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## EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY - Mohawk Trail

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Mohawk Trail
10/20/2026

Re: EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY - Mohawk Trail

Based upon the unaudited balance sheet submitted, I hereby certify that the amount of excess and deficiency or "E & D" as of July 1, 2026 for Mohawk Trail is:

General Fund $242,621.00

This certification is in accordance with the provisions of G. L. Chapter 71, §16B½, as amended. The unencumbered funds certified above in excess of five percent of the operating budget and budgeted capital costs for the succeeding fiscal year must be applied to reduce the current fiscal year's assessment in accordance with the joint guidance issued by the Division of Local Services and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education dated May 2023. For your district, this excess amount equals $0.00.

This certification letter will also be e-mailed to the school superintendent, the board of selectmen in each member town and the city council in each member city immediately upon approval, provided an e-mail address is reported in DLS' Local Officials Directory. Please forward to other officials that you deem appropriate.

Sincerely

Director of Accounts signature

Deborah A. Wagner

Director of Accounts
Massachusetts Department of Revenue

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES

**Mohawk Trail**

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Excess and Deficiency Calculation

## Fiscal Year 2027

| | |
|---|---|
| **Begin:** | |
| **Unreserved Undesignated Fund Balance** | 242,684.00 |
| **Subtract:** | |
| **OtherOther Receivables, Overdrawn Accounts, Deficits** | |
| **HRS Shared** | 63.00 |
| **Total** | ***63.00*** |
| **Add:** | |
| **Circuit Breaker, Other Closed Accounts, Adjustments:** | |
| | 0.00 |
| **Total** | ***0.00*** |
| **Total Certified Unencumbered Excess & Deficiency** | ***242,621.00*** |
| **Unencumbered Excess &Deficiency in excess of 5 % calculation** | |
| **Operating and Capital Budget** | ***24,100,077.00*** |
| **5% of Budget** | ***1,205,003.85*** |
| **Total in Excess** | ***0.00*** |

**Reviewed By:** **Matthew Andre**

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## November 2026 Update

### Mohawk Trail / Hawlemont Regional School Districts Sustainability Study

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The Mohawk Trail–Hawlemont Sustainability Initiative reached an important milestone at its October 15 meeting when the Steering Committee **voted to endorse moving forward with a Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) feasibility study and to refer that recommendation to the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont School Committees for their consideration and approval.** If supported by both School Committees, the next step would be to seek community authorization to fund the local share of the feasibility study, subject to the MSBA's eligibility requirements and timeline.

This recommendation follows more than two years of research, community engagement, and analysis examining how the districts can preserve and expand educational opportunities for students while addressing declining enrollment, rising costs, and long-term financial sustainability. The Steering Committee believes that moving into feasibility is the appropriate next step toward determining whether its preferred vision—a unified PreK–12 district organized around a single campus at Mohawk Trail—is educationally and financially practical.

### What We're Hearing

***What does the Steering Committee's endorsement of feasibility mean for our communities?***

The Committee's recommendation is an important step forward, but it is **not a decision** to build a new school or final approval of a single-campus model. Rather, it reflects the Committee's conclusion that the next step should be a more detailed examination of what a consolidated campus could look like, what it would cost, and how it might best serve students.

During feasibility, the district's School Building Committee would work with the MSBA and a professional design team to examine projected enrollment, educational goals, existing facilities, and space requirements. The process would develop and compare multiple consolidated-campus options, including renovation, new construction, and different configurations of grades and educational spaces, before identifying a preferred solution.

**Feasibility is about learning our options.** It would provide answers to many of the questions residents are understandably asking—what should be built or renovated, what it would cost, how much the state might reimburse, and how different options would affect students and communities. These are questions that cannot yet be answered with certainty.

***What would feasibility cost, and when would communities begin paying for a project?***

The Steering Committee has been using approximately **$1.2 million as a preliminary planning estimate** for a feasibility study. The actual cost would be determined through the MSBA process once the scope of work is established. The MSBA is expected to reimburse a substantial portion of eligible expenses (over 60%), reducing the local share. Consistent with the MTRSD Regional Agreement, costs would be apportioned among the 8 towns based on each town's percentage of its 5-year rolling average enrollment at the Mohawk Trail Regional School.

It is important to distinguish between the cost of feasibility and the cost of a future construction project. A feasibility vote would authorize funding for the study—not construction. Any subsequent construction proposal would require a separate community decision after more detailed designs, costs, MSBA reimbursement level, and financing information become available.

Likewise, construction costs and potential operating savings would not necessarily begin at the time of a construction vote. Construction would require additional design, permitting, and building work, while the most significant operating savings associated with consolidation would generally begin when students and programs are actually brought together.

