

An Introduction to Advanced Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

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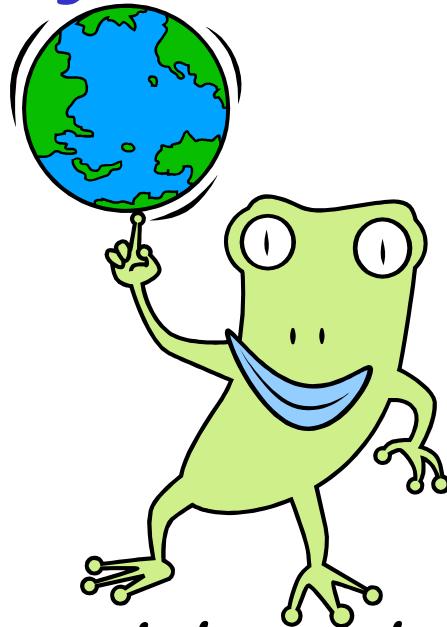
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A Quick Review

The way the world works!



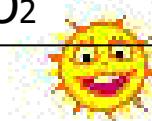
Wastewater treatment depends primarily upon natural biological processes to transform the wastewater to an acceptable quality for return to the environment.



It's All About the Food Chain Carbon Cycle

PRODUCERS

Energy + CO₂ + H₂O
+ Nutrients =
Organic Compounds
+ O₂



Secondary
Consumer

Producer

Primary
Consumer

CONSUMERS

Organic Compounds
+ (O₂ or **NO** O₂)
=
Organic Waste
Compounds + CO₂ +
H₂O + Energy



Tertiary
Consumers

Decomposer
Organic Waste
Compounds + O₂
=
Energy + CO₂ + H₂O +
Nutrients



The Stages of Wastewater Treatment

PRIMARY TREATMENT

- The first major treatment process in a wastewater treatment facility, used for the purpose of sedimentation.
- The removal of a substantial amount of suspended matter, but little or no colloidal and dissolved matter.

SECONDARY TREATMENT

- The biological treatment of settled wastewater from the primary process.
- An effluent that, with some exceptions, contains not more than 30 mg/L each (on a 30-day average basis) BOD and suspended solids.

TERTIARY TREATMENT

- The treatment of wastewater beyond the secondary or biological stage;
- Term typically implies the removal of nutrients, such as phosphorus and nitrogen, and a high percentage of suspended solids

