

Thetford Drinking Water Study

Public Forum

Request for Qualification (RFQ) Scope of Work

Citizen Input

Drinking Water Study Purpose

This project will create a plan to bring the drinking water infrastructure within Thetford's 5 villages into the 21st century. Its goal is to address long-term drinking water needs for existing residential and businesses users while exploring future needs for housing & economic development, and fire protection. This document would also serve as source document for future federal and state funding for capital improvements.

Current Village Water Sources

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Number of Users/Connections</u>	<u>Annual Cost</u>
East Thetford Water Company	Route 113, Cadwell Road & East Thetford	35	\$800
North Thetford			
• North Village Water Company	US Route 5	8	\$300
• South Village Water Company	US Route 5 & Bridge Street	8	\$300
• Union Water Company	US Route 5, Bridge Street, & Cider Mill Rd	20	\$600
Thetford Hill Water Coop	Route 113, Academy Road & Houghton Hill Road	41	\$450
Post Mills Water Company	Route 113	2	\$200
Total		121	

Project Study Task Workplan

- 1. Establish project study committee
- 2. Hold Public Forum for citizen input & develop scope of work for RFQ
- 3. Review & rate RFQ proposals
- 4. Hire project study consultant
- 5. Project study committee holds “kick-off” meeting with consultant
- 6. Consultant completes scope of work
- 7. Project study committee meets at least monthly with consultant
- 8. Consultant presents draft project study and public presentation to project committee
- 9. Public presentation of final project study
- 10. Project close-out
- 11. Project study implementation & securing water project funding

Thetford Drinking Water Study Project Timeline

		2022											2023			2023 forward		
Task	Task Description	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March			
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Citizen Input Survey Questions

1. What is your current water supply?
2. Is it satisfactory? In other words:
 - Does it supply enough water year-round?
 - Does it require treatment or filtration?
 - Does it taste good or bad?
 - Does it cost too much to run?
 - Are you concerned about the quality of your water?
 - Do you regularly test your water?
 - Do you have any other issues (please specify)?
3. Will it continue to be satisfactory for the next 20-50 years?
 - Is it close to a septic system or other potential contamination?
 - For private on-lot wells:
 - if it failed, could you replace it?
 - does it limit the resale value of your property?
 - If you wanted to subdivide, could you obtain requisite water supply?
 - Do you think fire hydrants are important?
 - Would you pay more for a municipal operated water supply & distribution system?
4. Any other questions/comments you think are important

Please answer the survey questions at www.thetfordvt.gov

DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTIONS

Project Study Funding

State Municipal Planning Grant*	\$22,000
Local Share	<u>\$2,312</u>
Total Study Cost	\$24,312

*Project Study is Funded by a Municipal Planning Grant awarded by the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development



Thank you for taking the time this evening to learn more about this important study and for your input and answering the survey questions.

Please visit the town's website at www.thetfordvt.gov for the project study survey link and for updated information while the study is underway.

If you have specific questions regarding the study or survey, please email Bryan Gazda, Town Manager, at townmanager@thetfordvt.gov