



**Utilities Chapter**  
**Comprehensive Plan**  
**Inventory & Analysis**

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# UTILITIES

This Chapter is a portion of the Inventory and Analysis section of the York Comprehensive Plan. Its purpose is to provide information about the types of utilities available in each area of the Town of York because understanding this information is a foundation for formulation of land use policies elsewhere in the Comprehensive Plan.

The text of this Chapter is organized into 6 sections: Water; Sewer; Stormwater; Electricity; Telecommunications; and Gas. This chapter includes 8 maps to supplement the text. For this Chapter in particular, the maps convey the critical inventory information to a greater degree than the text. A complete citation, with map title and date, is provided in the appropriate section of the text.

Comprehensive Plans in Maine must comply with the legal requirements of state law, specifically Title 30-A §4326. The law establishes that land use policy must be based on information and analysis, and accordingly the law establishes that comprehensive plans must contain an Inventory and Analysis section. This Chapter is one part of the Inventory and Analysis section of the York Comprehensive Plan. This Chapter, together with others already adopted and being written, is part of a change in format for the Plan. The Inventory and Analysis section is being converted to a series of technical reports on individual subjects (population, housing, land use, natural resources, etc.). Each is complete as a stand-alone report on its specific subject, but taken as a set they comprise the complete Inventory and Analysis section. This new format should encourage the Town to keep the Plan up to date, and should increase public access to information contained in the Inventory and Analysis. During the transition from a single Inventory and Analysis section to a series of single-subject reports, some degree of overlap of content and information is expected. For purposes of interpretation, the most current document shall supersede any earlier version or chapter of the Inventory and Analysis section. When the entire set of Inventory and Analysis chapters is adopted, the 1999 Inventory and Analysis section of the York Comprehensive Plan can be fully repealed.

## WATER

Water for domestic and fire-fighting purposes is provided by 3 separate water districts: York Water District (YWD); Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District (KK&W); and Kittery Water District (KWD). At this time approximately 28% York's geographical area has water provided by these 3 water Districts. It should be noted that none of these water districts is part of York's town government—each is an autonomous, quasi-municipal entity that governs itself within its own defined service area subject to Public Utilities Commission (PUC) rules.

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The map entitled, “**Water District Service Areas in 2005**, York Comprehensive Plan, Inventory and Analysis, Utilities Chapter” with a date of March 22, 2005, is hereby incorporated into this document by reference.

The map entitled, “**Fire Hydrant Service Areas by Water District in 2005**, York Comprehensive Plan, Inventory and Analysis, Utilities Chapter” with a date of March 22, 2005, is hereby incorporated into this document by reference.

The following table provides a summary of basic information for each of the 3 systems serving York. The source of this table is the Master Plan for the York Water District (Wright-Pierce, November, 2004), as well as information provided by the Superintendents of Kittery Water District and Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, and Wells Water District.

	<b>York Water District</b>	<b>Kittery Water District</b>	<b>KK&amp;W Water District</b>
<b><u>Service Area</u></b>			
Year-Round	11.4 sq. mi.	1.5 sq. mi.	1.7 sq. mi.
Seasonal	2.5 sq. mi.	n.a.	0.9 sq. mi.
<b><u>Customers</u></b>			
Residential	4,454	435	No Data Given
Commercial	318	7	No Data Given
Government/Other	161	0	No Data Given
<b><u>Fire Hydrants</u></b>			
Year-Round	400	44	5
Seasonal	30	0	1
<b><u>Use</u></b>			
Average Daily	1.2 million gal./day	1 million gal./day*	3 million gal./day*
Peak Daily	2.85 million gal./day	4.5 million gal./day*	6.8 million gal./day*
Max. Safe Yield	1.7 million gal./day	5.7 million gal./day*	11.5 million gal./day*
<b><u>Source(s)</u></b>	Chases Pond	Bell Marsh Reservoir	Branch Brook
		Folly Pond	
		Boulter Pond	
		Middle Pond	
*System wide			

**York Water District**

Water in the areas of York Village, York Beach, and Route 1 corridor is provided through the YWD system. Service is principally year-round, but there are areas limited to seasonal (summer) water supply. The YWD serves about 25% of the geographical area of York.

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The York Water District has adopted a Master Plan for their system. It was prepared by Wright-Pierce Engineers and the adopted version is dated November 2004.

