

END OF YEAR REPORT - North Queensbury Wastewater District #1

On December 1, 2014 the Queensbury Town Board authorized the creation of the North Queensbury Wastewater District #1. This report summarizes the work of the District during 2015 and the 2016 goals for the District.

2015 Goals As Established By The Map, Plan and Report and the Draft Budget

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

System Upgrades

Six enhanced systems have been installed this year: two units on one District parcel. Five additional systems are scheduled for upgrading, having permits in place. Four District homeowners have applied for reimbursement grant funding through The FUND for Lake George.

1. Create an Advisory Board and Elect Officers

At the February 12, 2015 organizational meeting, 11 district residents volunteered to serve on an Advisory Board. A provisional slate of officers was elected to serve until the Annual Meeting could be held. One district resident served as a non-voting member.

2. Hold an Annual Meeting and Monthly Meetings as Needed

On July 18th the Annual Meeting was held. A report of the Advisory Board's activities was given and the slate of officers and board members was unanimously approved. Including this annual meeting, the Advisory Board met eight times during 2015.

3. Adopt By-Laws

By-Laws were adopted at the May meeting.

4. Create a Budget for 2016

It was decided that the tax levy for District residents would remain the same for the 2016 tax year.

5. Advise the Town of Queensbury on the Matter of Site Visits

The Advisory Board is currently discussing how to continue with site visits in 2016.

6. Advise the Town of Queensbury on the Matter of Pump-outs

The Advisory Board is currently developing a pump-out plan protocol with the Town.

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7. Site visits and system mapping

Seventy-one properties are included in the Map, Plan and Report, and eleven parcels are vacant, leaving sixty properties to be visited and mapped. It was hoped that all sixty would be visited this summer. Sixteen site visits were conducted.

8. Recording of field data for input to data base

Field data has been requested from Dave Decker but none has been received, therefore no information has been recorded to a database with the Town of Queensbury.

9. Public outreach and education

No formal outreach or educational program has been completed. However, at the Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the Dunhams Bay Association, materials were available on three replacement septic systems, along with a pictorial display showing the process of installing an enhanced system for one District homeowner. The completed system was viewed by several District residents. Three Advisory Board members completed training through the New York Wastewater Treatment Training Network and Dunhams Bay homeowners represented a significant percentage of the audience for the many septic workshops organized by Kathy Bozony through the Town of Lake George.

10. One third of systems will be pumped out each year

Approximately 20 systems were scheduled for a pump-out during 2015. Four homeowners applied for fifty percent reimbursement from the Town for their pump-outs.

GOALS FOR 2016

NORTH QUEENSBURY WASTEWATER DISTRICT #1

The following goals for 2016 will be discussed at the first 2016 meeting of the Advisory Board, scheduled for March 10, 2016, and if acceptable to the Advisory Board, plans for their implementation will be discussed:

1. Complete site visits of the remaining systems not visited in 2015, exclusive of any new systems installed in 2015 or 2016, and update the town records accordingly.
2. (a) Complete pump-outs of two thirds of the systems (including any pumped out in 2015);
(b) Define and adopt a reimbursement protocol; and
(c) Insure inspections and pump-outs are coordinated to maximize data collection on systems.
3. Encourage repair/replacement of systems through education of property owners as to available options and costs – possibly compile a one-page data sheet on options.
4. Investigate securing low cost financing from the appropriate NYS Agency for payment of system installation.

5. Conduct an outreach and educational program through direct mailings and the Annual Meeting.
6. Hold monthly meetings as needed and an Annual Meeting to elect officers and Board members.
7. Prepare a budget for 2017.