

A Few Watershed Facts:

- ***The Chicopee River basin is located in west-central Massachusetts***, and is bounded to the west by the Connecticut River basin, to the north by the Miller's River basin, to the south by the French/Quinebaug, and to the east by the Blackstone and Nashua River basins.
- ***The basin covers approximately 721 square miles***, most of which is considered part of Central New England Upland, except for the lower Chicopee River section, which is in the Connecticut River Valley.
- ***The Chicopee River basin contains all or part of 39 communities in 4 counties.***
- ***The Chicopee River contributes an average annual flow of 909 cfs*** to the Connecticut River.
- ***The watershed topography starts at a height just over 1500 ft*** in Westminster and enters the Connecticut River at 40 ft above sea level over a distance of around 50 miles.
- ***There are 136 named streams/rivers*** in the basin which flow nearly 500 miles, plus many unnamed tributaries.
- ***Of historical note, prior to the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir***, there were 4 additional towns in the basin. When the reservoir was constructed, the ***Towns of Prescott, Dana, Greenwich, and Enfield were dis-incorporated***, and their land area was distributed among the adjacent communities.