***Why continue pursuing consolidation rather than maintain our existing schools?***

The Steering Committee recognizes the importance of our community schools and the strong connections residents have with them. But maintaining the current configuration also carries costs and consequences that must be considered alongside the costs of change.

Enrollment has declined substantially over the past several decades, leaving fewer students distributed across multiple schools. This creates increasing challenges for maintaining comprehensive educational programming, providing specialized services, and using limited staffing and financial resources effectively. At the same time, operating costs, building maintenance needs, and local assessments continue to rise.

The question is not simply whether consolidation would initially cost money—it would. **The equally important question is what it will cost, educationally and financially, to continue operating the system we have today.** The updated financial analysis and eventual MSBA feasibility study are intended to help communities evaluate both sides of that equation.

**Other Project Updates**

**Financial Analysis.** BERK12 and the Abrahams Group continue updating the financial modeling completed in 2024. This work incorporates FY26 and FY27 financial information, updated enrollment and staffing data, revised operating savings assumptions, and preliminary capital scenarios. The analysis will also examine when potential costs and savings might occur and how they could affect town assessments over time. Updated findings are expected to be shared in November/December.

**Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB).** A separate actuarial analysis is being undertaken to examine how existing retiree health insurance obligations and future liabilities could be affected by district consolidation. This work will help clarify potential financial implications for the districts and participating towns.

**Educational Visioning.** The shared Educational Vision has been completed and published, link HERE. Developed through extensive community and educator engagement, it describes the educational experiences and opportunities the districts could aspire to provide all students on a single campus. The vision will be an important foundation for evaluating potential building and program configurations during feasibility.

**Research and Site Visits.** Hanover Research has completed several studies examining the experiences of other rural communities that have considered or implemented school consolidation. Its recent case studies found no consistent pattern linking school closure or consolidation to subsequent economic or population decline, although the research cautions that these comparisons cannot establish cause and effect. An integrated report summarizing the research is expected later in November.

Steering Committee members also visited the Southern Berkshire Regional School District in October to learn more about its shared PreK–12 campus, educational programming, staffing, transportation, and school culture. The visit provided useful examples of both the opportunities and challenges associated with serving students of different ages on a single campus.

**Community Outreach and Communications.** Meetings with Select Boards and community groups continue across the eight towns. Working with Paul Robbins Associates, the Steering Committee is also developing additional informational materials to help residents better understand the project's educational goals, financial considerations, MSBA process, and upcoming decisions. The emphasis remains on providing accurate, accessible information and encouraging questions and community dialogue.

**Looking Ahead**

The Steering Committee's endorsement of feasibility marks an important transition from studying potential organizational models to determining whether a preferred approach can be implemented successfully. The next steps include consideration by both School Committees, continued work through the MSBA Eligibility Phase, updated financial analysis, and expanded community outreach in preparation for a potential feasibility vote.

There are still significant questions to answer, particularly about construction costs, the timing of expenditures and savings, and the financial implications for individual towns. Those questions deserve careful analysis rather than premature estimates or promises.

Reasonable people can disagree about the best path forward. The Steering Committee's responsibility is to ensure that residents have the information needed to evaluate both the opportunities and costs of change—and the consequences of maintaining the current system.

**Our goal remains to preserve and expand high-quality educational opportunities for students while creating a system that our eight communities can sustain for the future.**

Community participation remains essential to this effort. Updates, reports, research, and other resources are available at **2Districts8Towns.org**.

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## FRCOG 5th Wednesday Meeting 12/2/26

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Greetings all,

Thanks to those of you who took time to answer our poll for an alternate "5th Wednesday" meeting date for Franklin County local officials. **We will convene on Wednesday, December 2nd, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., fully virtual** (link below).

At this meeting, we will discuss the updated Massachusetts Rural Policy Plan (to be released Friday, October 23rd) and Franklin County's priority policy issues and recommendations from the Plan. The Plan will be available upon release at https://frcog.org/project/rural-policy-advisory-commission/.

We look forward to seeing you then!

