

CLARENCE-ROCKLAND

@With a population of: 21,624

@Your Water Comes From...

- ◆ The Ottawa River. The water treatment plant takes water from the Ottawa River and pumps it throughout your community.



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@Taking Stock...Critical Local Water Concerns

- ◆ The extensive wetland habitats of the nearby Larose Forest are threatened by various large-scale tourist/recreational developments. Concerns have been raised by local community groups because of the expected negative impacts on wildlife and fragile ecological habitats, as well as the potential contamination and drainage of surface and groundwater sources.
- ◆ A number of pulp mills operate along the Ottawa River, including in the United Prescott-Russell Counties. These mills generate millions of litres of industrial waste annually. In addition, chemicals from local agricultural fields, and toxic run-off from old dumps all contribute to further pollution in the river—your community’s drinking water source.
- ◆ The Chalk River nuclear facility has had leaks of tritium into the Ottawa River. Radioactive contamination has been detected along the river, demonstrating how the health of each community along the river is connected.

@Keeping Track...Initiatives and Actions In Your Community

- ◆ **Campaign to Ban Bottled Water on school and city property.** Get involved! Check out: <www.insidethebottle.org/re-fresh-re-jailir>
And...
- ◆ **The Tucker House** is an environmental learning centre offering guided nature and history tours as well as other great youth events. Check it out! <www.tuckerhouse.ca>
- ◆ **The Cultural Foundation Native Expressions**, works in the United Prescott-Russell Counties to advocate for environmental, racial, social, and economic justice. Check out info on their “Three Sisters” Indigenous Seeds Depot, and Honouring the Earth events: <www.cfne.org>
- ◆ **Sustainable Food Initiatives:** Check out the Good Food Box for fresh fruits and vegetables in your neighbourhood: <www.foodshare.net/goodfoodbox01.htm>

☞ For references and more resources, contact the Polaris Institute: <www.insidethebottle.org/contact>

