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Town of East Hampton Septic Rebate Program

Upgrade Your Septic System to Help Improve Local Water Quality

The Issue:
Septic Systems and Nitrogen Pollution of our Bays, Lakes, Harbors and Ponds.

The Solution:
Upgrading Substandard Septic Systems with Low-Nitrogen Sanitary Systems

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Town of East Hampton
Department of Natural Resources

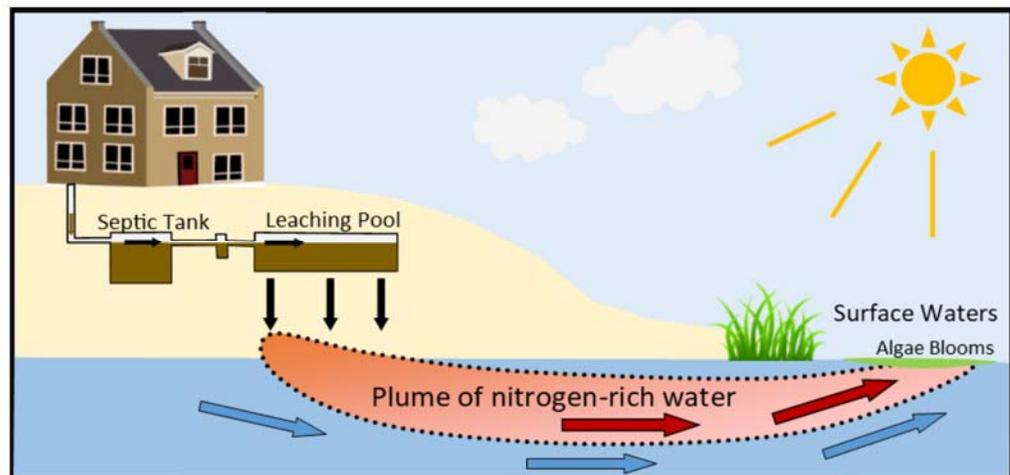
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What is the problem?

- ◆ Nitrogen pollution is the greatest threat to the health of our lakes, ponds, and harbors here in East Hampton
- ◆ Issues include harmful algal blooms (HABs), low dissolved oxygen, and bacterial contamination leading to shellfish and bathing beach closures
- ◆ The largest source of nitrogen is from substandard septic systems discharging bacteria and nutrients directly into the groundwater

What does your current system look like?



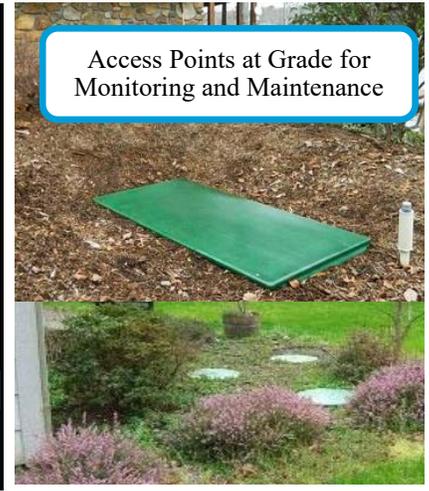
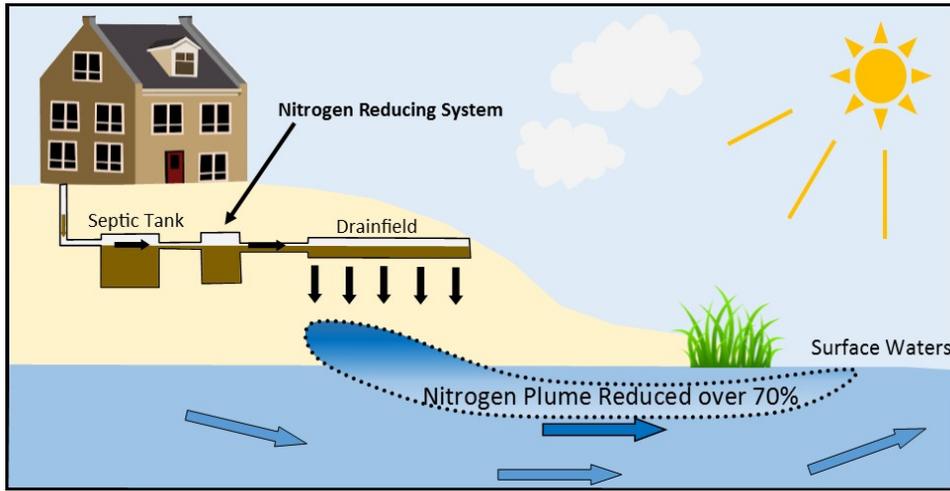
Why should you upgrade your current system?

- ◆ Traditional septic systems do not treat nitrogen. This means that the majority of existing systems in the Town are sources of nitrogen and contribute pollutants to waterbodies
- ◆ Upgrade to a low-nitrogen system and you can reduce nitrogen and help improve local water quality
- ◆ Improved water quality means better fishing and shellfishing, swimming and boating and a healthy ecosystem
- ◆ Clean water can protect real estate values; installing a new septic system is a significant positive investment in the value of your home

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There has never been a better time to upgrade your system!

What do the new systems look like?



There is funding available for you to upgrade your sanitary system! Up to \$50,000!

What is the rebate program being offered by the Town of East Hampton?

- ◆ Eligible owners with an annual income of less than \$500,000 may receive a rebate for the costs associated with upgrading to a low-nitrogen septic system
 - ◆ Up to \$20,000 if your property is located within the Water Protection District or you qualify for affordable housing
 - ◆ Up to \$15,000 if your property is outside of the Water Protection District
- ◆ Residential and commercial owners are eligible for the rebate
- ◆ New construction is not eligible for the rebate

*Under IRS guidelines, your septic rebate will be considered personal income and the Town will be issuing you a Form 1099. Please consult your accountant or financial advisor to discuss tax implications.

What else is available for low-income homeowners?

- ◆ Low-income homeowners with failing systems can get extra help through the Consortium Home Improvement Program (CHIP)
 - ◆ For homeowners that qualify for CHIP, the up-front payment of the low-nitrogen system installation up to \$20,000 is paid for by CHIP
 - ◆ Contact the Town of East Hampton Housing and Community Development Office for more information: 631-267-7896

What other programs are being offered?

- ◆ Up to \$30,000 is available in grants from the County and State!
 - ◆ Suffolk County's Septic Improvement Program grant is available for up to \$20,000 (\$10,000 for upgrading to a low-nitrogen septic system, \$5,000 for a shallow drainfield, and an additional \$5,000 for low-moderate income households.)
 - ◆ New York State Septic Replacement Fund offers a grant of \$10,000
- ◆ In addition, homeowners may be eligible to participate in a loan program to finance remaining costs through CDCLI; 15 Year 3% fixed rate gap funding up to \$10,000.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LOW NITROGEN SYSTEMS AND THE GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE VISIT
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