The Elements of Wastewater Treatment

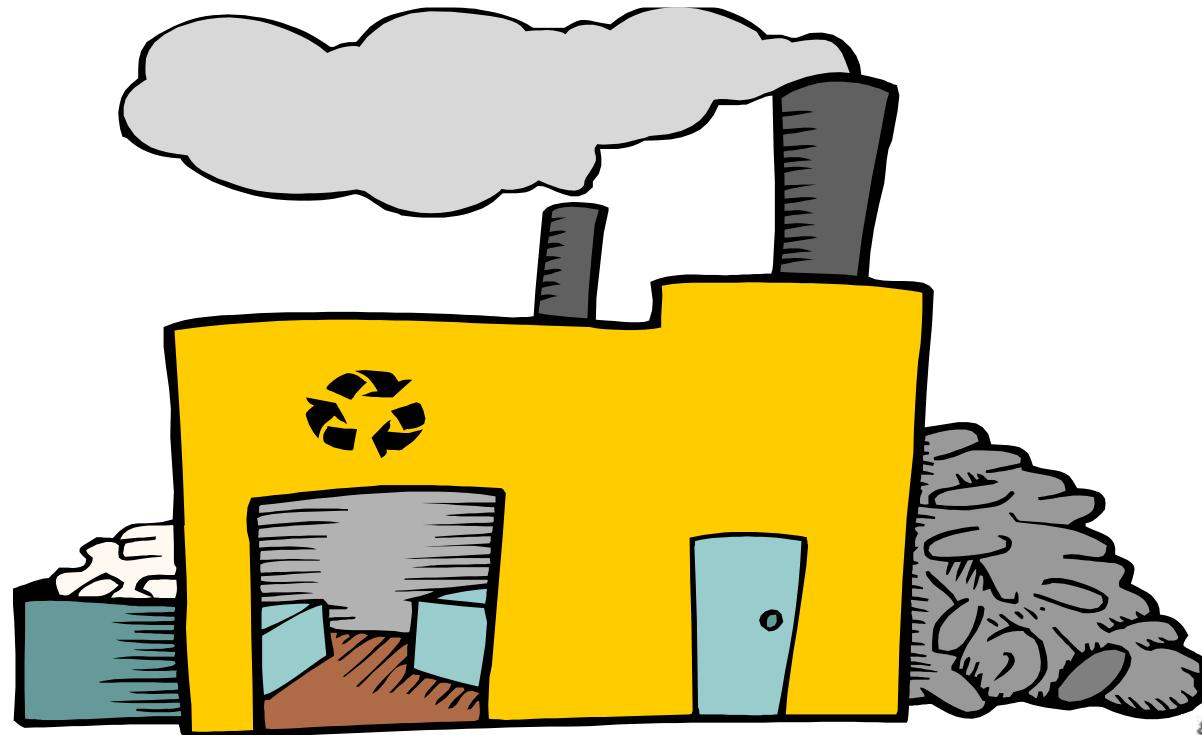


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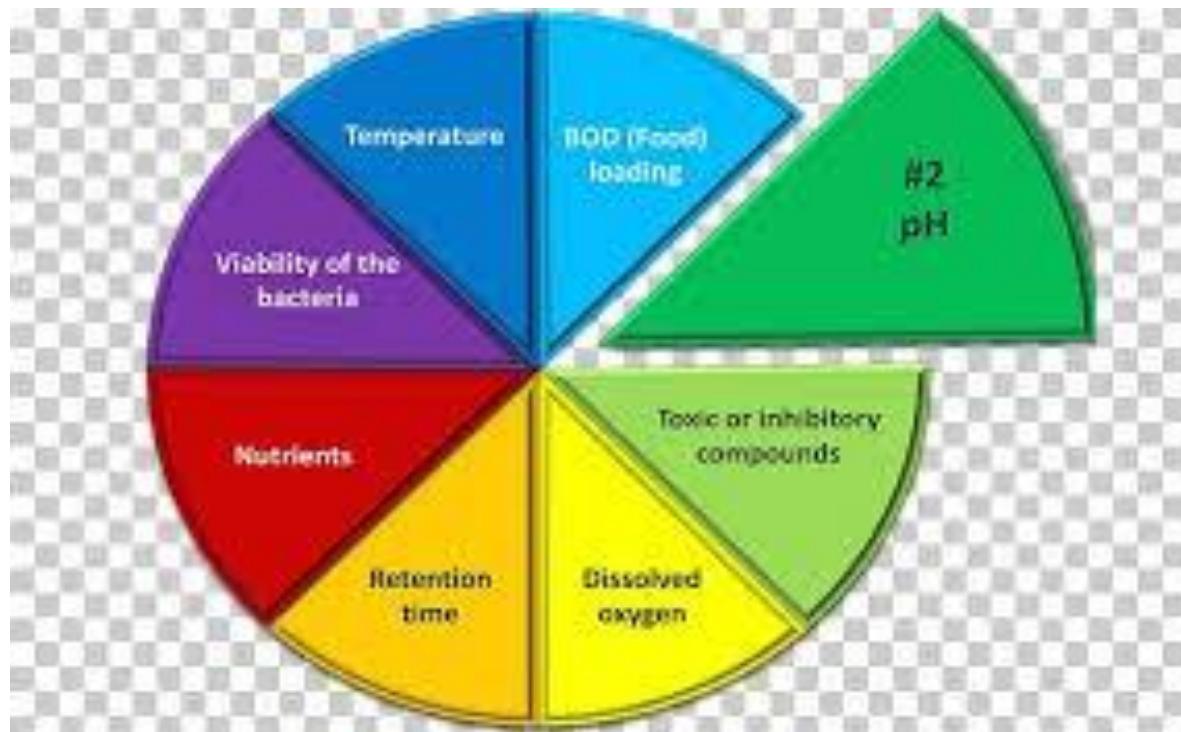
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WORK SPACE