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# Pioneer Valley MCD Weekly Surveillance Report

## Surveillance Summary for EPI Week 39

**Week Ending: 10/3/26**

### EPI Week 39 Target Species Surveillance Summary

| Species | # Collected | Pools | WNV+ | EEEV+ | Cumulative Collected | Cumulative Pools | Cumulative WNV+ | Cumulative EEEV+ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Cx. pipiens/restuans* | 16 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8464 | 293 | 32 | 0 |
| *Cq. perturbans* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8645 | 147 | 0 | 0 |
| *Cs. melanura* | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| *Oc. canadensis* | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1257 | 22 | 0 | 0 |
| *Oc. japonicus* | 84 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3109 | 138 | 2 | 0 |
| *Ps. ferox* | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1332 | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| *An. quadrimaculatus* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 442 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| *Oc. triseriatus* | 33 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 727 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| *Ae. vexans* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1832 | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| *Ae. albopictus* | 38 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 93 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| *Cx. salinarius* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 649 | 34 | 2 | 0 |
| *An. punctipennis* | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1401 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| *Cx. erraticus* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 960 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| *Ur. sapphirina* | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 92 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| *Cs. morsitans* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| *Ae. cinereus* | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 566 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals** | **185** | **11** | **0** | **0** | **29599** | **741** | **36** | **0** |

### Positive Mosquito Samples in the Pioneer Valley Region

There were no positive samples confirmed during EPI Week 39 in Pioneer Valley.

## Most Abundant Species in Pioneer Valley

Among the species of most concern, *Oc. japonicus* was the most prevalent, with a total of 84 specimens collected during EPI Week 39. They are an invasive species that is a potential bridge vector for WNV and EEE. They breed in discarded tires and other artificial containers.

## EPI Week 39 Summary by County

### Franklin County

- **Pools Tested:** 4
- **Positive Samples:** 0
- **Most Abundant:** *Oc. japonicus* (31)
- **Total Mosquitoes Collected:** 49

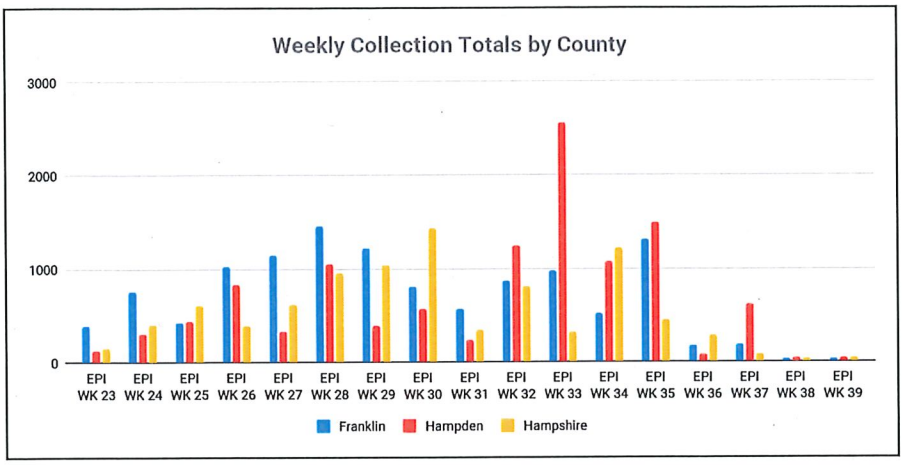
### Hampden County

- **Pools Tested:** 3
- **Positive Samples:** 0
- **Most Abundant:** *Ae. albopictus* (38)
- **Total Mosquitoes Collected:** 78

### Hampshire County

- **Pools Tested:** 4
- **Positive Samples:** 0
- **Most Abundant:** *Oc. japonicus* (48)
- **Total Mosquitoes Collected:** 58

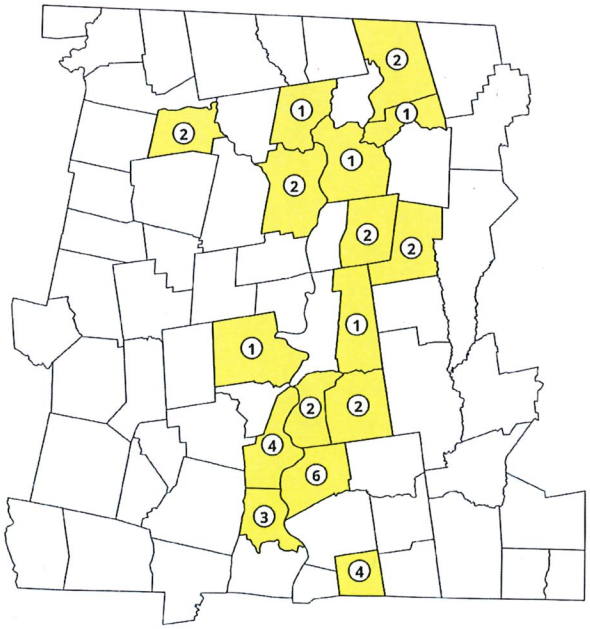
**Total Mosquitoes Collected in All Counties:**
185 (Total Includes Non-Target Species)




