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## Grant to allow for underground wiring

TICONDEROGA – Fort Ticonderoga has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Wired Building program of Niagara Mohawk, a National Grid Company.

The grant funds will be applied towards the installation of a mile-long underground conduit as part of a project to provide modern communication and utility access to the 18<sup>th</sup>-century fort. This project will bring new technology to the fort including telephone, cable, fiber optic, and electric service, while preserving the views around the fort.

The “wired building” project will tie together major elements of the Fort Ticonderoga campus, including the museum exhibit galleries and support facilities. It will also bring the reliable electrical power to the site of the future Mars Education Center, so the fort can provide state-of-the-art communication facilities in the restored 18<sup>th</sup>-century structure. The Mars Education Center, when completed, will provide year-round indoor and education and programming space.

Fort Ticonderoga received assistance from the Essex County Industrial Development Agency in securing the grant.

“The Essex County IDA welcomed the opportunity to assist Fort Ticonderoga as the sponsoring agency for the Niagara Mohawk grant. Fort Ticonderoga continues to be a strategic economic partner and the Mars Education Center will strengthen the fort’s educational and economical importance in the region,” said Carol Calabrese, co-executive director of the IDA.

This project also received support from the New York State Council on the Arts Capital Aid Program.

Fort Ticonderoga is a 2,000-acre educational not-for-profit historic site in New York and Vermont preserved and managed by the Fort Ticonderoga Association. The fort is closed for the season and will reopen on May 10. For information call 585-2821 or visit [www.fort-ticonderoga.org](http://www.fort-ticonderoga.org).



Fort Ticonderoga has received a \$10,000 grant from Niagara Mohawk, a National Grid Company to install underground utilities at the fort. Assisting in securing the grant was the Essex County Industrial Development Agency. From left are: Bill Flaherty, Niagara Mohawk vice president for business services; Carol Calabrese, Essex County IDA co-executive director; and Nick Westbrook, Fort Ticonderoga executive director.  
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