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Natural Resources Inventory
Reservoirs and Water Supply Watersheds
[As opening paragraph]

By law, all land owned by a water company or acquired from it through an involuntary transfer falls into three classes.

Class I includes watershed land nearest to water supply sources, (e. g. , within 250 feet of a reservoir, 200 feet of a well, or 100 feet of a watercourse). It also includes certain environmentally sensitive lands, such as those that are steeply sloped or where bedrock is less than 20 inches from the soil surface.

Class II land is (1) on the public drinking supply watershed but not included in class I and (2) completely off the watershed but within 150 feet of a reservoir or a major stream that runs into it.

Class III consists of the rest of the company's land. DPH regulations establish criteria and performance standards for the three classes (CGS § 25-37c).

The law requires a water company to obtain a DPH permit to (1) sell, lease, assign, or otherwise dispose of Class I or Class II land or (2) change the use of such land except under limited circumstances related to recreational uses (CGS § 25-32). The permitting requirements do not apply to Class III land.

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The “aquifer protection area” represents the total land area that contributes to the aquifer and is estimated to be about **226** acres.