

Special Town Meeting  
May 2023  
Article 12

Lead and Copper Rule (LCR)

Under the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1991 requires all water distribution systems to protect public health by minimizing lead and copper levels in drinking water from corrosion of lead and copper containing plumbing materials.

During Phase 1 of the Lead and Copper Rule Revision Inventory Project, data collection and review was conducted including interviews with various Town departments and data sources included the water service billing account data from the Treasurer/Collector and property data from the Assessor.

Saugus is ready to move onto Phase 2 of the Inventory Planning Project known as Inventory Development. Under this phase of the project Saugus will develop an inventory of all service lines, including public and private materials verifying as many service lines of unknown material as possible. Those of unknown material are classified as lead service lines unless evidence proves otherwise.

Once this phase is complete Saugus can development a lead service line replacement plan in order to meet the October 2024 deadline imposed by the EPA.

An appropriation of \$250,000.00 is being requested to fund this phase of the program.

The source of funding for this appropriation is a borrowing authorization.