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SYNOPSIS

There was a time in our nation when we were struggling to keep our freedom. We'd lost battles to our enemies on the streets of New York City. Washington, D.C. was abandoned and our enemies even burned the White House.

Strangely, the times reflected the tone, the backdrop for greatness in America. The effects from the War of 1812 re-directed the course of a nation. It was the final motivation for the building of the Erie Canal - a ditch that changed the course of America's history. Chronicling the forgotten story of Americans who united under a common dream, the film delves into the history of digging an artificial river that opened up the west and turned New York City into the center of the "new world."

Selling their idea and building the ditch were challenges to the people who believed in it. As the film unfolds we witness the extreme difficulties and obstacles that stood in the way of the making of this artificial waterway. There were not any civil engineers in America in the early 1800's. The Federal Government refused any funding for a waterway that was to become The Erie Canal. Finally in 1825, The Erie Canal – a ditch that runs 363 miles, spanning most of New York State became a reality.

For over a century, the Canal played a critical role binding states in the East and West with barter and trade, acting as an artery for a growing nation. The common dream shared by individuals from different walks of life has helped to maintain the Canal to the present day. Today, the Erie Canal is being re-vitalized by a new group of innovators as once again people unite by a common dream.