyed and a total of twelve (12) new PCSs were identified and surveyed. Upon completion of the GPS locating of the existing and new PCSs, a field information sheet, and the accompanying digital photograph(s), was completed for each PCS. This information was then transferred to a Microsoft Access database that will be provided to the WVBPH for further source water analysis. A map identifying all the known PCSs in the Charles Town ZCC is included in the back of this report.

A majority of the PCSs located within the ZCC was considered to have a low threat to the source water. Of the sixteen PCSs identified in the ZCC, ten (10) PCSs were considered a low threat to the source water, while only four (4) posed a high threat. It was determined that all but five (5) of the PCSs found in the Charles Town ZCC had a source category of agriculture. In addition to field verification of the existing PCS, the above information is also a result of a combination of information verification methods, including business directory research, agency database research, and a windshield survey, being conducted for the Charles Town ZCC.

- **Personnel Interviews**

Personnel interviews were conducted by RDZ on November 6, 2002 at sites where PCSs were located and at the water treatment plant in the Charles Town ZCC. Interviews with personnel from the Charles Town water treatment plant indicated that both the raw water that was being used to provide the potable drinking water and the potable drinking water meet the requirements of the federal and state governments' guidelines.

- **PCS Photographs**

Per the requirements of the contract between the WVBPH and RDZ, digital photographs were taken at both the existing and newly identified PCSs. The photographs and the Photograph Index Sheet, which will be utilized by the WVBPH in identifying the location of the PCS while in the field, will be provided to the WVBPH in a digital format upon the submittal of this report.

- **Inaccessible Areas**

A few inaccessible did exist in the Charles Town ZCC they were a result of the lack of accessible roads. There were also areas that were inaccessible due to their location on private property. Some PCSs were inaccessible due to locked gates that prevented vehicular access.

- **Miscellaneous Notes**

Due to the lack of Geographic Information System (GIS) information from the State of Virginia, final quantities and percentages for some of the information contained in this report is limited to the WV state boundary. It is hoped that complete GIS information for surrounding states will be available and incorporated into this report in the future.

What Is My Source Water Protection Area (SWPA)?

Unlike ground water aquifers, which have a natural protective layer above them, all surface waters are

susceptible to contamination because they are exposed at the surface and lack a protective barrier from contamination. Accidental spills, releases, sudden precipitation events that result in overland runoff, or storm sewer discharges can allow pollutants to readily enter the source water and potentially contaminant the drinking water at the intake. Because of this, the Source Water Protection Area, hereinafter referred to as the SWPA, consists of two (2) types of delineations, which include the Watershed Delineation Area and the Zone of Critical Concern.

- **Watershed Delineation Area**

The first type of delineation is the Watershed Delineation Area referred to as WSDA, which covers approximately 162,156.5 acres in the Shenandoah River Watershed (Figure 1). The WSDA includes the entire watershed area upstream of the intake, and includes waters from the State of West Virginia and the State of Virginia. The perimeter of the catchment area provides the water to the water treatment plant's supply intake. The WSDA for the Charles Town area consisted mainly of agricultural land uses, pasture fields, and crop fields, mainly corn. Limited areas of industrial or commercial land uses were also found.

- **Zone of Critical Concern**

The second type of delineation is the Zone of Critical Concern. Figure 2 shows the Charles Town ZCC area, which covers approximately 8,594 acres. The ZCC is a corridor along streams within the WSDA area that warrants a more detailed inventory and management due to its proximity to the surface source water intake and to the susceptibility to PCSs. The ZCC is calculated using a mathematical model that accounts for stream flows, gradient, and area topography. The length of the ZCC is based on a five-hour (5 hour) time of travel. The ZCC width is approximately 1,000' from each bank of the principal receiving stream (for a total width of 2,000') and 500' from each bank of each tributary (for a total width of 1,000') draining into the principal receiving stream. The development around the ZCC consisted mainly of agricultural areas, pasture fields and crops, and small areas of residential communities.

What Is Susceptibility?

Susceptibility is a measure of the potential for contamination of a water treatment plant's intake from land uses and activities within the SWPA at concentrations that pose a concern to the general public. The purpose of the susceptibility analysis is to provide an indicator to what type of action a general public water system should take to further define and reduce susceptibility. This action may include recommendations for a more detailed inventory and assessment, additional monitoring work, or an indication of the type and intensity of source water and other protection activities needed.