The YWD Master Plan calls for service extensions in the following locations:

- Areas north of the current service area up to I-95.
- A small area north of I-95 and north-west of current service area.

The map identifying the precise locations of these areas is missing from the Master Plan.

The areas of York described above are not clearly defined by any map in the YWD Master Plan. When that information becomes available, a new map will be created. Within this portion of the Master Plan it is projected that the York Water District will be able to add approximately 1,100 new residential units, or expand by another 25%, before reaching capacity.

The District has an emergency regional interconnection with the KK&W system and is planning on adding another one with the Kittery Water District in the spring of 2005. These interconnections are important to the districts to allow them to address emergency water issues (drought, contamination, etc.) on a regional basis. The current agreements allow for the exchange of only 1 million gallons of water per day at emergency water rates. At this time it has been determined that the quality of the water entering and leaving the respective treatment plants is extremely close. There are still water quality issues being discussed between Kittery Water District and YWD, however YWD has no doubt that there is plenty of time to resolve these issues.

The YWD and KK&W systems were interconnected by a new main along Route One, from Cape Neddick Village to Ogunquit, in 2003. This interconnection is functional and has the ability to share water between York and Ogunquit, but is awaiting the installation of one more pump station so that the interconnection can safely run at capacity. The York and Kittery water districts are in the construction stage of a planned emergency interconnection. This will entail running a water main along the eastern side of Route One from the Kittery/York border north to the existing YWD system in the vicinity of the existing main under Route One north of the York River. Considering all of the factors the YWD considers the KK&W interconnection to be the preferred emergency water provider, at this present time.

The YWD Master Plan recommends the York Water District should consider approaching other Southern Maine water districts in order to begin the creation of a regional water plan. The need to create the plan is based upon the need to support the increases in population, not only in the Town of York, but also in York County and Southern Cumberland County. In the distant future a connection with South Berwick may become a reality, but the expansion of the York Water District system along Route 91 will be driven by property owners and not through active district expansion. In the future, the discussion about interconnections and water use should be continued. There is the

need to clarify the various districts needs to sell water back and forth to each other rather than providing water to new customers in York.

One significant limitation on potential expansion of the YWD system is that it cannot provide service at elevations greater 190 feet. The map, **Water District Service Areas in 2005**, highlights the approximate size and location of areas above this elevation to represent those areas where future service expansions are unlikely. Note that the map shows areas above 180 feet of elevation because of limited availability of contour data.

### **Kittery Water District**

Water in the area around Cider Hill, Scotland Bridge and Beech Ridge roads is provided through the KWD system. Service is entirely year-round water supply. The KWD service area represents about 2% of York’s geographical area.

The Kittery Water District currently provides water service in the Scotland Bridge area. The district is not free to expand its service area anywhere in York, but may within a pre-defined service area. Beyond the KWD service area is the YWD service area. Unfortunately, it is not clear where the service area boundary is. The two districts are evaluating this issue and hope to enter into an agreement in the future that will establish a clearly defined service area.

### **Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District**

Water in the northeastern corner of Town is provided through the KK&W system. Service is a combination of year-round and seasonal water supply. The KK&W service area represents about 5% of York’s geographical area. Service is actually provided in about 1% of York.

KK&W measures flow rates rather than delivery capacity, so their units of measurement are different. KK&W also supplies more water at their peak hour than they can over a peak day, so they operate at a deficit on peak days. They can do this because they rely on the drop in water use overnight to re-supply their reserve tanks. With this in mind the discussion about interconnections, the quality of water provided by emergency interconnections, and the expansion of water service to customers should continue between the Town of York and the water districts.

KK&W has no plans for system expansion in York, except as requested by property owners.

## **SEWER**

Municipal sewage disposal is provided by 2 separate sewer districts: York Sewer District (YSD); and Ogunquit Sewer District (OSD). At this time approximately 7% of the area of York is serviced by these 2 sewer systems. It should be noted that neither of these sewer districts is part of York’s town government—each is an autonomous, quasi-municipal entity that governs itself in accordance with its own charter. There is legislation before

the Maine Legislature at this time (Spring 2005) to bring the York Sewer District into the Town government, but the final disposition of this legislation is uncertain and will not be further addressed in this Chapter.

The map entitled, “**Sewer District Service Areas in 2005**, York Comprehensive Plan, Inventory and Analysis, Utilities Chapter” with a date of March 22, 2005, is hereby incorporated into this document by reference.

