Town of East Hampton
Septic Incentive Program
Community Preservation Fund

- The mission of the CPF is to preserve community character - amended to include the protection and improvement of the quality of all water resources.
- East Hampton Town has purchased over 2,200 acres of land for preservation through CPF
- Up to 20% of annual CPF revenue to be used on water quality improvement projects
- Made specific recommendations for the water quality component of the CPF:
  - Over the life of the CPF water quality improvement plan, approximately $160,000,000 could be available for water quality improvement projects
Need for Water Quality Improvements

- Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)
- Low Dissolved Oxygen
- Decline in aquatic habitat for seagrasses
- Shellfishing closures due to high bacteria levels
- Bathing beach closures
- Degradation of groundwater resources
Why should you upgrade your system?

- Cesspools do not treat wastewater to remove nitrogen
- Innovative/Alternative systems denitrify wastewater
- New systems improve water quality
  - Groundwater and surface waters
- Improved water quality means better fishing, boating, swimming and healthy ecosystem
- Clean water can protect real estate values
SC DHS Provisionally Approved Technologies

- Hydro-Action
- Fuji Clean System
- Norweco Singlair TNT
- SeptiTech STAAR
- Norweco Hydrokinetic
- Orenco Advantex AX-RT
Town of East Hampton Sanitary Code

• Local Law amending Chapter 210: Sanitary Systems effective 1/1/2018

• Requires Building Permit for any work on Sanitary Systems within the Town

• Requires the installation of Low-Nitrogen Sanitary Systems in the following situations;
  – New construction
  – Any voluntary replacement of an existing system
  – All substantial expansion of existing structures (>50% GFA or Value)
  – All large capacity cesspools mandated under EPA regulations
  – All non-residential properties that require site plan review
    • triggered by; change in use from one permitted category to another, increase in occupancy/site parking, conversion

• No special permit review required if new system is located in the same location as existing septic system
  – Town developed NRSP waiver - signed off by Building, Natural Resources & Planning

• BP/CO fees are waived
Incentive available for property owners to replace existing systems with Innovative/Alternative Septic Systems
- Up to $20,000 in the Water Protection District or for homeowners who qualify for affordable housing
- Up to $15,000 for all other eligible applicants

Residential and commercial property owners are eligible
Second homeowners and rental properties are eligible
New construction not eligible
No income requirement (removed 12/10/2019)
Low-Income homeowners with failing systems can get extra help through the Town Housing and Community Development CHIP program
How to Apply for the Septic Rebate Program

• Step 1: Determine Eligibility
  – Fill out an eligibility application form and submit to Natural Resources (Form 1, CO, deed, survey, W9 form)
  – Indicate direct payment to vendor or receive incentive as rebate
    • If utilizing direct pay - Complete Direct Payment Verification Form and Indicate Vendor and Estimate amount

• Step 2: Receive approvals and install new IA septic system
  – Property Owner will hire an engineer who will complete a design plan for the septic system and submit to Suffolk County DHS for permit approval
  – Apply for TOEH Building Permit or Septic Registry before installation
  – Install I/A system
    • Notify Natural Resources of install date for inspection

• Step 3: Apply for Payment or Reimbursement with Septic Incentive
  – For Direct Payment - EH Approved Septic Vendors will apply directly to the Town
  – For Reimbursement to Homeowner - Bring invoices and proof of payment to East Hampton Town Natural Resources Dept. with Form 2
  – Receive Payment
    • Once documentation is submitted and approved, payment will be received in approximately 6 weeks
Septic Incentive Program Statistics
As of October 2022

- Total Septic Incentive Eligibility Applications = 865
- Total Systems Installed through Rebate Program = 405
  - 110 installations have been installed in 2022 so far
  - 130 installations were completed in 2021
  - 98 installations in 2020
  - 51 installations in 2019
  - 15 installations in 2018
  - 1 installation in 2017
Where were systems installed?
East Hampton/Amagansett/Springs/Sag Harbor
Where were systems installed?
Napeague/Montauk
More Information:

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