The possibility of a release from PCSs is greatly reduced if best management practices, also referred to as BMPs, are utilized. However, the susceptibility determination for a particular intake does not take into account whether or not BMPs are being utilized.

Susceptibility of a drinking water intake does not mean a customer will drink the contaminated water. Water suppliers protect the drinking water by monitoring and treating water supplies and using BMPs and source water protection measures to ensure that safe water is delivered to the customer's water tap.

How Was The Water Supply Susceptibility Determined?

The susceptibility of the Charles Town ZCC is based on the following components:

- Resource Characterization;
- Summary of Raw and Finished Water Quality; and
- Summary of Chemical and Biological Water Quality.

Resource Characterization

The purpose for conducting the Resource Characterization analysis of the delineated SWPA is to obtain an understanding of its physical, biological, chemical, and hydrological characteristics. The following four (4) resource characteristics were analyzed and evaluated:

- The potential for surface runoff to occur;
- The ease that surface runoff transport material can be delivered into the stream;
- The movement through the SWAP area; and
- The biological and chemical health of the surface water resource in the SWAP area.

Potential for Surface Runoff to Occur

The soil types present in the watershed area and the associated soil properties have a direct influence on the potential for surface runoff to occur. As the infiltration rate of the soil increases (that is, as more precipitation soaks in rather than running off), the contaminant loads associated with the reduced runoff should decrease. **Table 3** provides a summary of the associated soil groups.

Table 3: Summary of Soil Associations in the WSDA*

Soil Associations	Soil Drainage	Topographic Setting
Am – Alluvial land	Moderately Drained	Steep to nearly level
BeD – Benevola	Well drained	Steep to nearly level
BrC3 – Braddock gravelly	Moderately drained	Gently sloping
BrD – Braddock gravelly	Well drained	Very steep
BrD3 – Braddock gravelly	Moderately drained	Gently sloping
DgB – Duffield	Poorly Drained	Nearly level
DgC3 – Dffield	Moderately drained	Steep to nearly level
DgD3 – Duffield	Well drained	Very steep
FbC – Frankstown shaly	Well Drained	Very steep
FbD3 – Frankstown shaly	Well drained	Very steep
HfB – Hagerstown & Frederick	Moderately drained	Very steep
HiC3 – Hagerstown & Frederick	Moderately Drained	Very steep
Hn – Huntington silt	Moderately drained	Steep to nearly level
Ho – Huntington silt	Moderately Drained	Steep to nearly level
Lf –Landes fine sandy	Moderately drained	Steep to nearly level

*This information is limited to the WSDA within the state boundaries of West Virginia.

Ease of movement of material into the Stream System (Rate of Overland Material Transport)

The size, shape, and slope of the SWAP area have a direct influence on material transported by surface runoff. In general, the longer the overland travel distance and travel time that surface runoff water has taken in order to reach a stream channel, the greater the chance the water has to deposit and filter the contaminants that may occur. **Table 4** provides an analysis of the size, shape, and slope, of the Charles Town WSDA.

Table 4: Hydrologic Setting

Size of WSDA Area (mi. ²)	253.37
Shape of WSDA Area	Long & Narrow
Stream Length (Main Stem) (mi.)	45.4
Average Watershed Slope	10-30%

Movement of Water through the Watershed Area

A number of physical and natural factors can influence the movement of water through the SWAP area. The pattern and development of the drainage network of the SWAP area directly influence the rate of water movement. Evaluation of the hydrologic cycle will provide an indication of the amount of annual rainfall that is absorbed into the ground or becomes runoff. **Table 5** summarizes the total mileage of streams contained in the WSDA, the average stream gradients of the main stem, the average rainfall, the nearest relevant USGS stream gauge, the distance to the stream gauge, the topographic position of the stream gauge, the annual mean discharge, the high flow, and the low flow.

Table 5: Movement of Water

Number of Stream Miles (mi.)	258.04
Average Stream Gradient (Main Stem)	0.69 ft./mi.
Average Rainfall (in.)	39
Nearest Relevant USGS Stream Gauge (mi.)	01636500 Shenandoah River @ Millville, WV
Distance to Relevant USGS Stream Gauge (mi.)	3.8
USGS Stream Gauge Topographic Position	Downstream
Annual Mean Discharge (cfs)	338405 (2002)
Highest Daily Mean Flow (cfs)	192,000 (10-16-42)
Lowest Daily Mean Flow (cfs)	194 (7-24-30)

Review of Water Quality Data

In order to characterize the condition of the surface water within the watershed, the available chemical and biological water quality data was obtained and reviewed. This data was collected as part of the WVBPH, and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, also known as the WVDEP, implementation of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act. Water Quality Data, hereinafter referred to as WQD, was then evaluated to help provide direct indicators to a source of contamination and to direct the focus for additional source evaluations. Additionally, immediate source water protection efforts will be identified by this review.

