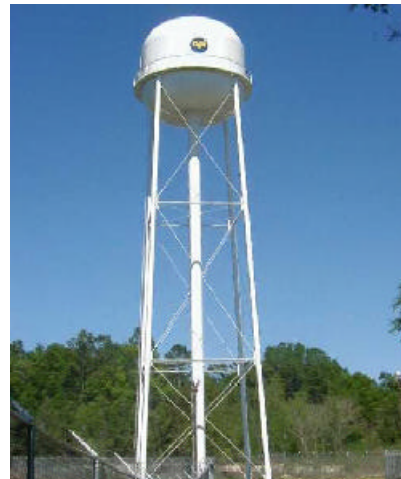




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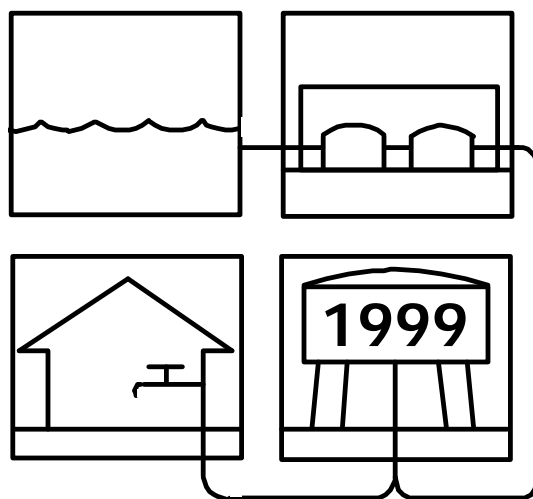
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Constructed in 1881, the Walnut Street Storage tank in Dedham, Massachusetts, has the distinction of being the nation's oldest steel reservoir in continuous service. According to the Dedham Water Company Annual Report dated January 9, 1882:

From the top of this structure a remarkably fine view of the surrounding country can be held....The reservoir complete in place, ready for water, and warranted tight....is literally a standing monument of excellence.

The Dedham-Westwood Water District will disassemble this tank upon completion of a new storage facility.¹

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