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THE PUMPING STATION

Site of Town's First Water Company

Still A Part of Kingston's Municipal Water Supply System

Until 1884, most Kingston residents got their water from wells or natural sources. A select few were served by the Kingston Aqueduct Company, formed around 1800 to provide spring water through hollow logs or iron pipes to paying subscribers. The gravity fed system was limited, and as Kingston grew, so did the demand for clean water and fire protection, which the Company could not meet. In 1885, after lengthy debate and serious study, the town received state approval to build a municipal water system.

The Kingston Water Commission purchased the Aqueduct Company's property and equipment and, in 1886, started the pumps in a brand new building to serve a water system of over 8 miles of pipe, reaching every building in town. Over the years, many improvements have been made, but the original pumping station still stands, serving the Town of Kingston as it has since 1886.

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