**(No change in WNV activity)**

### West Nile Virus Activity in Pioneer Valley

Updated: 9/18/26




**Positive Mosquito Samples: 36**
**Bird-biting Species: 32**
**Mammal-biting Species: 4**

## Cumulative Arbovirus Positives Throughout The Commonwealth for 2026

| Virus | Positive Mosquito Samples | Animal Cases | Human Cases |
|---|---|---|---|
| EEE | 27 | 0 | 0 |
| WNV | 344 | 0 | 13 |

| Onset | County | Age Range | Sex | Illness |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8/3/26 | Middlesex | 60-69 | Male | Meningoencephalitis |
| 8/14/26 | Middlesex | 90-99 | Male | Meningoencephalitis |
| 8/17/26 | Middlesex | 80-89 | Male | Encephalitis |
| 8/17/26 | Middlesex | 90-99 | Male | Meningoencephalitis |
| 8/18/26 | Suffolk | 70-79 | Male | Meningoencephalitis |
| 8/19/26 | Suffolk | 60-69 | Male | Meningitis |
| 8/24/26 | Suffolk | Unknown years | Male | Meningoencephalitis |
| 8/26/26 | Suffolk | 70-79 | Male | Encephalitis |
| 8/26/25 | Worcester | 60-69 | Male | Other neuroinvasive |
| 8/29/26 | Suffolk | 60-69 | Male | Meningoencephalitis |
| 9/6/26 | Middlesex | 30-39 | Female | Fever |
| 9/23/26 | Norfolk | 60-69 | Female | Meningoencephalitis |
| 9/29/26 | Middlesex | 40-49 | Female | Encephalitis |

## Weather Summary

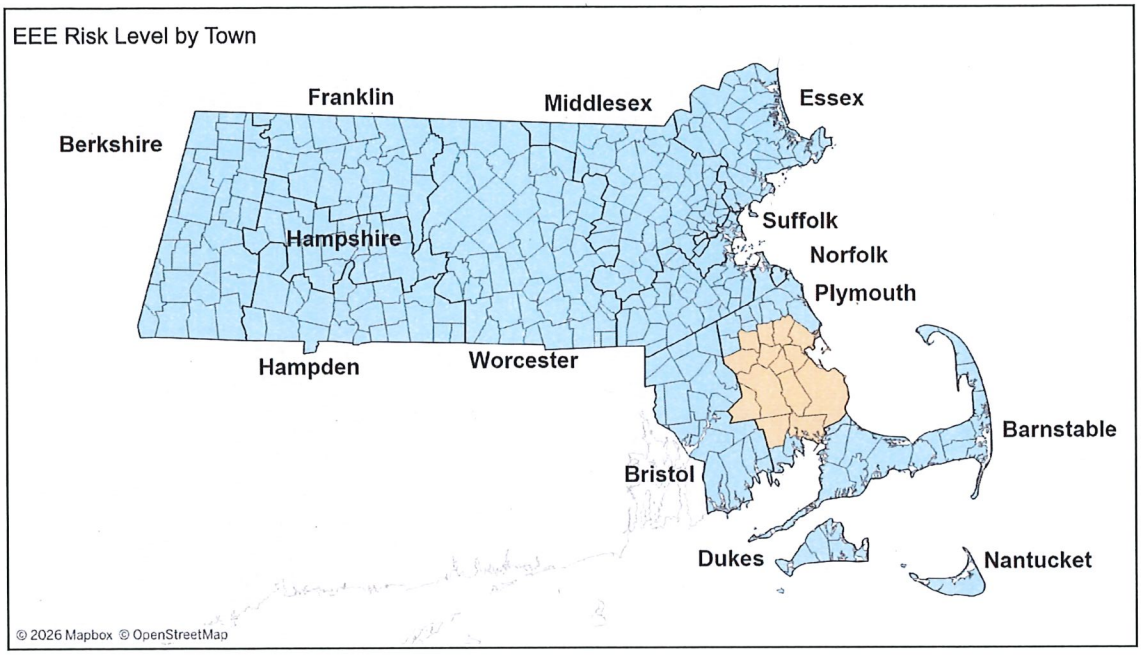
The current weather conditions continue to support mosquito activity.