## **York Sewer District**

The YSD provides sewer service in about 3.75 square miles, or 6.5% of the geography for the Town of York. Service is concentrated in the York Corner, York Village and York Beach areas. The Sewer District Plant currently processes 1.2-1.4 million gallons per day per year as an average measurement of flow. The winter and summer flows are similar because the summer flows consist of influent and higher loads, while the winter flow has water from general inflow and infiltration. In 2004, the York Sewer District had an average daily flow of 1.23 MGD, which equals approximately 50% of the 3.0 MGD EPA permit limit capacity. The EPA permit rules state that a permit review is required when a plant reaches 80% permit capacity, therefore a plan is never allowed to reach a full 100% capacity. The Sewer District is starting to develop a new master plan, to address future issues, in addition to creating a new facilities plan in the next 5 years.

The District is actively considering expansion of their system into new areas, directed primarily by the policies outlined in the Town’s Comprehensive Plan. The following expansions are being considered:

- The area between Main Street and Shore Road. This is in the conceptual and cost estimating stages.
- The area along Route 1 both north and south of the Route 1/York Street Intersection.
- The area along Route 1 north of Route 1A to Old Post Road is currently being reviewed and a plan for this area may be developed in the next year, although construction may not occur immediately. The different businesses along those roads have requested that sewer be installed and these requests are driving the need.
- A citizen petition from the residents of the Plaisted Road area to have sewer installed was received by the District, but the cost was deemed prohibitive at over \$28,000.00 per lot.

The sewer system capacity is constrained in terms of the collection system. The York River Farms pump station, Barrell Mill trunk line, Route 103 Pump Station, and pipe and pumps in the Route One/Route 91 area all currently have capacity issues today. The map entitled, “**York Sewer District Collection System Constraints**, York Comprehensive Plan, Inventory and Analysis, Utilities Chapter” with a date of March 22, 2005, is hereby incorporated into this document by reference. The District needs to address these issues before future expansion in these areas can occur.

The District attempts to add the equivalent of 200 residential units per year to its existing 4253 accounts. The impact fees gained from this expansion are used to make their bond payments for an earlier treatment plant expansion. This shifts a significant portion of

capital costs for infrastructure expansion onto new system users, which is the very purpose of impact fees. It protects existing system customers from funding treatment capacity required to facilitate new growth.

The District estimates that since they are at 50% of their EPA permit they could add approximately 3400 new units, either residential or commercial, before triggering a new EPA permit review.

### **Ogunquit Sewer District**

The Ogunquit Sewer District service area covers approximately 4% of the town's geography south of the York-Ogunquit town line, but the area in which service is actually provided is less than 1%. Service is provided only along Pine Hill Road North, Pine Hill Road South, and Shore Road south to the Cliff House. Recently the District instituted a new policy that limits sewer extensions into neighboring communities to one half mile from the Ogunquit border. However, the Ogunquit Sewer District is feeling pressure from local volunteer organizations, like the Ogunquit Conservation Commission, to expand services further to improve overall water quality in the Josias River and Perkins Cove. Future expansion of the system into York will be driven by requests from property owners within the prescribed area.

## **STORMWATER**

Stormwater runoff is a major issue in the Town of York. Development over the past century, most notably in filled wetlands behind Long Sands Beach but in other areas as well, has resulted in many homes, roads and other improvements being located in areas that are subject to regular flooding. Continuing growth of the community has increased impervious surfaces, which increases stormwater flows, perpetuating and worsening drainage problems. However stormwater issues can not be generalized to just the Long Sands Beach area. Examples of stormwater issues can be found throughout town at the parcel, neighborhood, and watershed levels, thus demonstrating the seriousness of the problem.

In 1977 the York Beach Village Corporation hired Cleverdon, Varney, and Pike Engineers to prepare a report on solution options for the drainage problems in their jurisdiction. This report, entitled, "Engineering Report on Storm Drainage Study July 1977," was the only serious study of the problem until recent action by the Public Works Department. The Public Works Department hired Edwards & Kelcey to complete a report that scoped out the nature of the drainage problems in the coastal watersheds between York River and Cape Neddick River. Additional engineering studies will be required following this scoping report, but this was the first step in developing a comprehensive approach to drainage in this area.