Available water quality data includes test results from treated drinking water, finished water, and untreated source water, also known as raw water, that was conducted by the water supplier. Additional water data, including ambient water chemistry, biological criteria, and monitoring, and habitat was also evaluated. The sampling requirements for public water systems vary depending on the type of system and the federal regulated testing requirements. As a result, the lack of water quality impacts may indicate the lack of a certain sampling measures rather than a lack of potential contamination.

Summary of Raw and Finished Water Quality Results from Public Water System

Water sampling conducted for the Charles Town PSD indicated that raw water turbidity levels were measured at a level of 0.48 ntu, which were higher than allowed. All other contaminants tested were well within the guidelines established by federal and state governing agencies. Upon analysis of the available water data, the Charles Town PSD system reported no violations during 2001 and that they met all federal and state standards for the same time period.

There have no occasions have the observed concentrations exceeded the established MCLs for the parameters set for the finished water. For any additional information concerning the quality of the finished water, please review the Consumer Confidence Report for a yearly summary of the water quality.

Summary of Chemical and Biological Water Quality Results from the West Virginia DEP

Not Available

Summary of Other Available Chemical and Biological Water Quality Data

Not Available

Potential Significant Contaminant Sources (PCSs):

Inventory of Potential significant contaminant sources

The purpose for providing an inventory of certain types of land uses, a listing of PCSs, and activities within the SWAP area, is to aid in reducing the risk posed to the general public's drinking water supply. The following provides information regarding the methodology used to generate the inventories.

The inventory portion of the SWAP consists of two (2) steps:

- The first step is the broad inventory based primarily on regulated and existing databases. The inventory consists of a general land use analysis, the identification of regulated activities in the delineated WSDA areas, and an analysis of road and rail crossings adjacent to the streams in the WSDA area.
- The second step is the detailed inventory of PCSs in the ZCC. The detailed source inventory is conducted to verify existing PCSs and to identify new PCSs that were not captured in the broad regulated source inventory and to field verify the PCSs in the ZCC. PCSs located during the inventory are found on Figure 2.

A detailed risk-assessment of the PCSs was beyond the scope of this survey because of minimal data and resources. Local decision makers should do the detailed risk analysis because they are better suited to make the bridge from assessment work to protective strategies. The West Virginia SWAP program can provide guidance to the decision makers and help in prioritizing the PCSs.

Summary of the Detailed Inventory

Table 6 is a summary of the detailed inventory of potential significant contaminant sources (PCSs) in the ZCC. The detailed source inventory was conducted to identify PCSs that were not identified in the existing database review and to verify the location of the PCSs within the ZCC.

Table 6: Summary of PCSs within the ZCC

Potential Contaminant Source	Total PCSs	Percent (%)
Agriculture	11	68.75
Residential	0	0.00
Municipal	4	25
Commercial	1	6.25
Industrial	0	0

• Transportation Network

A summary of the transportation network is shown in **Table 7**. This information can be used to aid in planning for transportation related accidents that could result in contamination of the source water in the delineated WSDA. **Table 8** is a summary of the transportation network stream crossings in the WSDA. Please note that miles of railroad tracks could be less due to decommissioning of the previously mentioned railroad tracks. In addition, the 9 stream crossings provide the opportunity for an accidental spill / release of materials to get directly into the stream drainage network. Source water protection efforts should be directed towards the establishment of an effective and efficient emergency response plan if one does not currently exist.

Table 7: Transportation Network Summary for WSDA*

	Within 100 feet of Stream	Total
Miles of Interstate (mi.)	0.0	0.0
Miles of Primary Roads (mi.)	0.2	5.5
Miles of Secondary Roads (mi.)	0.0	0.0
Miles of Railroads (mi.)	0.1	8.4

*This information is limited to the WSDA within the state boundaries of West Virginia.

