

The WSPP Committee is very pleased to present a complete final draft Drinking Water Source Protection Plan for review.

This outline is provided to assist with a review of the document

- The **full text of the Plan** is 41 pages, including title page and table of contents. It is well spaced for easy reading and includes quite a few figures and maps that show the water source protection areas, potential threats, hydrogeologic setting, etc, as required in the [DWSP2 framework](#) from DEC that was followed.
- **The Executive Summary and Section 1 (3 pgs) consists of the Introduction, Background, Vision and Goals.**
- **Section 2 (21 pgs) contains detailed information** on the Water Sources in the Town, and Protection Areas as guided by DEC criteria. There is information on the Hydrogeology, Bedrock & Surgical Geology, Slopes, Aquifers, Regulated Environmental Facilities, Historic Spills, High Risk Land Uses (DEC criteria), Non-Point Source potential pollutants, and the Assessment of Private Wells based on the resident survey and DOH well sampling campaigns.
- **Section 3 (8 pgs) outlines Drinking Water Protection Strategies and Implementation**, as well as Progress to Date by the Town for many of the topic areas.
- **Section 4 (2 pgs) outlines the suggested Plan Implementation Strategy Timeline**, organized in table form.
- **Section 5 (1/2 pg) summarizes the Plan Progression and Maintenance.**
- **Section 6 (1 pg) provides a list of links and resources.**
- The **Appendices, beginning on p.42** (~62 pgs, but each topic is separated by a full page that contains only the title) **contains further, extensive resources** relevant to topics. Included is the full RCAP report on the resident survey (2024), as well as many fact sheets from the NYS DOH and other agencies.

The next steps in the DWSP2 process are 2) revision after reviews by the Town, the public, and NYS DEC and DOH, and then 2) adoption of a final document by the Town Board. Acceptance by the DEC is helpful in obtaining future funding for drinking water protection projects.

The DEC's goal in supporting source water protection planning is to "empower municipalities to take action to improve and protect their public water sources and surrounding environment. DWSP2 is designed to build off previous work, help align priorities, and fill gaps within a municipality's current and future source water protection efforts."

This plan is a voluntary, locally led, NYS supported action; there is no legal requirement for a municipality to develop or enforce a DWSP Plan (beyond the existing regulations related to the Safe Drinking Water Act as implemented by the DOH).

We look forward to input and the completion of this important resource for Ulysses residents!

*Ulysses WSPP Committee
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