

WHAT'S IN OUR WATER?

- **Groundwater is one of our most valuable resources. Half of America drinks groundwater every day.**
- **More than 17 million households in the United States use individual wells to supply water for their families. Wells are used to extract groundwater from aquifers.**
- **Heavy industrial activity may put our groundwater at risk.**
- **Most homeowners do not know the quality of their well water and, as such, would not be able to prove water contamination if it were to occur.**

The Otsego County Conservation Association is launching a groundwater monitoring program that will provide certified baseline testing of private drinking water wells in pre-targeted areas countywide!

Our program addresses the need for both characterization AND legal documentation and protection of groundwater resources. Understanding the characteristics of our drinking water—and fingerprinting well water and the aquifers from which it flows—is paramount to protection of this resource without which we cannot survive. Reported contamination of groundwater due to gas drilling in Pennsylvania – during drilling and up to six months after – could not be verified due to lack of pre-drilling water testing which might have proven whether or not the conditions were pre-existing.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO COLLECT A BASELINE OF WELL WATER CHEMISTRY THROUGHOUT OTSEGO COUNTY BY WHICH CHANGES TO WELLS WILL BE DETECTABLE!

YES, I support OCCA's efforts to protect Otsego County's groundwater.

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