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WORK ENVIRONMENT

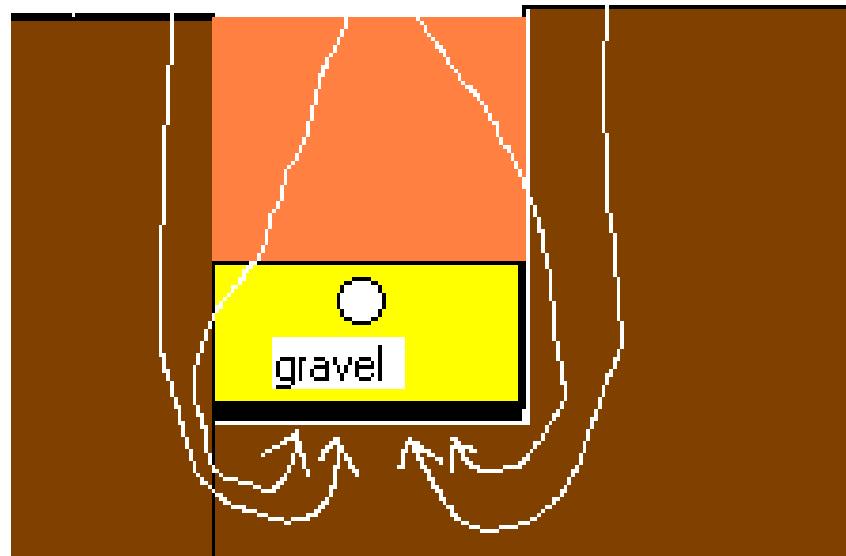


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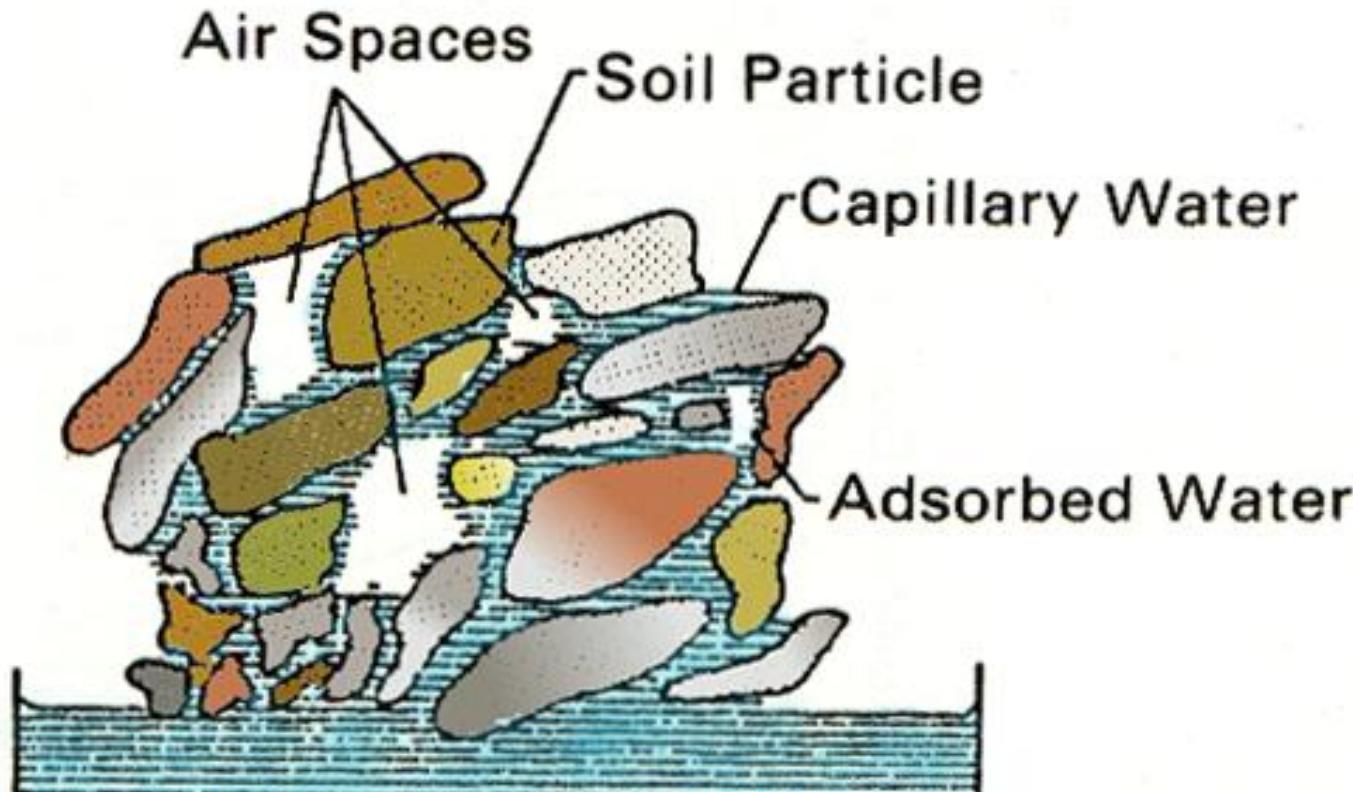