The Town became subject to the General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems on July 1, 2013, which imposes significant additional requirements on the town to (1) manage their own stormwater infrastructure, and (2) require that private developers change their stormwater management practices. Because stormwater issues have become more complex, and affect many areas of the Town's operations and ordinances, a separate Stormwater Inventory and Analysis Chapter has been prepared for the Comprehensive Plan. **Amended 2015/11/03**

## ELECTRICITY

As a result of deregulation in the 1990s, Maine law prohibits electricity from being generated and distributed by the same company. Central Maine Power (CMP) is the sole distributor of electric power in York. There are a variety of commercial electricity generators whose power is distributed by CMP, but that is generally of no relevance to the context of community planning. For purposes of this Chapter, only the electric distribution system is addressed. Information about electric generation can be obtained directly from the PUC.

Distribution of electricity is accomplished through a system of transmission, sub-transmission and distribution lines. Transmission lines are the biggest lines, typically carrying either 345 or 115 kilovolts, and only move electricity long distances. Sub-transmission lines, like the ones that travel through York, are built to 69 kilovolt standards but only carry 34.5 kilovolts and are used only to transmit electricity. Distribution lines are the smallest lines, and from these lines electricity is provide to individual users. Distribution lines are further classified by the type of power they carry: single-phase or 3-phase. The 3-phase power is a conductor installation capable of carrying heavy loads of electricity. Three phase power is used to power machines and electrical motors in a more efficient manner. Availability of 3-phase power is of interest when selecting locations for many commercial and industrial uses.

There are no transmission lines in York. Electricity in York taps into the transmission system in North Berwick and in Eliot.

There are 2 sub-transmission lines, totaling approximately 15 miles, in York:

1. Line #139 enters York from Ogunquit, and it taps into the transmission line in North Berwick at the Gould's Bridge substation. It runs southerly to the substation on Ridge Road in York Beach, and then continues south to terminate at the substation on Woodbridge Road in York Village.
2. Line # 178 enters York from Kittery, and it taps into the transmission system in Eliot at the Bolt Hill substation. It serves the substation at Bragdon Common, where some electricity is split off for local distribution, then continues north to the substation on Ridge Road in York Beach. Where the line runs north from the Spur Road along Route One, it is a transmission-overbuild, a design where the transmission lines are located on the same poles as the distribution system.

Distribution lines comprise the majority of the system. There are approximately 180 miles of distribution lines in York. Of these lines, about 30 miles are 3-phase lines and the remaining 150 miles are single-phase lines.

The map entitled, “**Electric Distribution System in 2005**, York Comprehensive Plan, Inventory and Analysis, Utilities Chapter” with a date of March 22, 2005, is hereby incorporated into this document by reference. This map shows the entire distribution system in York.

Having just completed construction of the Southern York County System Reinforcement project in 2004, CMP has indicated they are satisfied with the power system in York and they have no plans for system expansion or change for the coming decade.

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

Telecommunications includes three distinct technologies and infrastructures, each of which has its own issues and impacts on the landscape. The 3 systems include telephone land lines, wireless communications facilities, and cable lines. Each is addressed below.

### **Telephones Land Lines**

All telephone lines in York are owned and maintained by Verizon. The entire system in York is fiber-optic. Fiber-optic cable uses the latest technology to transmit data through the use of light pulses, providing greater flexibility, greater capacity, and better quality data transmission.

Verizon is starting to use a new technology, called SONET rings that provide redundancy in their system in an effort to increase reliability. The SONET rings allow for the signal to be seamlessly re-routed through other fiber optic cables without interruption of telephone or DSL service to the customer if a failure of the line in use occurs. Verizon is also working towards expanding the use of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service, through its VoiceWing service. VoIP uses a user’s internet connection to make phone calls rather than traditional telephone lines. Customers using VoiceWing pay a flat monthly rate for unlimited local and long distance calls, rather than being billed for individual calls. One disadvantage of the VoiceWing system is that telephone calls made in this fashion cannot be located by E-911 services.

Although Verizon owns the lines, customers can choose other companies to provide their telephone service. Maine customers can choose from over 400 approved Telecommunications Companies. This list can be found at the Maine Public Utilities Commission website.

In addition to the use of these lines for telephone service, they can also be used for internet access. All of the lines in the Town of York are capable of providing dial-up internet access, from many different service providers.