Table 8: Transportation Network Stream Crossings in the WSDA*

	Interstate	Primary Roads	Secondary Roads	Railroads
Number of Stream Crossings	0	4	0	5

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- **General Land Use**

The general land use analysis will provide an indication of which land uses are predominate throughout the SWAP area, near the water intake, or adjacent to the rivers, streams, lakes, and reservoirs. The land use in the SWAP area is shown in **Table 9**. The total acreage contained within the Charles Town WSDA is approximately 162,156.5 and the total acreage contained within the Charles Town ZCC is approximately 8,594 acres.

Table 9: General Land Use*

LAND USE	WSDA Area (acres)	WSDA (%)	ZCC Area (acres)	ZCC (%)
Shrub Land	10.45	0.03	0.67	0.01
Woodland	11,629.86	33.56	2,871.16	37.94
Water	1,191.83	3.44	1,115.99	14.75
Roads	0	0	0	0
Power lines	159.68	0.46	22.02	0.29
Urban	501.73	1.45	87.62	1.16
Agriculture	20,545.79	59.29	3,318.18	43.85
Barren	264.21	0.76	40.48	0.53
Wetland	348.72	1.01	111.64	1.48

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SWAPP Area Assessment and Protection Activities

Analysis of the Resource Characterization and potential significant contaminant sources of the SWAP area for the Charles Town PSD indicates that the water supply is susceptible to possible future contamination based on the following:

- ✓ The steep topographic setting, and the size of the WSDA present an increased potential for contamination. In addition, the 9 stream crossings provide the opportunity for an accidental release/spill of material to easily get directly into the stream drainage network. Source water protection efforts should be directed toward the establishment of an effective and efficient emergency response plan if one does not currently exist.

Recommendations:

- ✓ Protection efforts should focus on the collection of additional information on the point and non-point sources present to evaluate the risk;
- ✓ Work with the Department of Health and Human Resources, other state agencies and local officials to make sure your intake is included in local regulations and inspections efforts;
- ✓ Restrict access to the intake area and post the area with Drinking Water Protection Area signs;
- ✓ Address any biological contaminant issues; and
- ✓ Protection options need to be actively considered to further evaluate and manage all potential contaminant sources and the Charles Town PSD public water supply should place a high priority on protecting its supply source.

NEXT STEP – SWAP Protection Plan

The next step in source water protection planning is to prepare a SWAP protection plan. The SWAP protection plan incorporates this source water delineation assessment report and three additional sections: Contingency Planning, Alternative Sources, and Management Planning.

Contingency Planning

A contingency plan documents the system's planned response to interruption of the source water supply.

Alternative Sources

Information pertaining to alternative water sources focusing on long-term source replacement should the system be required to develop a new source of water due to contamination (or other reasons). This section outlines the most likely sources that can be used as an alternate water source.

Management Planning

Management planning is the most important element of SWAP. The management plan identifies specific activities that will be pursued by the system to protect their water resources. The system will benefit by taking a proactive approach to source water protection in their watersheds. It is anticipated that most of the management effort will focus on coordination with government agencies and periodic surveys of the watersheds. It may be necessary to conduct a limited number of special studies to determine actual risk and consequences for selected contaminant sources. This information may be needed before decisions can be made on management activities.

Need additional information?

Visit the BPH web site at www.wvdhhr.org/bph/swap or call 304-558-2981 to obtain additional information.