In a conventional septic system the soil must provide enough vertical and horizontal aerobic conditions for the biological workforce to convert the waste into harmless byproducts

Oxygen and Nitrogen



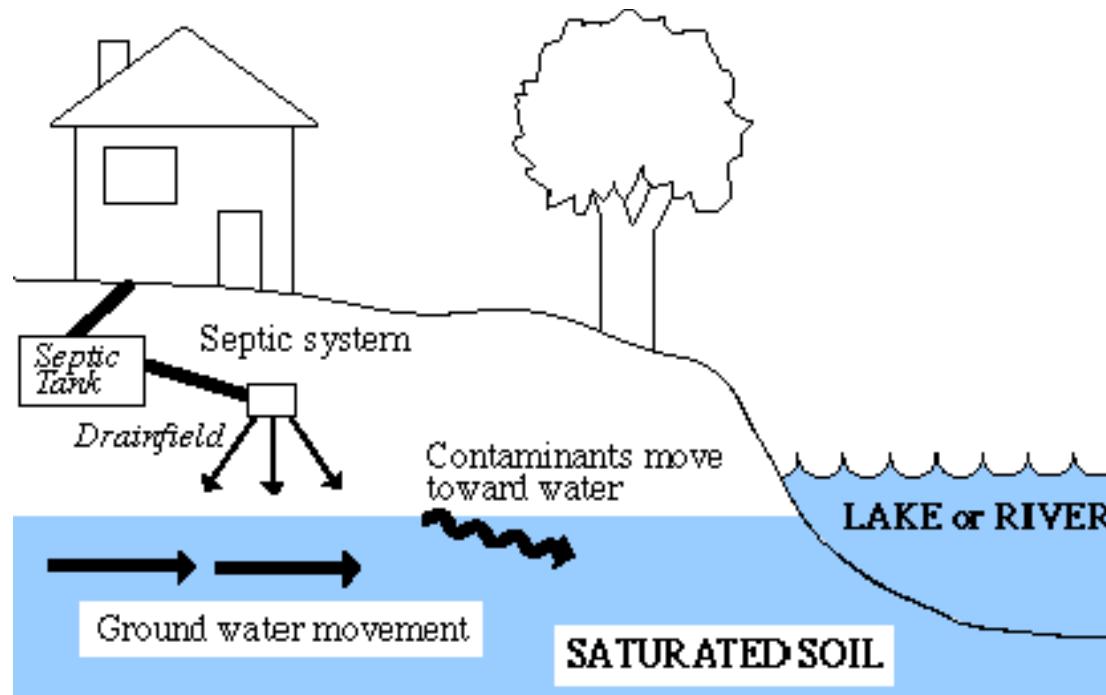
Soil is a complex homogenous mixture of various size and shape particles



