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**Springfield Water and Sewer Commission Now Accepting
Applications for Summer Internship Program**

Eligible high school students can apply for the Pipeline Program now through April 2nd

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce that applications for its paid summer internship program, the Pipeline Program, are now being accepted for summer 2026.

High school students from Springfield and Ludlow that are interested in learning more about career opportunities in the water sector, gaining hands-on experience, building critical job skills, and serving their community can submit a Pipeline Program application now through April 2.

Pipeline Program 2026

Spending the summer as a Pipeline Program intern can help students explore various careers in water and related industries and learn more about daily operations at the region's largest water utility.

The 7-week Pipeline Program includes:

Department Rotations and Work-Based Learning

- Interns rotate through departments at various Commission facilities such as Cobble Mountain Reservoir and Springfield Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (SRWTF) on Bondi's Island. Rotations include water and wastewater operations, laboratory services, water quality, watershed and environmental protection, engineering, and information technology and cybersecurity.

Enrichment Activities

- Visits to other area water utilities and related industries enable interns to learn about other career opportunities. Interns will also participate in skill-building workshops and enhance their public communication skills through several events and community outreach opportunities.

Water Operations Training Course

- Interns prepare for advanced training courses and the state water operator licensing process in the "How Water Works" introductory water operations course through the Massachusetts Water Works Association (MWWA). The course also highlights water career opportunities across the state ([Water Works: Careers with Purpose](#)).



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Mentorship

- Interns build connections with a variety of Commission staff and gain insight into opportunities and career pathways in the water sector.

Service to the Community

- Interns gain hands-on experience while contributing to the essential water and sewer services that support 250,000 residents in the Lower Pioneer Valley each day.

How to Apply

Applications for the Pipeline Program are being accepted now through April 2, 2026. More information and links to the application are available on the Commission's website waterandsewer.org/pipeline-program/, or contact the Commission at 413-452-1300 or pipelineprogram@waterandsewer.org. Videos featuring the Pipeline Program are available on the Commission's YouTube page: youtube.com/@SpfldWaterSewer.

New for 2026, Springfield Public Schools students may now complete the application process through their school-based [SchoolLinks](#) account. Students can speak to their Career Readiness Coordinator for more information.

Who Should Apply

To fill the 12 available positions in the Pipeline Program the Commission is seeking motivated, hard-working applicants. Pipeline interns must be at least 16 years old and a current high school student (including seniors that will graduate this spring). The program is specifically designed for students participating in their school's college and career readiness programs. The Commission is working in collaboration with Springfield Public Schools, however any eligible high school students from Springfield or Ludlow (the Commission's direct service area) are welcome and encouraged to apply.

Building the Water Workforce of the Future

Water is essential to everyday life. The trained professionals that operate and maintain drinking water and wastewater systems are in high demand at the Commission, around Massachusetts, and across the country due to a wave of retirements and the advancing needs of modern drinking water and wastewater systems. The water sector offers enduring, non-outsourcable careers that provide dynamic opportunities, competitive pay, and robust benefits.

To help meet this demand, the Commission launched the Pipeline Program in 2023. The Pipeline Program is unique because its departmental rotations give interns paid experience while exposing them to water careers they might not otherwise have considered. Previous Pipeline Program interns have gone on to pursue career pathways in water operations, water distribution, environmental science, and information technology/cybersecurity.

Pipeline Program Partnerships

The Commission is pleased to continue its partnership with Springfield Public Schools' [School-to-Career](#) Internship and Career Pathways Program. SPS students can work directly with their school's Career Readiness Coordinator to help advise them through the Pipeline Program application process.

Veolia, the Commission's contracted wastewater operator that manages the SRWTF on Bondi's Island, will host interns at the SRWTF as part of the weekly internship rotation, exposing interns to the wastewater treatment process and the many rewarding careers available at their wastewater operations around the world.



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The Massachusetts Water Works Association ([MWWA](#)) will provide training to Pipeline Program interns through the “How Water Works” course, providing foundational instruction, mentorship, career pathway exploration, and connections to the MWWA network across the state.

About the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission is an independent, regional public utility that provides drinking water and wastewater service to approximately 250,000 people in the lower Pioneer Valley. The Commission provides retail drinking water service to Springfield and Ludlow, and regional drinking treatment to Agawam, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, and Southwick, as well as emergency/peak service to several other communities. The Commission provides retail wastewater service to Springfield and regional wastewater treatment to West Springfield, Agawam, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Wilbraham, and Ludlow.

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