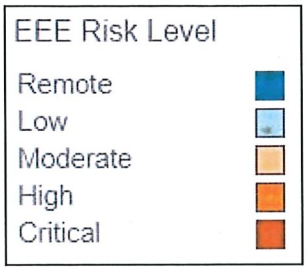
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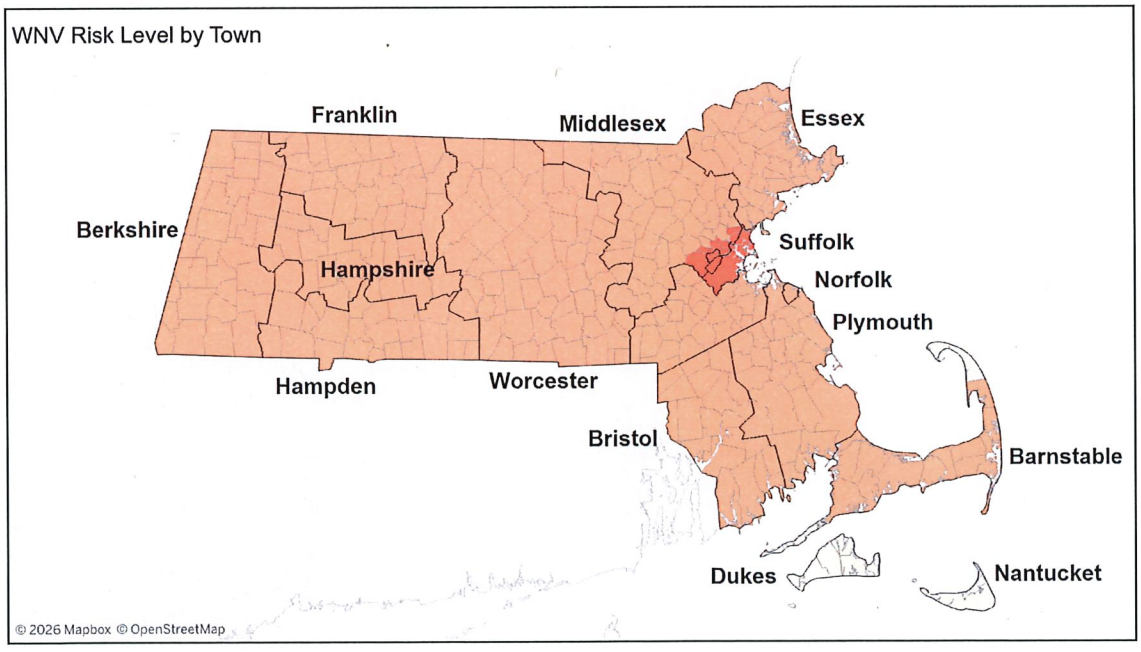
| Station ID | Location | EPI Week | Dates | PRCP Total (in.) | TMAX AVG (°F) | TMIN AVG (°F) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 22 | 5/31/26 to 6/6/26 | 0.28 | 75.43 | 44.57 |
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 23 | 6/7/26 to 6/13/26 | 0.00 (-100%) | 84.29 (+11.74%) | 57.57 (+29.17%) |
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 24 | 6/14/26 to 6/20/26 | 0.85 | 80.25 (-4.79%) | 54.5 (-5.33%) |
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 25 | 6/21/26 to 6/27/26 | 1.24 (+45.88%) | 79.38(-1.08%) | 55.13 (+1.16%) |
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 26 | 6/28/26 to 7/4/26 | 1.34 (+8.06%) | 90 (+13.38%) | 63.43 (+15.06%) |
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 27 | 7/5/26 to 7/11/26 | 1.53 (+14.18%) | 81.57 (-9.37%) | 63 (-0.68%) |
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 28 | 7/12/26 to 7/18/26 | 0.06 (-96.08%) | 85 (+4.20%) | 58.57 (-7.03%) |
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 29 | 7/19/26 to 7/25/26 | 0.55 (+816.67%) | 79.43 (-6.55%) | 53.86 (-8.04%) |
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 30 | 7/26/26 to 8/1/26 | 2.83 (+414.55%) | 80.43 (+1.26%) | 58.71 (+9.00%) |
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 31 | 8/2/26 to 8/8/26 | 2.09 (-26.15%) | 86.14 (+7.10%) | 63.86 (+8.77%) |
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 32 | 8/9/26 to 8/15/26 | 0.18 (-91.39%) | 84.83 (-1.52%) | 59.5 (-6.83%) |
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 33 | 8/16/26 to 8/22/26 | 0.32 (+77.78%) | 80.71 (-4.86%) | 59.14 (-0.61%) |
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 34 | 8/23/26 to 8/29/26 | 0.24 (-25%) | 77.86 (-3.53%) | 56.71 (-4.11%) |
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 35 | 8/30/26 to 9/5/26 | 1.11 (+362.5%) | 77.14 (-0.92%) | 57.71 (+1.76%) |
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 36 | 9/6/26 to 9/12/26 | 0.48 (-56.76%) | 78 (+1.11%) | 51.71(-10.4%) |
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 37 | 9/13/26 to 9/19/26 | 1.55 (+222.92%) | 74.14 (-4.95%) | 50.86 (-1.64%) |
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 38 | 9/20/26 to 9/26/26 | 0.72 (-53.55%) | 66.43 (-10.43%) | 46.71 (-8.16%) |
| USC00190120 | AMHERST, MA | 39 | 9/27/26 to 10/3/26 | 1.45 (+101.39%) | 67.43 (+1.51%) | 55.14 (+18.04%) |