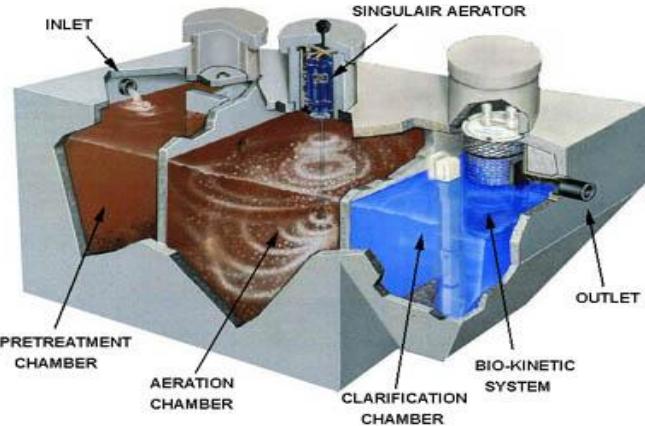
Improper site, soil conditions and/or design considerations often lead to premature failure of septic systems



Ground & surface water contamination can be caused by the inadequate onsite treatment of wastewater



Understanding other forms of Onsite Treatment Technologies is key to identifying acceptable options



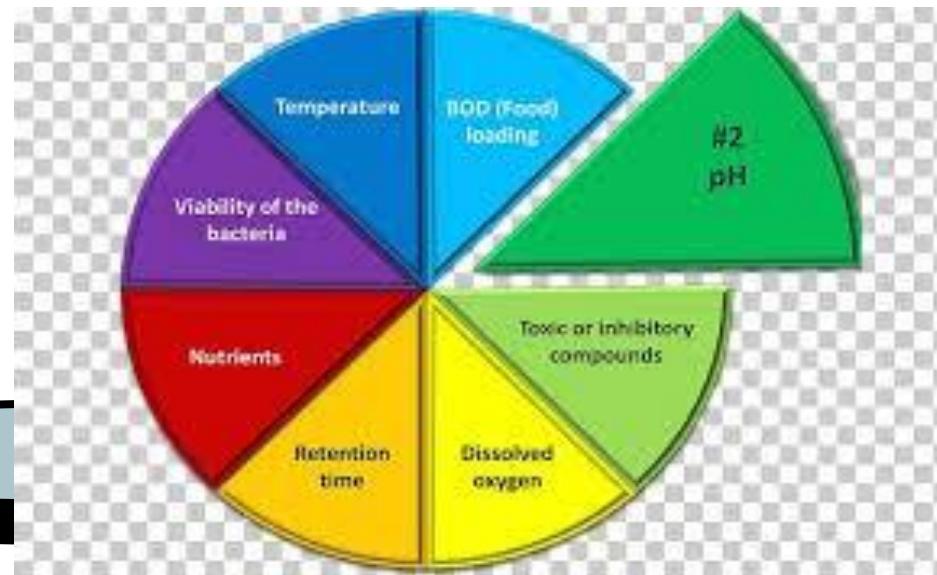
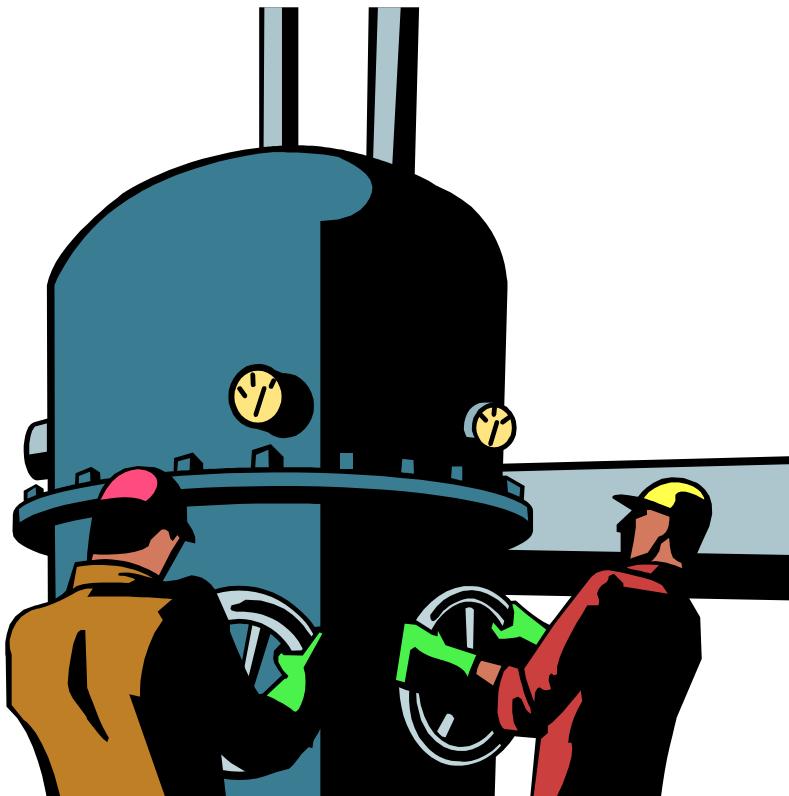
*Advanced Innovative Onsite Treatment
technologies are not anything magical or
mystical*



