

# Town of Hardwick

Civilization can't exist without clean water

No economic development with limited water supply

Public health depends on clean water

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure





## Water System Out of Sight out of Mind

2 wells inside the Urban Compact.  
Oldest well was established 1949.  
500 gallons per minute each well  
600 water connections

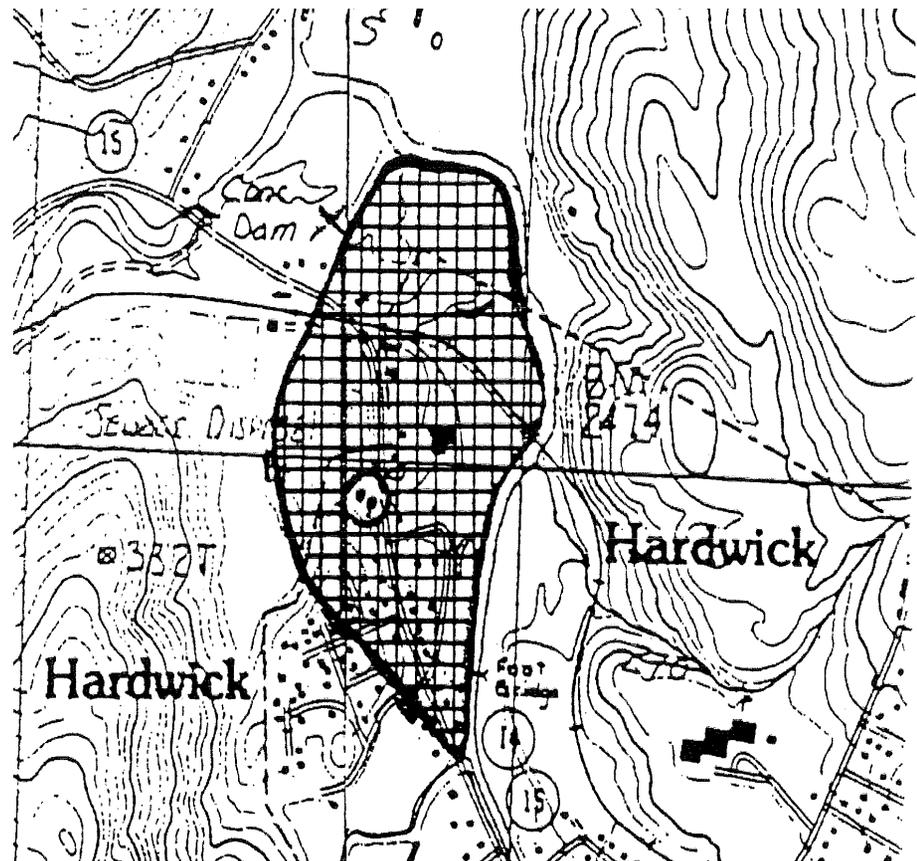
# Challenges

- \* Most people don't know where their water comes from
- \* Preventing source contamination
- \* Educating and continuing education of:
  - \* Neighbors within the Source Protection area
  - \* Selectboard, Planning Commission, Development Review Board and Zoning Administrator
  - \* People come and go – (on boards and businesses)

# Source Protection

Wells Located in Industrial Park

One well 100 feet from RT 15 West



# How do you plan to protect your water source?

- \* Talk with people
- \* Visit businesses at least every other year
- \* Perform your own sanitary survey of businesses
- \* Meet with your Boards – most members have no water quality backgrounds and members change regularly
- \* Review the community bylaws every 2 years
- \* Initiate a close working relationship with your Zoning Administrator
- \* Review your water ordinance annually

# Lessons learned

- \* People will test you – wanting to do things they can't
- \* Be careful that your boards don't over react
- \* Be aware of changing technologies
- \* Make sure you have a backup water supply
- \* Have policies or SOPs directing staff to perform site visits of potential source impactors
- \* Be vigilant!