

## What is the proposed Windham Water Study all about?

If Article 21 is approved by voters, a study will be commissioned to gain detailed information for Windham Residents regarding the potential costs and benefits of adding a municipal water supply in certain areas of our town. The lack of a source of municipal water has been identified as the number one deterrent to economic development in areas zoned for such development ion our town. The lack of this economic development in Windham has resulted in our residents shouldering the burden of 92% of our town's and school's operating costs, while residents towns such as Andover, MA and Bedford, NH have more support in taxes coming from their commercial tax base.

The proposed study will estimate the average day, peak day and fire flow water demands associated with the potential future development in the study area. The study will perform a capacity evaluation to identify potential excess source, treatment and storage capacities in the source alternatives (Merrimack River from the west, Derry/MWW from the north and Methuen from the south) which could be made available to Windham to meet the identified demands.

The study will identify and evaluate potential alignments and corridors for locating future pipelines. The study will evaluate the technical feasibility of establishing connections between Windham and the source alternatives. Hydraulic modeling will aid in determining the infrastructure required (i.e. pipelines; and pump stations/storage facilities if necessary). The modeling will also aid in assessing the impacts on levels of service to both existing and new water systems.

This study is about getting Windham residents and officials the accurate information they need in making prudent future decisions about whether investing in municipal water makes sense for us. The Windham Economic Development Committee – Keeping you informed and remaining dedicated to enhancing the vitality of the local economy to balance the tax base for all Windham residents. Visit us on line at: www.windhamnewhampshire.com/committees/economic-development-committee