Many lines in York are also capable of being used for high-speed internet access utilizing Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) technology. Verizon does not cover all of York with DSL-capable lines. Their system has a service limitation that prevents the DSL signal from effectively traveling 3 miles beyond the local switching center. This limitation can be overcome through the use of smaller equipment that allows for individual neighborhoods to be served by their own switching station. These smaller switching stations are envisioned to be small enough, to perhaps, be pole mounted. However, the use of these smaller switching stations is limited by economics and will be driven by market conditions. Verizon would not disclose the location of the switching centers, so a map showing the potential DSL service area could not be generated for this Chapter.

As with telephone service, customers can choose from other companies to provide their DSL service. In York, customers have 3 choices: Verizon, Great Works Internet (GWI), and Midcoast Internet Solutions.

### **Wireless Communications**

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the subsequent proliferation of “cell towers” throughout the countryside has raised the issue of wireless communications to a significant public policy issue, particularly with respect to local land use control. All wireless communications providers are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). In York County there are 18 license-holders: 3 cellular; 4 PCS Broadband; 6 paging; 4 wireless communications; and 1 multipoint distribution service. Companies purchased the right to provide telecommunications service on a particular radio frequency for each county in the United States. The companies that provide service in York are shown in the following table.

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**FCC Wireless Communications Service Licenses for York County**

<b>Licensee Name</b>	<b>Market Name</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Radio Service</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
Fresno MSA Limited Partnership	Verizon Wireless	001842954	Cellular	11/29/2006
Blue Licenses Holding LLC	Cingular Wireless	0012362869	Cellular	10/01/2007
RCC Minnesota Inc.	Unicel	0002622934	Cellular	1/22/2008
BAL/RIVGAM, LLC.	BAL/RIVGAM Communications	0003298890	Wireless Communications	7/21/2007
Verizon Laboratories Inc.	Verizon DSL	0003432861	Wireless Communications	7/21/2007
WCS Wireless License Subsidiary	WCS Wireless License Subsidiary	0009850488	Wireless Communications	7/21/2007
Cingular	Cingular	0003291192	Wireless Communications	7/21/2007
Metrocall	Nextel/Cingular Wireless	002051357	Paging	6/12/2010
Betapage Communications	Betapage Communications	0004376885	Paging	6/12/2010
Emerson Enterprises Inc.	Emerson Enterprises	0001542216	Paging	6/12/2010
Schuykill Mobil Fone Inc.	Schuykill Mobil Fone Inc.	0003256666	Paging	07/19/2010
NextBus Information Systems Inc.	NextBus Information Systems Inc.	0005818091	Paging	6/21/2012
McCormick, Joshua	Fioricom	0003537370	Paging	1/08/2014
Nextel/Spectrum Acquisition Group	Nextel/Sprint	0003768553	Multipoint Distribution Service	2/28/06
The New Cingular Wireless	Cingular	0003291192	PCS Broadband	6/23/05
Wirelessco	Sprint PCS	0002316545	PCS Broadband	6/23/05
Portland Cellular Partnership	Verizon Wireless	0003682887	PCS Broadband	6/27/07
Omnipoint DC Area Holdings	T-Mobile	0005557558	PCS Broadband	6/27/07

Wireless communications in York are dependent upon facilities located both inside and adjacent to the Town. The following is a table of all existing and permitted wireless facilities:

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**Wireless Facilities in York and Neighboring Communities**

<b>Street Address</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Land Owner</b>	<b>Service Providers</b>
Mount A Road	York	York Water District	Unicel, Nextel
Mount A Road	York	Town of York	Verizon, Nextel, TDS Telecom & Clear Channel Communications (These are not confirmed)
60 Ogunquit Road	York	Robert A. Boston	T-Mobile
1771 U.S. Route 1	York	Madelin Bezgembuk	Verizon, AT&T/Cingular, Sprint & T-Mobile
32 Sewall's Pasture Road	York	Timothy Small	U.S. Cellular, Unicel_& T-Mobile
60 New Town Road	York	Earl Hanson	Verizon (Projected, Plan Approved by Planning Board 10/28/2004)
Parson's Lane	Kittery	Margarette Goodwin	Nextel & Verizon
Parson's Lane	Kittery	Margarette Goodwin	U.S. Cellular & Unicel
78 York Woods	South Berwick	Messa Communications	T-Mobile
Brixham Road	Eliot	Willette Prince	Nextel
66 Dow Highway	Eliot	Sprint Spectrum	AT&T, T-Mobile, Sprint & Verizon
Tatnic Road	Wells	Wirelessco	Unicel & Nextel
Tatnic Road	Wells	AT&T / Cingular	AT&T Wireless / Cingular
Tatnic Road	Wells	Tower Properties Inc.	Verizon & U.S. Cellular

The map entitled, “**Wireless Communications Facilities in York and Surrounding Communities in 2005**, York Comprehensive Plan, Inventory and Analysis, Utilities Chapter” with a date of March 22, 2005, is hereby incorporated into this document by reference.

