

# NYS Drinking Source Water Protection Scorecard

Version 1, September 2016



<b>Water Source:</b>	
<b>Scorecard Completed By:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Score:</b>	

Place a "1" in the box corresponding with your answer for each line.

See Instructions for guidance

1. Source Water Assessment	YES	NO	UNSURE	N/A
1a. Does your water source have a <b>Source Water Assessment</b> ?				
1b. Does it include an <b>accurate and complete watershed map</b> defining your drinking water supply's watershed?				
1c. Does it accurately catalog <b>all potential hazards</b> ?				
1d. Does its land use assessment characterize the <b>risk from urban stormwater runoff</b> ?				
1e. Does its land use assessment characterize the <b>risk from agricultural runoff</b> ?				
1f. Is it <b>easily accessible to the public</b> ?				

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2. Source Water Protection Program	YES	NO	UNSURE	N/A
2a. Does your water source have a <b>Source Water Protection Program</b> ?				
2b. Does it address <b>all potential threats</b> identified in the Source Water Assessment?				
2c. Are <b>priority projects</b> being implemented?				
2d. Is there a <b>dedicated source of funding</b> for source water protection projects?				
2e. Are <b>one or more staff members</b> in your municipality dedicated to source water protection?				

3. Watershed Management Planning	YES	NO	UNSURE	N/A
3a. Is there a <b>comprehensive watershed management plan</b> that includes your source waters?				
3b. Does the plan include <b>specific prioritized projects</b> , including what agencies have authority to act, and potential funding sources?				
3c. Is there an <b>intermunicipal council</b> devoted to implementing the management plan?				
3d. Is there an <b>active citizens group</b> focused on protection/restoration of this watershed?				
3e. Is there a <b>dedicated source of funding</b> to implement management plan priorities?				

4. Land Use	YES	NO	UNSURE	N/A
4a. Do those who drink the water have <b>jurisdiction over land use decision making</b> in your source watershed?				
4b. Has the Department of Health promulgated <b>local Watershed Rules and Regulations</b> ?				
4c. Are Watershed Rules and Regulations <b>complete and up to date</b> ?				
4d. Does your municipality have agreements with municipalities in your watershed related to drinking water protection?				
4e. Is your source watershed designated as a <b>Sole, Primary or Principal Aquifer, a Critical Environmental Area or Special Planning District</b> ?				
4f. Do all municipalities in your watershed have <b>local laws protecting streams, wetlands and steep slopes</b> in your source water area?				

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5. Streams	YES	NO	UNSURE	N/A
5a. Are <b>all streams accurately classified</b> to protect drinking water (Class A)?				
5b. Are <b>all pollution discharge permits</b> written to protect drinking water use?				
5c. Are all pollution discharges in <b>compliance with their permits</b> ?				
5d. Are <b>special protections</b> applied to your source waters?				

6. Wetlands	YES	NO	UNSURE	N/A
6a. Are wetlands <b>accurately mapped</b> in your watershed?				
6b. Has DEC recently <b>updated freshwater wetlands maps</b> ?				
6c. Are <b>small wetlands</b> protected as being of "unusual local importance"?				
6d. Are <b>wetlands designated "Class I"</b> as part of drinking water supply?				

7. Forests and Open Space	YES	NO	UNSURE	N/A
7a. Have <b>priority lands and forests</b> key to preserving water quality been identified for conservation?				
7b. Is there a <b>dedicated source of local funding</b> to preserve these lands?				
7c. Are priority projects <b>eligible for state funding</b> through inclusion in the NYS Open Space Conservation Plan?				
7d. Do <b>regional sources of open space conservation funding</b> prioritize protection of your source water area?				

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8. Other	YES	NO	UNSURE	N/A
8a. Is <b>water quality monitored</b> routinely in your watershed?				
8b. Are <b>stream assessments</b> accurate and up to date?				
8c. Do <b>signs mark source water features</b> and borders?				
8d. Are <b>stormwater discharges</b> in your watershed regulated?				
8e. Will you <b>share the results</b> of this scorecard?				

**Subtotals**      0                      0                      0                      0

**Drinking Source Water Protection Score**

Divide the total number of "Yes" answers by the total number of "Yes," "No," and "Unsure" answers to determine your score. (If using Excel, the Score will automatically calculate.)