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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SEPTIC UPGRADES & CLEAN WATER IN MONTAUK: WHAT HOMEOWNERS NEED TO KNOW

WHEN: Friday, April 17, 2026 | 2:30PM – 4:30PM

WHERE: Montauk Library and Virtual | Open to the Public

This event is free & open to the public.

Join us for an important conversation about protecting the health of Montauk's waters. A leading contributor to water quality impairments in Montauk is nitrogen pollution from on-site septic systems. Today, more than 70% of homes in Suffolk County rely on outdated septic systems or cesspools never designed to remove nitrogen, making them a major source of local water quality decline. Fortunately, multiple dedicated programs are now in place to support homeowners in upgrading their systems. This meeting will explore why upgrading to a nitrogen-treating septic system matters, how newly increased funding from multiple programs makes this an especially good time to upgrade, and what the replacement process looks like from start to finish. A moderated discussion and Q&A with experts and representatives from the community, local government, science, and environmental organizations will follow short presentations.

Topics will include:

- How septic systems affect water quality in Montauk
- Available state, county, and town funding to substantially reduce replacement costs
- What homeowners can expect during application, permitting, and installation
- Homeowner experiences replacing septic systems

Please Note: Event will be streamed live on LTV's YouTube Channel and will also be recorded and available after the event.