*Most innovative onsite technologies
simply provide a more friendly work
environment and efficient space for the
biological workforce to accomplish their task*



by providing & managing the operational environment for the biological workforce



A few emerging onsite technologies are capable of introducing a selected skilled task specific work force



Most recently a couple have focused on the physical capture of nutrients following complete biological treatment by means of adsorption (bonding) to various medias

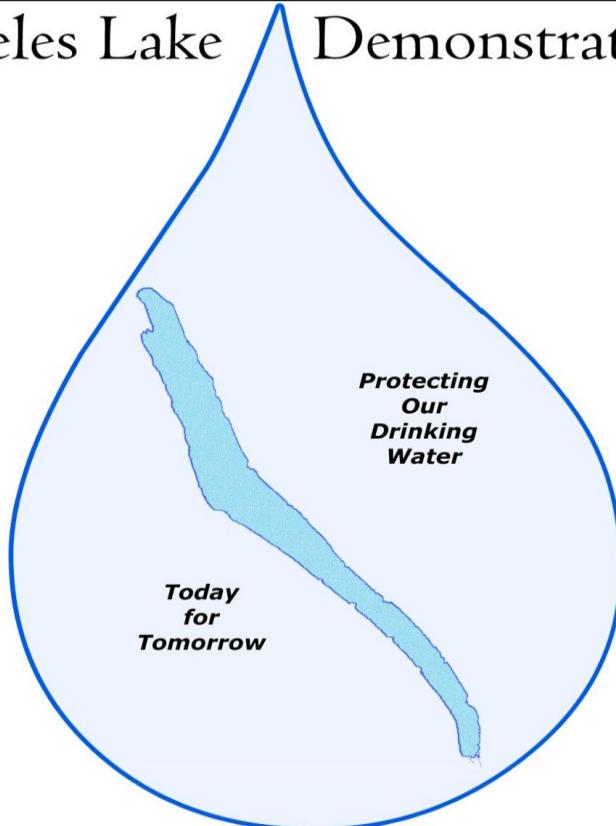




National Decentralized Water Resources Capacity Development Project

Strengthening the Foundations of Training & Practice in Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Through Support of Research & Development

Skaneateles Lake Demonstration Project



Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment
Demonstration Project Site

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- NYSOTN





2,600 Dwellings in Watershed

300 Village Sewer

2,300 Onsite Systems

- 1,750 Conventional
- 340 Dry Wells
- 100 Holding Tanks
- 75 Composting Toilets
- 35 Mounds, ATU's & other non-conventional