The following information was obtained from franchise holders. This information is provided solely to enhance understanding of issues and is not intended to represent Town policy positions on this subject.

**Nextel**

Nextel recently merged with Sprint, so their technology may be changing in the near future. Currently, Nextel uses digital cellular technology with “push-to-talk” walkie-talkie function, and offer wireless data services. They claim to have no gaps in coverage, but they are actively looking for a new tower location in York. They had a signed contract to co-locate on the tower once proposed for York Heights.

**US Cellular**

Would not return calls.

**Cingular**

Would not return calls.

**Unicell/Rural Cellular Connection (Formerly Cellular One)**

Unicell was formerly known as Cellular One. Their system uses both digital and analog technology. They use Bluetooth technology for wireless internet connection, and offer videophone and other high-speed internet technology. They claim to have no gaps in coverage and no plans for expansion in York at this time. When considering system expansion, Unicell prefers to use “Stealth Tower” technology in church steeples, large buildings and water towers.

**T-Mobile**

T-Mobile is the only US carrier using Global System for Mobile (GSM) technology, which provides service in 205 countries around the world. The company uses Internet Protocol and 802.11b technology to provide wireless internet connections, and provides e-mail, telephone and broadband multimedia services. The company identified a gap in service in the area of York Heights and the areas eastward towards the Ocean, and other areas along the coast such as the Shore Road area because of ridges separating these areas from the areas where telecommunications towers can be constructed (between I-95 and Route One). At this time the company has identified no specific plans for system expansion or change.

**Verizon**

Verizon utilizes digital technology only. They provide nation-wide text messaging, e-mail, picture delivery, multimedia, and broadband services. The company’s largest issue at this time in York is constrained capacity. High summer use overloads the current system. The new tower under construction on New Town Road (Hanson property) will complete their County build-out for coverage area along the I-95 and Route One corridors. However, they have expressed an interest in collocating on other facilities if they can obtain better coverage towards the Ocean.

## **Cable Lines**

By franchise agreement with the Town of York, all cable telecommunications lines in York are owned and maintained by Time-Warner Cable. There are approximately 215 miles of cable lines installed in York, and buildings along most public roads have access to cable. The company indicated they have provided service along all public roads that meet the minimum criteria for number of customers, and they have no plans to initiate expansion of service along private roads. Any expansions will be in reaction to growth or changes in demand for service. Currently, Time-Warner has 6,058 residential customers, 69 commercial accounts, and 32 hotel accounts in York.

Under the Town’s franchise agreement with Time-Warner Cable, the Town has access to two local-access channels. At this time the Town uses only one. There is a scrolling bulletin board for announcements, and most meetings of the Board of Selectmen, School Board, Budget Committee, Planning Board and Board of Appeals are televised. The Town can receive up to \$10,000 in local-access system improvements per the franchise agreement, to be used for cameras, broadcast equipment, and so forth.

Because the Town has chosen to televise many of its government meetings, it is important to understand the number of people that have access to these telecasts. The 6,058 residential customers represent approximately 72% of the total year-round and seasonal households in York. Almost 75% of the households in York have the ability to watch Town government meetings on TV.

The map entitled, “**Cable Network in 2005**, York Comprehensive Plan, Inventory and Analysis, Utilities Chapter” with a date of March 22, 2005, is hereby incorporated into this document by reference.

## **GAS**

At this time there are no gas transmission lines in the Town of York. The closest gas transmission line, a 6” to 12” line connecting Essex, Massachusetts to Portland, Maine, is located in Eliot and South Berwick. That line is owned by Columbia Gas Transmission, headquartered in Fairfax, Virginia. Brentley Archer, the company’s Director of Government Affairs, indicated they had no plans for expansion into the Town of York.