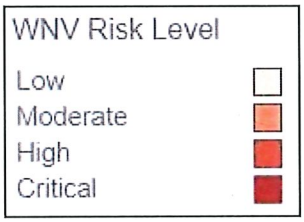
Climate Data Source: https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/cdo-web/search?datasetid=GHCND

## Arbovirus Risk Maps as of 10/7/26




**Current Risk Maps from: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-arbovirus-update**

## Bite Prevention – Mosquitoes and Ticks

Mosquitoes and ticks can transmit serious diseases, but taking protective measures can go a long way in preventing bites from these common vectors.

### Personal Protection Tips

- **Use insect repellent:** Use EPA approved insect repellent with one of the following ingredients: DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus to keep bugs off.
- **Be mindful of timing and environment:** Mosquitoes are busiest at dawn and dusk, while ticks hide in brushy areas all day. During the colder months, ticks will overwinter in mostly leaf litter and will seek out a blood meal on a warm winter day.
- **Wear proper clothing:** Long sleeves, pants, and shoes help prevent mosquito bites. Although it's not much of a fashion statement, tucking your pants into your socks prevents ticks from migrating up your leg and biting you.
- **Treat your clothes:** Spray gear and clothing with permethrin for extra protection against ticks. Note, permethrin is a pesticide and should be used with caution. Read all product labels before use.
- **Tick check:** Look over your skin, clothes, and pets carefully after spending time outside.
- **Dry your clothes on high heat:** Ticks can survive a wash cycle, but 10 minutes in a hot dryer will kill them.
- **If possible, take a shower within two hours:** It helps wash off unattached ticks before they can latch on. This is also a good opportunity to look over your skin again.

### Around the Home

- **Prevent artificial habitat:** Mosquitoes will seek out water-filled containers to lay their eggs in, so empty buckets, birdbaths, kiddy pools, tarps, etc. Clear gutters of debris regularly and dispose of old tires to prevent mosquito breeding.
- **Fix doors and screens:** Keep mosquitoes out by inspecting and repairing window screens.
- **Make a tick-safe yard:** Maintain short grass, remove leaf litter, and place a barrier of gravel between wooded areas and the edges of your lawn.

## PE Poster Printouts and Helpful Links

- Mosquito Bite Prevention Poster
- Arbovirus Transmission Cycles
- Reducing Mosquito Breeding Sites
- CDC Dengue Fever Information
- DPH Mosquito PE Materials: https://www.mass.gov/lists/mosquito-borne-disease-educational-materials
- DPH Tick PE Materials: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/tick-borne-educational-materials

## Targeted Mosquito Species

| Species Name | Description | Habitat | Months Active |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Aedes albopictus* | An invasive species that is an aggressive and relentless day-biter. Ae. albopictus prefer to feed on humans and can transmit chikungunya, dengue, and Zika. | Discarded tires and other containers. | June-October<br>Peak: July |
| *Aedes vexans* | An aggressive biter that falls within the "flood water" species. Ae. vexans is a bridge vector for EEE and will feed on both birds and mammals. | Temporary freshwater pools such as flood meadows, retention ponds, and vernal pools. | May-October<br>Peak: Varies and is dependent on precipitation. |
| *Culiseta melanura* | *Cs. melanura* mosquitoes are a primary vector for EEE. *Cs. melanura* feed mainly on avian species and are responsible for amplifying the virus to the point that it spills over into bridge vectors. | Tree root cavities or "crypts" covered by peat moss in red maple and cedar swamps. | May-December<br>Peak: July-August and mid-September |
| *Culex pipiens and restuans* | These two mosquito species are abundant in Massachusetts and can amplify WNV in the bird population and infect humans. While *Cx. pipiens* is more implicated in WNV transmission, both Cx. pipiens and *restuans* are grouped together because differentiating between the two species with 100% reliability is very difficult. | Artificial containers such as "green" swimming pools, catch basins, discarded tires, buckets, etc. | May-October<br>Peak: July-August |
| *Coquillettidia perturbans* | *Cq. perturbans* is one of the most abundant mosquitoes in Massachusetts and are considered a competent bridge vector for both EEE and WNV. *Cq. perturbans* will feed on both birds (reservoir for EEE) and mammals. | Permanent bodies of water with emergent vegetation such as cattails. | May-September<br>Peak: July |
| *Ochlerotatus canadensis* | *Oc. canadensis*, is a bridge vector that can transmit both EEE and WNV to humans. | Woodland/vernal pools. | May-October<br>Peak: June |
| *Ochlerotatus japonicus* | An invasive species that is a potential bridge vector for WNV and EEE. | Discarded tires and other containers | May-October<br>Peak: |
| *Culex salinarius* | *Cx. salinarius* are considered bridge vectors for both EEE and WNV, readily feeding on mammals. | Brackish and freshwater swamps. | May-November<br>Peak: August |
| Other species | There are many other species that PVMCD staff will submit to the Arbovirus Surveillance Laboratory at DPH for testing. These species are considered potential vectors in transmitting arboviruses. | | |

