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Charles River Drainage Basin

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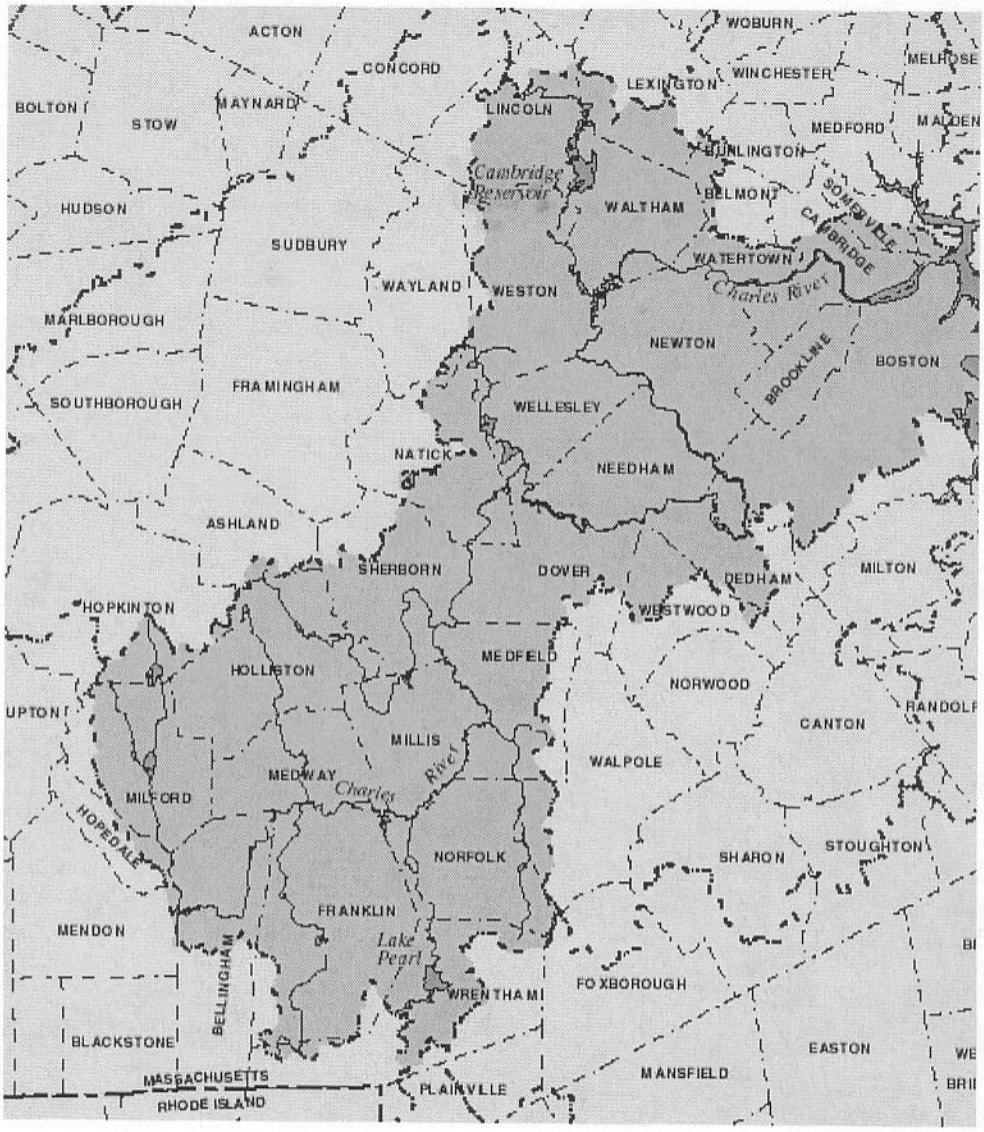

The Charles River basin is located in Suffolk, Norfolk, Middlesex, and Worcester Counties, and includes all or part of 35 cities and towns, including the cities of Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Somerville, Newton, and Waltham.

Elevations in the basin range from about 500 ft above sea level in Hopkinton to sea level at Boston Harbor. The following description of the water resources of the Charles River basin is based on USGS Hydrologic Investigations Atlas 554 (Walker and others, 1975).

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