

TOWN OF PROCTOR

## Public Drinking Water System Improvements Planned for 2011



Project will  
require **BOND  
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WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

TOWN OF PROCTOR

45 Main Street

Proctor, VT 05765

Occupant

Proctor, VT 05765

## Bonding Schedule

- **Selectboard Resolution**  
July 20, 2010
- **Warning and Ballot Posted**  
July 23, 2010—August 24, 2010
- **Warning Published in Rutland Herald**  
August 3, 10, and 17, 2010
- **Informational Meeting at Proctor High School**  
August 5, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
- **Informational Meeting at Proctor Town Office**  
August 23, 2010 @ 5:00 p.m.
- **Bond Authorization Vote by Australian Ballot at Proctor High School**  
August 24, 2010  
Polls Open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*"Please read this brochure VERY CAREFULLY, while keeping in mind the improvement of our water system was one of my campaign promises.*

*Initially, I believed the water quality problem associated with the chlorine disinfection byproducts was our only system deficiency.*

*However, once I started learning more about our system, it became apparent to me there were many other problems with water pressure and aging infrastructure that needed to be addressed.*

*I believe the proposed system improvements and our choice for funding is best for our community."*

*Rick Anderson, Proctor Selectboard Chair*

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Proctor, VT 05765  
Permit No. 3

# Proposed Comprehensive Public Water System Improvements

## Why are these improvements necessary?

The Water System does not comply with certain requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and applicable state rules and regulations.

Chlorine disinfection byproducts in the drinking water have exceeded federal maximum contaminant levels since 2006.

We are unable to maintain adequate water pressure throughout the distribution system, especially during high flow situations like fire fighting.

We currently operate under a Temporary Permit, which expires on December 1, 2012. We are required by our permit to resolve these deficiencies before our permit expires.

We must take action—doing nothing is not an option.

*“The proposed water system improvements will bring us in line with State of Vermont mandates.*

*They will improve water pressure for customers who have lived with low or no pressure for years.*

*The costs may seem high, but when you factor in a possible 45% grant and the low interest rate, this is a very good package.”*

*Dick Norris, Proctor Selectboard*

## What are the proposed improvements?

*“This proposal has my full support - I believe it not only incorporates improvements that bring Proctor into State compliance, but it also improves our residential and commercial firefighting water flows and allows for future expansion.”*

*Vincent Gatti, Proctor Volunteer Fire Department*

The proposed water system improvements include transitioning to a groundwater source to address the chlorine disinfection byproducts problem and making significant improvements to water storage and distribution system piping to address the system pressure problems. Specific project elements include:

- New, replacement well at the Field Street Well location and modifications to existing well for use as an emergency back-up.
- Replacement 680,000 gallon storage tank on east side of distribution system.
- New 33,000 gallon storage tank to serve Bluff Street neighborhood, with minor operational modifications to existing west side storage tank.
- Distribution system isolation valve vault to control flow between east and west tanks.
- Distribution system pipe improvements on Tower Road, Olympus Road, Grove Street, Holden Avenue, Park Street, Larson Street, and Chatterton Park.
- Utility meters and backflow preventers.
- New controls and coordination systems (SCADA).

## What is this project going to cost?

Estimated Total Project Cost	\$6,414,777
Local Share	\$ 250,000
Bonded Amount	\$6,164,777
Estimated Grant Award	\$2,712,502
Estimated Loan Amount	\$3,452,275

The total estimated project cost is \$6,414,777.

We are seeking approval from the voters to use \$250,000 of reserve funds to assist with the replacement of a source(s) of water for the outer district customers—those who live in Chittenden and Pittsford.

We are seeking bond authorization from the voters for the remaining \$6,164,777.

Currently, the most competitive source of funding is through the Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Program. Due to our median household income level, we are eligible for a grant of up to 45% of our project costs.

The remaining \$3.4 million would be repaid through a loan at an estimated 3.25% interest rate over 40 years.

*“The proposed improvements and funding mechanism are the best compromise for the people of Proctor between the needs for safe drinking water, fire protection, and affordable rates. We simply cannot wait any longer to take this action.”*

*Bill Dritschilo, Proctor Selectboard*