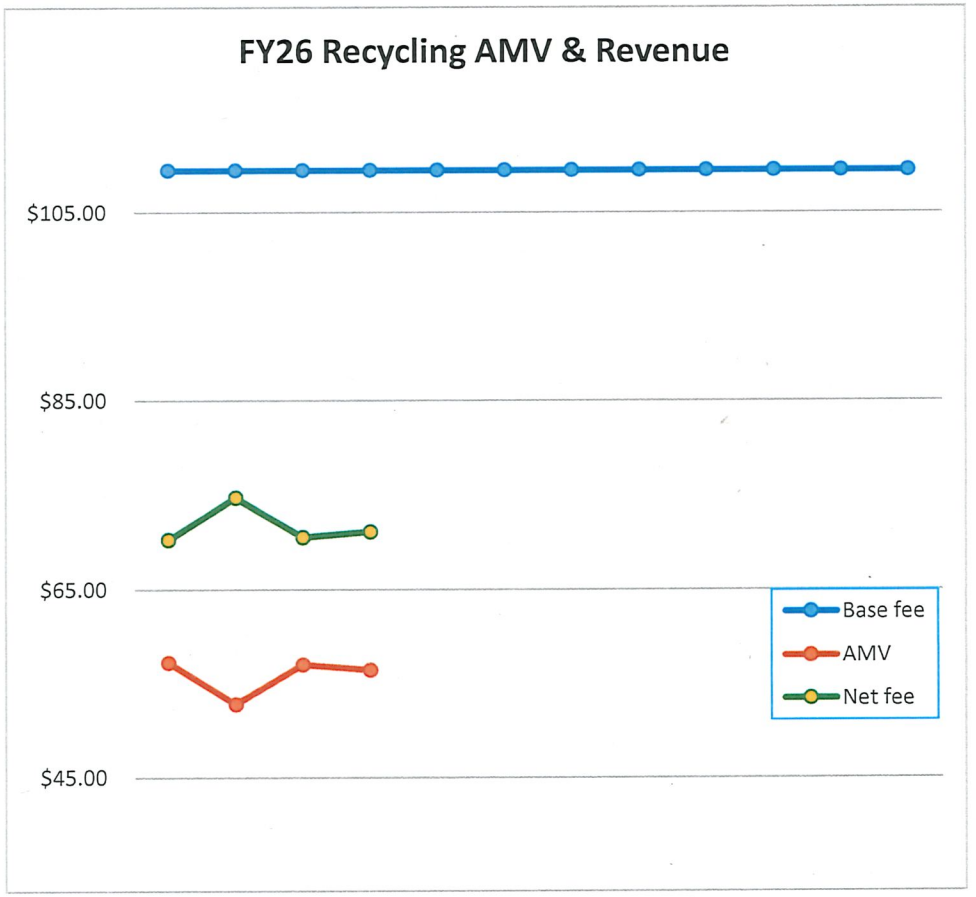
| October 2026 | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Average Market Value (AMV) - Dual Stream** | | | | |
| **Recovered Material** | **Recovered Material Index *** | **Recovered Material Composition/Ton** | **Index Value/Ton** | **AMV Value** |
| OCC (Cardboard) | PS 11 Corrugated Containers | 21.17% | $95.00 | $20.11 |
| Mixed Paper #54 | PS 54 Mixed Paper - MP | 39.75% | $37.50 | $14.91 |
| Aluminum Beverage Cans | SMP for Aluminum Cans (Sorted, Baled, cents/lb. picked up) minus $.25 per pound | 0.83% | $1,500.00 | $12.38 |
| Steel/Tin Cans | Steel Cans (Sorted, Baled, $/Gross ton, picked up) | 3.87% | $207.50 | $8.03 |
| PET (Plastic #1) | SMP for PET (baled, cents/lb. picked up) | 2.15% | $40.00 | $0.86 |
| Natural HDPE (Plastic #2) | SMP for Natural HDPE (baled, cents/lb. picked up) | 1.09% | $760.00 | $8.29 |
| Colored HPDE (Plastic #2) | SMP for Colored HDPE (baled, cents/lb. picked up) | 1.19% | $205.00 | $2.44 |
| Commingled Plastics, #3-7 | Actual | 7.42% | ($35.59) | ($2.64) |
| Glass | Actual | 17.54% | ($18.76) | ($3.29) |
| Residue | Residue Fee | 5.00% | ($93.68) | ($4.68) |
| **Average Market Value** | | 100.00% | | $56.40 |

