



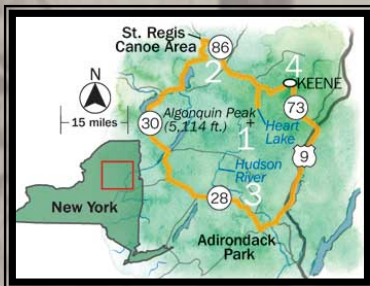
Life...Liberty and the Pursuit of Clean Water

Water, the foundation for life, is in jeopardy in the United States. Third world drinking water conditions exist in Ticonderoga, NY, one of the largest and most influential towns in the Adirondack Park, and an area renowned for its pristine lakes and rivers, and unspoiled wilderness. As the original infrastructure, some dating back to the 1800's, disintegrates it is bringing down the economic well-being of the local community and the region. Ticonderoga needs help as it faces a \$5.6 million project to replace its crumbling reservoir (shown left) and its decrepit water transmission line (shown right). Without funding assistance the project will increase user rates by \$200 per year, which will put undue hardship on residents and shake the region's fragile economy.



A water infrastructure crisis is now facing Ticonderoga.

- The reservoir is in a state of disrepair and the town is under a Department of Health Tribunal Order bring it into compliance with current regulations.
- The town has limited access to sections of the transmission line to perform maintenance and repairs that teeter precariously along eroded banks of Chilson Brook.
- High Pressure problems have lead to frequent pipe ruptures and other areas of low pressure provide insufficient flow and pressure for even residential use.
- Residents have long complained about taste, odor, color, pressure, and sediment issues.
- The problems in the drinking water system hamper the Town's ability to bring in new business and development.



Hold the Fort... ...Save the Economy



In addition to being a key Adirondack community, Ticonderoga boasts a rich history in the American Revolution and the development of the U.S. paper industry. The Town water supply feeds both Fort Ticonderoga, a historic landmark that draws 100,000 visitors annually, and the International Paper Mill, the region's largest private employer with about 650 local employees from the 20th and 23rd Congressional Districts. As one of the two remaining pulp mills in the state, International Paper is a key contributor to New York's \$4 billion annual pulp and paper revenue, and it helps maintain the 5,000 forestry and logging jobs in the state.



It is imperative that Ticonderoga improve its drinking water system to comply with existing regulations, to sustain the existing economy, and to encourage new business growth and development.

