

## Water Quality Classification Maps

In 2002 the existing statewide Water Quality Classifications Maps included multiple classifications for some surface water bodies representing both existing and goal designations. The nomenclature was represented by a letter or letters consisting of the existing classification followed by a slash then a letter or letters consisting of the goal classification ( i.e. B/A or SB/SA). In making updates to the Water Quality Classification Maps in 2011, the surface water classifications have been simplified to a single classification representing the goal only. The nomenclature now consists of a single letter or a single set of letters only (ie. A or SA). **While making this change, none of the goal classifications for any surface water body have been changed.**

Attached are example maps for two towns showing the Water Quality Classifications for surface water on the currently adopted map, as well as an updated 2011 map. For example, on the 2002 map for the town of New Milford, Lake Lillinonah, located in the southern portion of town on the Housatonic River, had a classification of D/B. On the 2011 map, the classification is shown as B, consistent with moving to a single water quality classification and retaining existing water quality classification goals for the waterbody.