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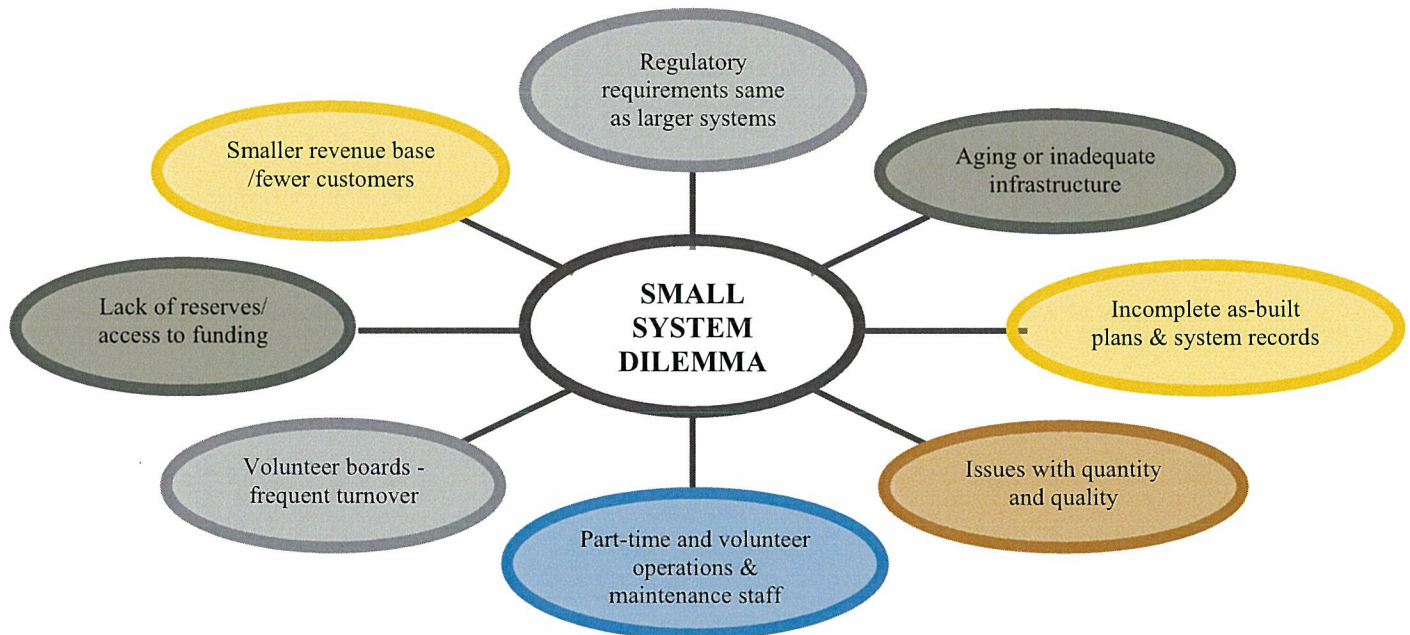
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Sustainability of Small Public Water Systems

It is widely recognized that small public water systems carry a much higher burden to maintain compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. This is due not only to their smaller user base, but often the shortage of financial, managerial and/or technical resources to ensure the continued and reliable delivery of safe water to all customers. In New Hampshire, systems serving fewer than 250 people incur about **77 percent** of the drinking water violations in the state (Triennial Capacity Development Report, September 30, 2008).

To address this need, the Environmental Protection Agency instituted the Capacity Assurance/Capacity Development Program, whereby **free technical assistance** is provided through a number of federal and state funded programs to promote compliance and long-term sustainability of small water systems. New Hampshire Administrative Rules Env-Dw 601 and Env-Dw 602 detail our procedures under this program. Please visit our website and other resources below for further assistance and guidance documents.



Resources

- ✦ Small Public Water Supply Help Center www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/capacity
- ✦ Drinking Water and Groundwater fact sheets www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/dwgb
- ✦ Checklist for Sustainability (attached)

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