

***What if you lived by the largest body of fresh water in the world but could no longer afford to use it?***

**Residents of Highland Park, Michigan – known as the birthplace of the auto-industry – have received water bills as high as \$10,000.**

**They have had their water turned off and their homes foreclosed.**

**Now they are struggling to keep water, a basic human right, from becoming privatized!**

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# **THE WATER FRONT**

**The brilliant and engaging new documentary “The Water Front” offers a sobering and eye-opening account of a privatization scheme and its effects on the poor and working class citizens of Highland Park, Michigan. Filmmaker Elizabeth Miller tells the stirring tale of a declining U.S. city and the valiant struggle of residents, inspired and led by African American women, to literally fight City Hall.**

***Bruce Pietrykowski  
Professor of Economics  
University of Michigan-Dearborn***

**If you thought water scarcity was still largely a "natural" problem in the developing world, this film makes it frighteningly clear how opportunistic entrepreneurs, in a time of growing environmental crisis, treat water as a commodity to be traded for their profit. This inspiring film shows a group of citizens successfully fighting the privatization of their water, the assault on their property, and slowing, for a moment, the growing inequality between the powerful and the rest.**

***Martha Saxton  
Professor of Women Studies  
Amherst College***

**Film followed by panel discussion**

**Location: The Little Theatre – Theatre #3**

**Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2008**

**Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

**Film co-sponsored by the Great Lakes Committee of the Rochester Regional Group, Sierra Club and Food & Water Watch**