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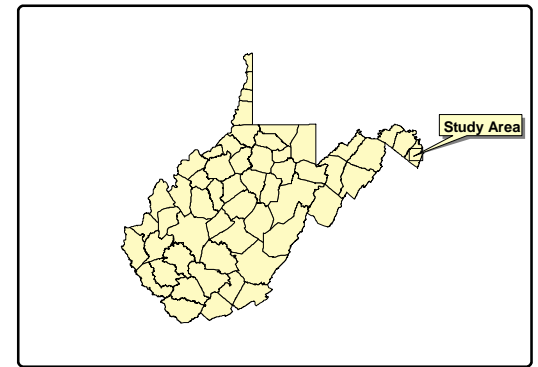
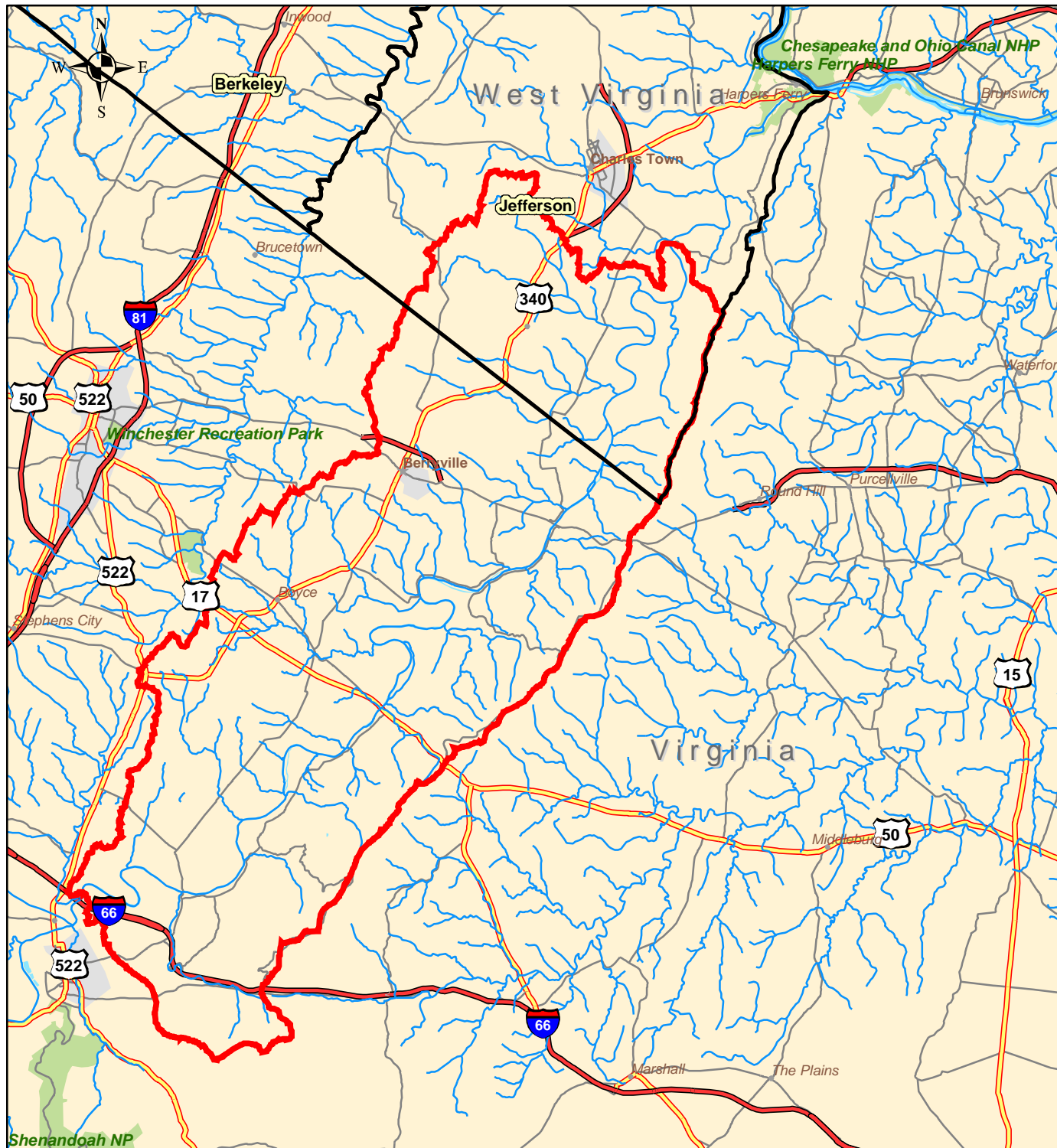
Glossary:

Best Management Practices (BMPs) are operational procedures used to prevent or reduce pollution.

Public Water System (PWS) is a system for the provision to the public of pipe water for human consumption, if such system has at least 15 service or regularly serves an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days of the year.

Water Quality Data is used to help assess both the potential pathogen contamination and other compliance monitoring (Nitrates) parameters associated with public water supplies.

Potential Significant Contaminant Source (PCS) is a facility or activity that stores, uses, or produces chemicals or elements, and has the potential to release contaminants identified in the state program within a source water protection area in an amount, which could contribute significantly to the contaminants of the source waters of the public water supply.



