

# RCAP Project Highlights



**Where:**  
Whitehall, NY

**Problem:**  
Public Health and Compliance



Vacant Store  
Fronts on Main  
Street



## Whitehall Village

This low-income village is located at the southern end of Lake Champlain, and neighbors Vermont. The Birthplace of the U.S. Navy, Whitehall was once a vibrant shipping community. These days, most of the available jobs are in the public sector. Whitehall is served by both a municipal drinking water system and a municipal wastewater (sewer) system. Both systems are aging and in need of significant upgrade.

To protect public health and to assure compliance with the State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES), NYS DEC is requiring the village to upgrade the wastewater system at an estimated cost of over \$20 million. Because of the magnitude of the needed improvements, construction is to occur in phases. Village residents have already been feeling the pinch associated with municipal infrastructure, shouldering the burden of a recent upgrade to the aging drinking water system. Bearing the cost of an upgrade to the municipal sewer system will create a serious hardship for some residents yet the improvements are necessary.

RCAP Solutions is assisting the village to: document funding eligibility for wastewater improvements under USDA Rural Development (RD), the NYS Clean Water Revolving Fund (SRF), and the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for improvements to the municipal wastewater treatment system.

RCAP Solutions works with communities to address a broad range of needs, including community infrastructure, and to promote public, environmental, and economic health.

RCAP Solutions is a member of the Rural Community Assistance Partnership. RCAP is a national network of regional nonprofit organizations that provide comprehensive, on-site technical assistance and training to help small, rural communities address their drinking water, wastewater, and other community development needs.

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