**AMV & Net Fee FY27**

**Springfield MRF**

| | Base fee | AMV | addtl fee | Net fee |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| July | $109.49 | $57.21 | $17.94 | $70.22 |
| August | $109.49 | $52.76 | $17.94 | $74.67 |
| September | $109.49 | $56.96 | $17.94 | $70.47 |
| October | $109.49 | $56.40 | $17.94 | $71.03 |
| November | $109.49 | | $17.94 | |
| December | $109.49 | | $17.94 | |
| January | $109.49 | | $17.94 | |
| February | $109.49 | | $17.94 | |
| March | $109.49 | | $17.94 | |
| April | $109.49 | | $17.94 | |
| May | $109.49 | | $17.94 | |
| June | $109.49 | | $17.94 | |

* AMV is Average Market Value of commodities



Clothing & Textile Hauling

## Tonnage Report — Heath

| Quarter | Weight (lbs) | Payment |
|---|---|---|
| Q1 | 516 | $36.12 |
| Q2 | 600 | $42.00 |
| Q3 | 1,022 | $71.54 |
| **TOTAL** | **2,138** | **$149.66** |

Outlook

## FREE Cybersecurity Health Checks from OMST

**From** Brown, Stephanie (EOTSS) <Stephanie.Brown5@mass.gov>
**Date** Mon 10/19/2026 2:28 PM
**To** BOS <bos@townofheath.org>

You don't often get email from stephanie.brown5@mass.gov. Learn why this is important

Good afternoon! It was a pleasure speaking with you a moment ago. Below please find information about the health check program we spoke about. If you have any questions I would be happy to answer them!

Sincerely,

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Book time with Brown, Stephanie (EOTSS): 30 minutes meeting

Consider a free cybersecurity health check—explore your options and apply here

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Most cities, towns, and schools initiate the Cyber Health Check Program with a **Foundational Assessment**. Why? It provides a clear picture of your organization's cybersecurity posture by uncovering high-impact improvements that require minimal time and effort. Common findings include Active Directory vulnerabilities, inactive devices, and end-of-life software that can increase security risk. How confident are you in your organization's cyber resilience? Don't wait for a cyberattack to reveal your vulnerabilities. Schedule a FREE Cyber Health Check and identify opportunities to strengthen your security today.

**Cyber threats don't stop at the shoreline—and neither should your cybersecurity.** Take the first step toward a stronger security posture. Identify your biggest risks and protect your data with a Cyber Health Check.

## Why You Should Participate

***Whether you're an IT professional, a business leader responsible for technology, or work with a trusted IT partner.***

- **Lighten the load:** let this free service do an assessment that you haven't had time to complete, or that you haven't had the funding to pay for
- **Sanity check:** an outside perspective and a neutral set of eyes can reveal blind spots those close to a situation may not always see
- **Priority setting & resource allocation:** determine where you should be budgeting your IT dollars and recognition of your strengths
- **Minimal time involvement:** most services require <2 hours of your time from start to finish
- **Repeat customers encouraged:** while you can only have one Health Check in progress at a time, you can reapply to the program as soon as your Health Check is completed
- **Eligible to apply for the FY27 Cybersecurity Remediation Grant:** *You don't have to address your findings alone!* In FY2026 we were pleased to offer the Cyber Remediation Grant to organizations that completed one of our services in 2024-2025, providing $1 million in remediation assistance across the Commonwealth.

*Want to learn more?* Check out our webpage, schedule a 15-minute call, or stop by Stephanie Brown's office hours every Tuesday morning from 9-9:30am—no registration required. If we don't hear from you, we'll reach out again in about two weeks to see if you have any questions.

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**Notice of 2027 Pole Attachment/Conduit Occupancy Rates**

This letter is to inform you that the following rates are applicable to pole attachment/conduit occupancy in Massachusetts for the calendar year 2027:

CATV - $8.13
TELECOM - $8.45
HALF-CONDUIT - $0.18 per foot

If you have any questions, please email me at Matt.D.Goguen@Verizon.com

Best Regards,

Matt Goguen
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