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# Town of East Hampton Septic Incentive 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

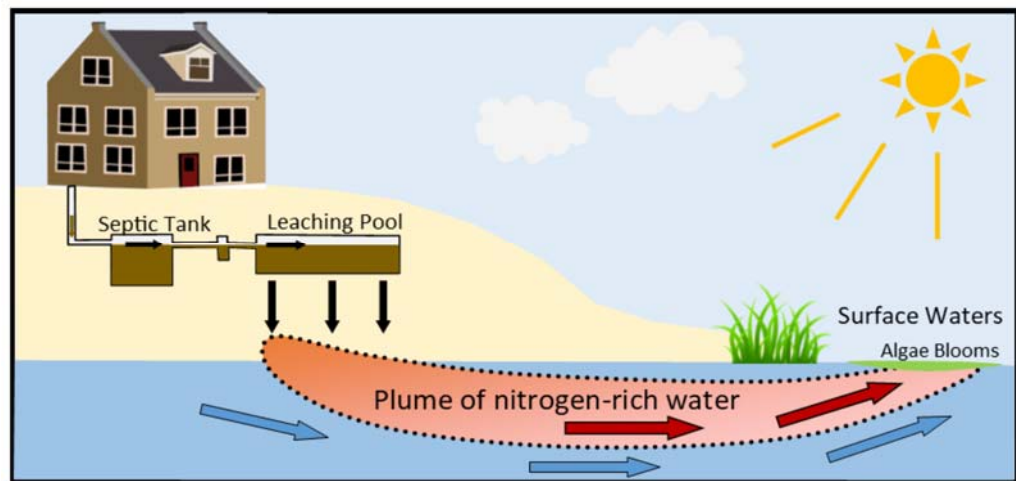
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### What is the problem?

- ◆ 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?



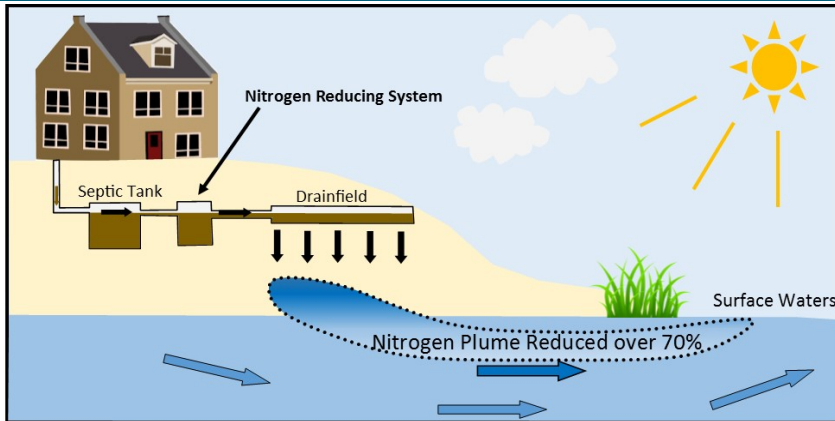
### Why should you upgrade your current system?

- ◆ 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 incentive program being offered by the Town of East Hampton?

- ◆ East Hampton property owners are eligible for an incentive to upgrade to a low-nitrogen sanitary system on their property:
  - ◆ Up to \$20,000 if the property is located in the Water Protection District or you qualify for low-moderate income
  - ◆ Up to \$15,000 if the property is outside the Water Protection District
- ◆ The incentive can directly pay the septic vendors for your installation!
- ◆ Remaining funds can be reimbursed to the homeowner as a rebate for additional costs
- ◆ Residential and commercial owners with existing systems are eligible for the incentive
- ◆ For more information or to download forms go to: <https://www.ehamptonny.gov/587/Details-and-Forms>
- ◆ \*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 to pay for up-front costs through the Consortium Home Improvement Program (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 may be available in grants from the County and State!
  - ◆ Suffolk County's Septic Improvement Program grant may be available up to \$20,000 (\$10,000 to upgrade to a low-nitrogen system, \$5,000 for shallow drain-field, and \$5,000 for low-moderate income households)
  - ◆ New York State Septic Replacement Fund offers a grant of up to \$10,000
- ◆ Homeowners may also be eligible to participate in a low-interest 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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