

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU HAVE A CRUMBLING FOUNDATION?

JUST WHAT IS AND WHAT ISN'T A CRUMBLING FOUNDATION?

WHAT IT IS

Poured concrete foundations

Caused by a mineral in the aggregate called pyrrhotite

Horizontal and map pattern cracking

Requires core testing and/or engineer inspection to identify

Causes failure of the foundation requiring replacement

Manageable with a State/Federal funded replacement program

WHAT IT'S NOT

Block or field stone foundations

Poor workmanship or cheap concrete

Isolated vertical cracks

Can't be visually confirmed except in extreme cases

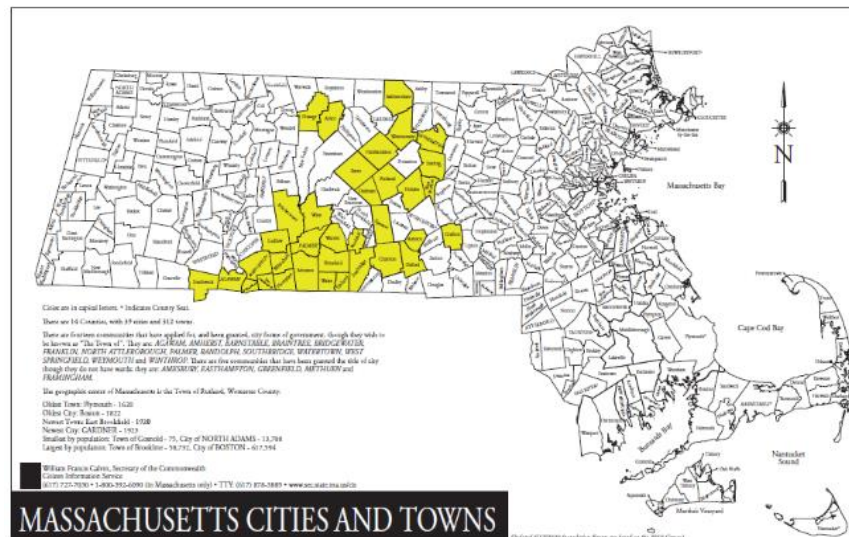
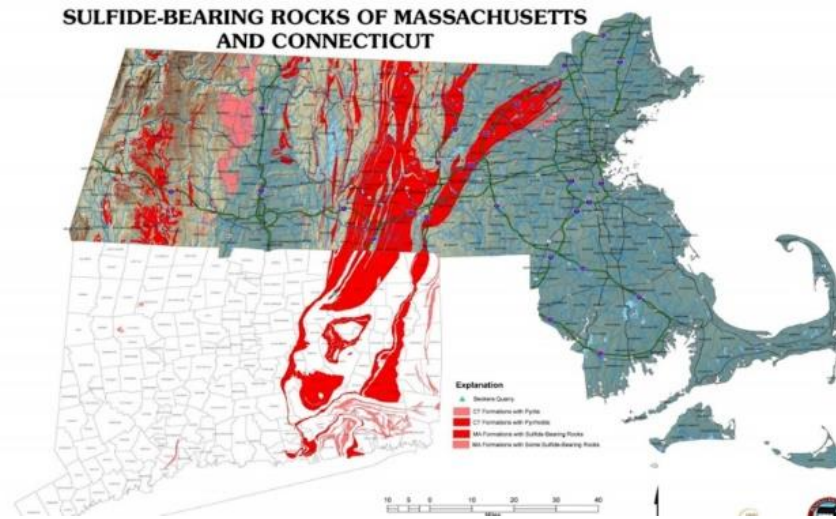
Repairable

Deniable

Examples of pyrrhotite damage:



- The first map shows the areas in MA where pyrrhotite can be found. If a quarry or sand and gravel operation is located in these red highlighted areas and sells aggregate for concrete then homes using this material can be affected and found within a travel distance of 90 minutes from the concrete company location. The second map highlights towns where a home/homes have tested positive or where a visual inspection indicates an affected home or condominium.



HOW DOES MASSACHUSETTS FIX THIS ISSUE?

- Homeowners should get their foundation inspected by a structural engineer and/or core tested, most of the cost is reimbursed through the State of MA. So the State can identify of the scope of the problem.
- EVERYONE CONCERNED should join the Massachusetts Residents Against Crumbling Concrete Group (Facebook) or contact us through emails listed on the website www.massracf.com.
- Join in the effort to get proposed legislation passed during this legislative session. This is the only way homeowners will recover from this issue, realtors will feel confident in the homes they help people buy/sell, and how we stop this from continuing to happen.
- All information you need can be found on our Facebook page or website or by emailing the contacts found there.