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## **CEI Works With Water District to Win NEWWA Award**

CEI congratulates the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission (LAWPC) for receiving the 2010 New England Water Works Association (NEWWA) Exemplary Source Water Protection Award.

As a civil engineering firm having worked with numerous water suppliers over the past 20 years, CEI is proud to have worked with the LAWPC, Auburn Water District (AWD) and Lewiston Water Division (LWD) and to recognize them for their outstanding source water protection efforts. The LAWPC was created by the Auburn Water District and Lewiston Water Division to focus specifically on the protection of Lake Auburn. With Lake Auburn serving as the sole drinking water supply for the cities of Auburn and Lewiston, Maine, the LAWPC, AWD and LWD and their extraordinary staff have continued to provide exceptional source water protection that began in the late 1800's.

Due to its excellent water quality and efforts to protect it, the system received and has maintained a waiver from filtration from the State of Maine and U.S. EPA since 1993. Through extensive efforts ranging from outright land purchase to extensive monitoring and public education to innovative approaches including a CEI updated Watershed Management Plan with quantifiable load reductions associated with future protection activities, the LAWPC, AWD and LWD have implemented exemplary source water protection efforts that make it a model for other districts.

CEI looks forward to working with the LAWPC, AWD and LWD and continuing watershed protection efforts on Lake Auburn.