Map Key

Watershed Delineation Area



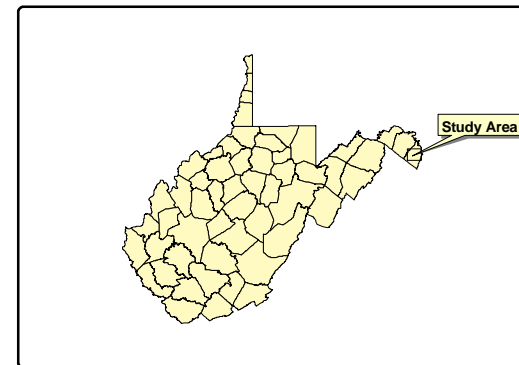
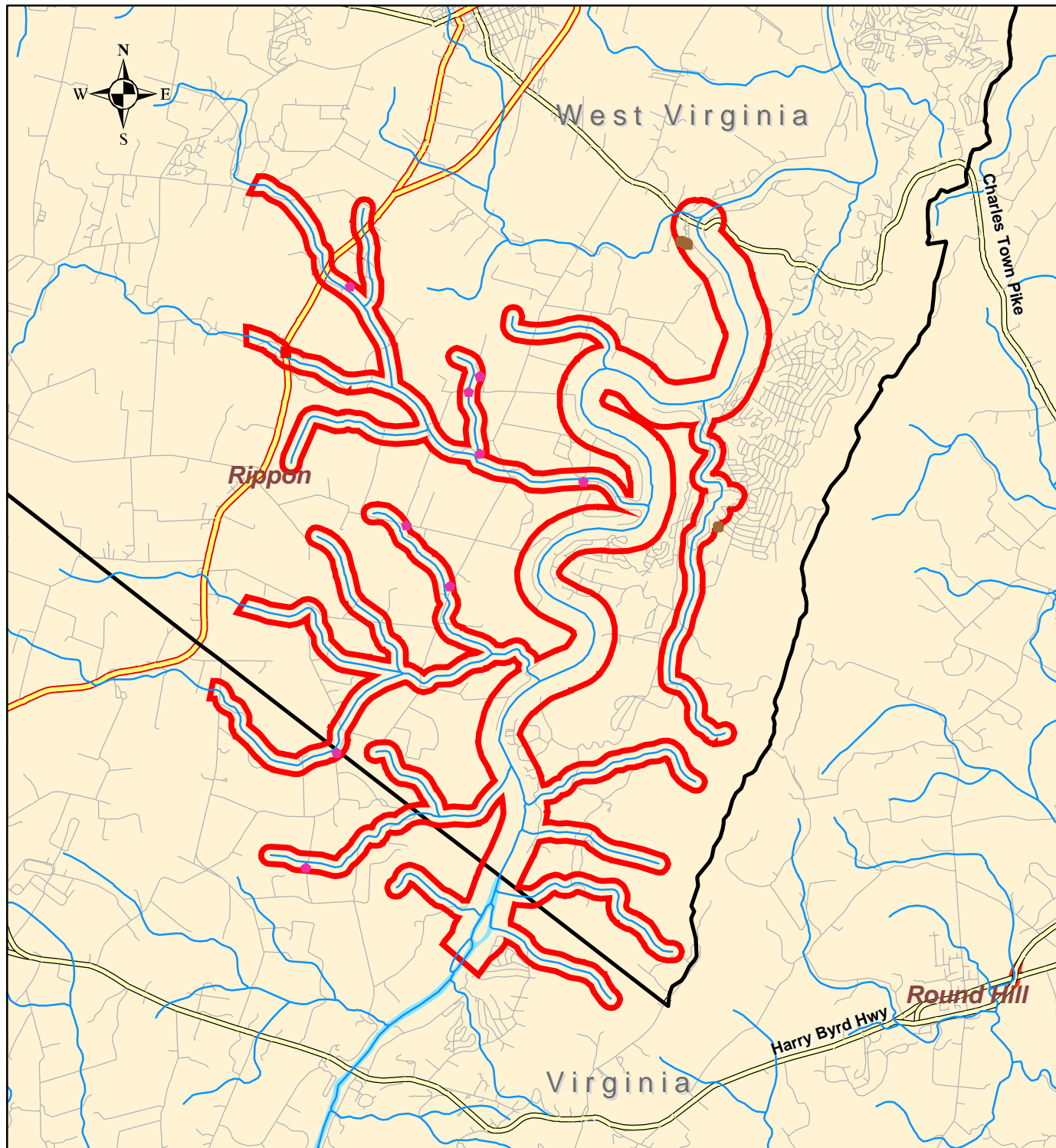
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Source locations not included for reasons of security

Charles Town Water Dept. Watershed Delineation Area WV3301905 Jefferson County

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Map Key

Potential Contaminant Sources

- Agriculture
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Municipal
- Residential
- Zone of Critical Concern



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Charles Town Water Dept. Zone of Critical Concern WV301905 Jefferson County

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