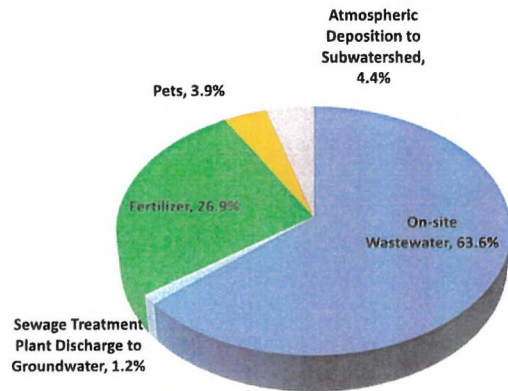


Why Should I Care About Nitrogen?

Excess nitrogen can lead to degraded water quality, contributing to harmful algae blooms, shellfishing restrictions, and poor water clarity. When nitrogen reaches surface waters it degrades our beaches, marshes, and bays.

What Causes Nitrogen Pollution?

Cesspools and septic systems are the **largest contributor of Nitrogen Pollution in Suffolk County.**



Nitrogen contribution sources to Groundwater are shown above. Source: Suffolk County Subwatersheds Wastewater Plan, 2020.

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Septic Improvement Program



Grant Funding for Residential Septic System Upgrades

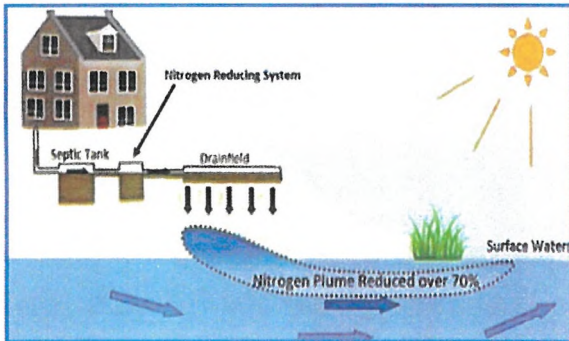
Water Quality Is Our #1 Priority!



How Can We Stop Nitrogen Pollution?

Innovative and Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (I/A systems) are the Solution to Nitrogen Pollution!

I/A systems use natural biological processes to reduce about 70% of nitrogen from our wastewater. I/A systems convert **nitrogen** to a **harmless nitrogen gas**, preventing degraded water quality.



What Can I Do to Help?

Replace your existing sanitary system with a new I/A onsite wastewater treatment system to significantly improve water quality.

Grant Funding Is Available

The Septic Improvement Program makes it more affordable for homeowners to replace their cesspool or septic tank with an I/A onsite wastewater treatment system.

Homeowners may be eligible for funding toward the purchase and installation of a new I/A system of up to \$45,000 from Suffolk County and New York State.

How to Apply for a Grant

If you are interested in participating in the program, please submit an application online at our website:

www.ReclaimOurWater.info

**Suffolk County grants are paid directly to County-approved installers only, and the grant must be approved before installation.*



Grant Eligibility

- Eligible properties include: single-family homes, two-family homes, or single-family homes with one accessory apartment.
- Property cannot be connected to a public sewer or be in a proposed sewer district.
- Residence must currently have a septic system or cesspool.
- Property must not have open property tax liens or foreclosures.
- Must have a valid CO.
- New construction on a vacant lot is not eligible; however, construction projects on existing homes may be eligible.
- Homeowners must select a contractor from the County's approved list.
- Grant recipients may be responsible for design and permitting costs.

Required Documents

- Most recent town-issued tax bill.
- If applicable, proof of sanitary system failure (photos, service receipts, etc.).