

RCAP Project Highlights



Where:
Pittsburg, NH

Problem:
Financial Management



Drinking Water Source Replacement and Distribution System Rehabilitation

For many years Pittsburg has maintained a very low user charge for water, even in the face of the necessity of relocating their bacteria-polluted well source. RCAP Solutions conducted a Board Training on system maintenance and rehabilitation, including funding options and what had to be done to develop a plan to replace the wells. After demonstrating the need through an Income Survey, RCAP was able to assist in negotiating a very favorable loan/grant ratio of three grant dollars for every one dollar borrowed from both the NH Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and the USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program.

The exploration, testing and permitting of the new source was accomplished, in 2011 using funds that the town borrowed from Rural Development. Following this plans and specifications were developed, bid documents prepared, bids solicited and the award of a contract to a qualified construction firm was accomplished. At this writing, grant monies are being used to construct the pump house facility, which has been substantially completed. The well is connected to the system, and soon will be brought on-line, resulting in the full replacement of the original polluted source. Two more phases of the project: completing the system rehab with water meter installation, as well as installing new mains and service lines, will be commenced in the spring. RCAP will continue to provide technical assistance to the town as needed in the areas of Asset Management and Financial Management, as well as support to grant administrators, engineers, funders and regulators.

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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