

# CORNWALL

@With a population of: 45,965

@Your Water Comes From:

- ◆ Lake St. Lawrence. Water is filtered and cleaned at Cornwall's filtration plant before being pumped through your city's pipes.



<[www.cornwalltourism.com](http://www.cornwalltourism.com)>

@ Taking Stock...Critical Local Water Concerns

- ◆ Local watersheds are contaminated by mercury, zinc, lead, and copper due to industrial run-off.
- ◆ Chemical leaching from contaminated soil near local dumpsites are an additional source of water pollution. Airborne toxins are transferred into the waterways with snow and rain. One disastrous result: cancers and respiratory diseases amongst all ages (including young people) are reported at elevated rates in comparison to other Canadian cities.
- ◆ At the nearby Rotino'shonni:onwe community of Akwesasne, the water and soil have been severely contaminated by toxic chemicals discharged by industrial operations along the St. Lawrence Seaway. The residents—and especially youth—have reported severe health problems, including growth, hormonal and respiratory disorders.
- ◆ Proposed developments of hydro-dams upstream could cause further disruption of the watershed.

@ 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-jaillir](http://www.insidethebottle.org/re-fresh-re-jaillir)>

And...

- ◆ **The Rotino'shonni:onwe community** is advocating for land, cultural, social and environmental justice. For more info, check out: <[www.mohawknationnews.com](http://www.mohawknationnews.com)> and <[www.akwesasne.ca](http://www.akwesasne.ca)>

- ◆ **Sustainable Food Initiatives:** Check out the Good Food Box Initiative in your neighbourhood: <[www.foodshare.net/goodfoodbox01.htm](http://www.foodshare.net/goodfoodbox01.htm)>

✍ For references and more resources, contact the Polaris Institute: <[www.insidethebottle.org/contact](http://www.insidethebottle.org/contact)>

