

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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If you have questions about your property or the program please email us at admin@oswpc.org or call 395-2876.

Our website is updated regularly and materials are available at our office in Town Hall.

THE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ORDINANCE HAS PASSED: WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

The next phase of the program is the Design Phase. The WPCA completed the Planning Phase when the Town Meeting was held and the Ordinance was passed.

The Design Phase includes the following items:

- Develop and implement the Funding program.
- Evaluate staffing needs for both WPCA and the Health District
- Hire engineering consultant to develop the project scope and associated costs
- Continue public outreach and education
- Select Alternative Treatment Systems and develop design and siting criteria
- Finalize Operation and Maintenance Plan
- Conduct workshop for septic system installers and vendors
- Develop/set up AT training program for installers



- Develop and begin lot-by-lot analysis procedures
- Establish failed system protocol

As you can see there are quite a few tasks ahead of the WPCA. The working group has begun meeting, assigning the activities, and putting the funding in place to go forward. The next step for the home-

owner in the Wastewater Management District is to meet with the Project Engineer and/or the Health District to determine the upgrades required for their septic system. Letters will be sent out to each neighborhood when the process is in place per the schedule below. It is most likely to be next year before Saybrook Acres residents receive their site reviews.

Upcoming Events:

Septic Installer & Vendor Workshops

*WPCA Meetings:
2nd and 4th Mondays,
7:30PM,
Pasbeshauke Pavilion
at Saybrook Point*

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Group 1

Saybrook Acres

Group 2

Saybrook Point
Oyster River East
Thompson

Group 3

Plum Bank
Great Hammock Beach
Indiantown

Group 4

Chalker Beach
Meadowood

Group 5

Cornfield Point

Group 6

Saybrook Manor
Cornfield Park
Ingham Hill

Group 7

Maple Avenue North
Fenwood

Old Saybrook Pump out Program Update

Questions?

Can be addressed to the WPCA at 395-2876 or admin@oswpca.org or the CT River Area Health District (CRAHD) at www.crahd.org or 661-3300.

“The pumpout or septic tank cleaning insures that the tank and its components are maintained on a regular basis and helps to prevent back-ups and surface breakouts.”

Although the Town has adopted the Wastewater Management District Ordinance, the “Pumpout Ordinance # 75” must still be observed. Most residents are familiar with the 5-year Pumpout Program that was implemented in 1998 and is now in its 3rd cycle. The intent was to require residents to have their septic tanks pumped and inspected every 5 years by a licensed septic system cleaner. This would insure that the tank and its components were maintained on a regular basis and help prevent back-ups or surface breakouts. Some properties however may require more frequent pumping.

A pumpout generally costs about \$250 and the list of approved local septic cleaners is on both the CT River Area Health District’s (CRAHD) website - www.crahd.org and the Water Pollution Control Authority’s (WPCA) website - www.oswpca.org.

Initially a letter was sent to the homeowner advising them to have their tank serviced within 30 days of the receipt. A “pumpout ticket” (or Liquid Waste Disposal Ticket) was enclosed along with a copy of Ordinance 75, and a septic

system factsheet. Letters were sent to different neighborhoods every month. When the Health District was formed, in 2006, they installed the online Carmody Environmental Management Services system. The new stream-lined process requires the cleaners (not the WPCA office or CRAHD) to input the data; gallons pumped and date of service etc. into the database. This must be done within 2 weeks or the homeowner will not get credit for the service, thus jeopardizing their permit to discharge. **It is the septic cleaner’s and the homeowners’ responsibility to make sure the data is entered.** The information can then be accessed by the WPCA and CRAHD and pumpout will not be required for another 5-years. This information should also be input when a tank is inspected/pumped for a property sale or a repair or replacement. **Online input eliminates the need for filling out and mailing pumpout tickets.**

In addition to reducing paperwork and postage, the input is important because in the next few months Carmody will add another application to the

program. Postcards will be automatically generated and mailed to homeowners. Properties that do not comply will be flagged for follow-up enforcement.



The Town-wide pumpout program remains in effect because it is vital to the health and welfare of Old Saybrook residents and an essential component of the Town’s Sewer Avoidance policy. Questions can be addressed to the WPCA at 395-2876 or admin@oswpca.org or CRAHD at 661-3300. For further information on the care and maintenance of your onsite system please see the septic system fact sheet on our website, in the Fall Saybrook Events, or pick a pamphlet up the next time you’re in Town Hall.

We thank residents for their cooperation and the success of the program over the years.



Beach Shadows