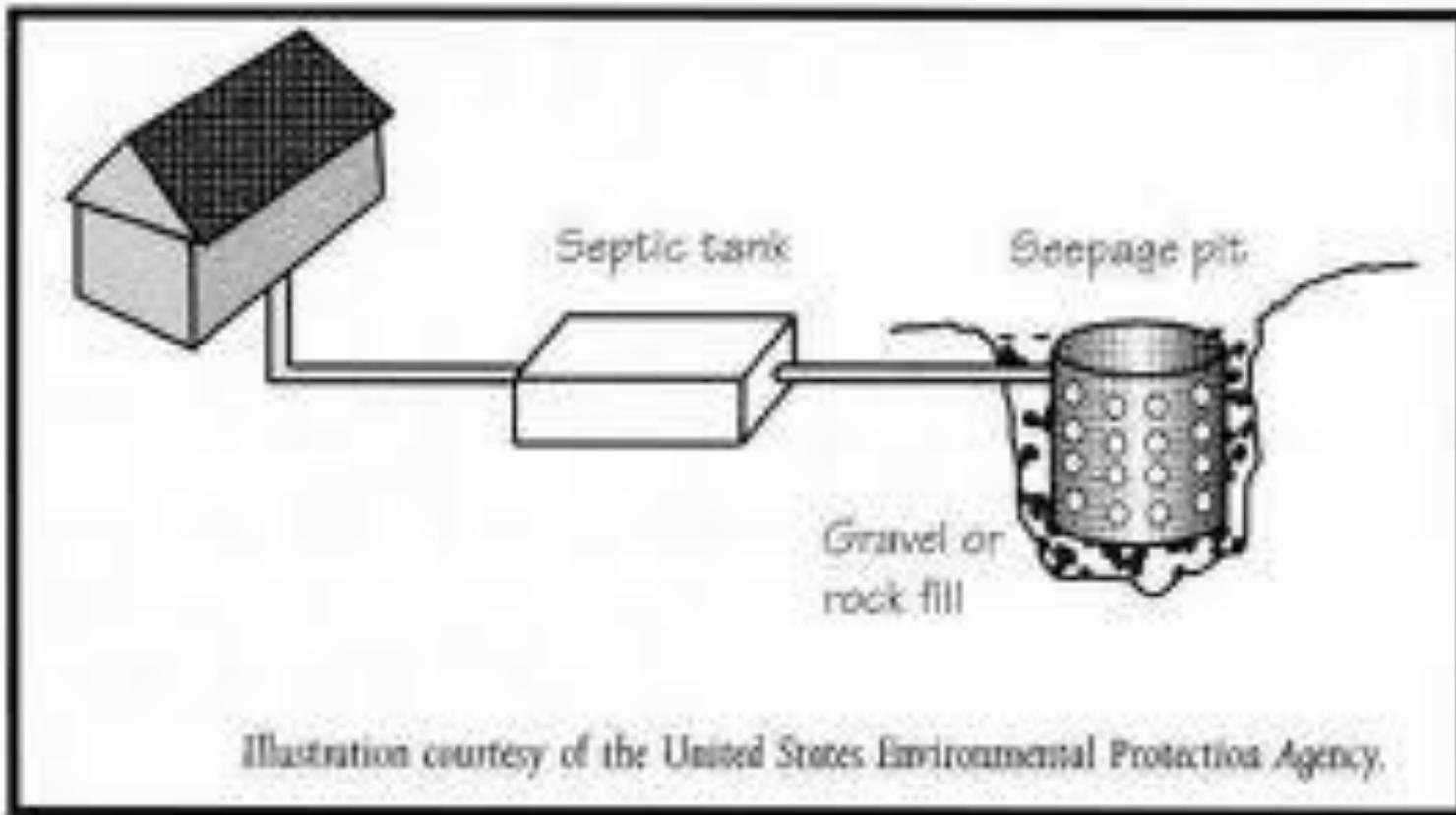


Technical Committee Design Considerations

Treatment Cost, O&M & Dispersal



Dry Wells offer little or no treatment

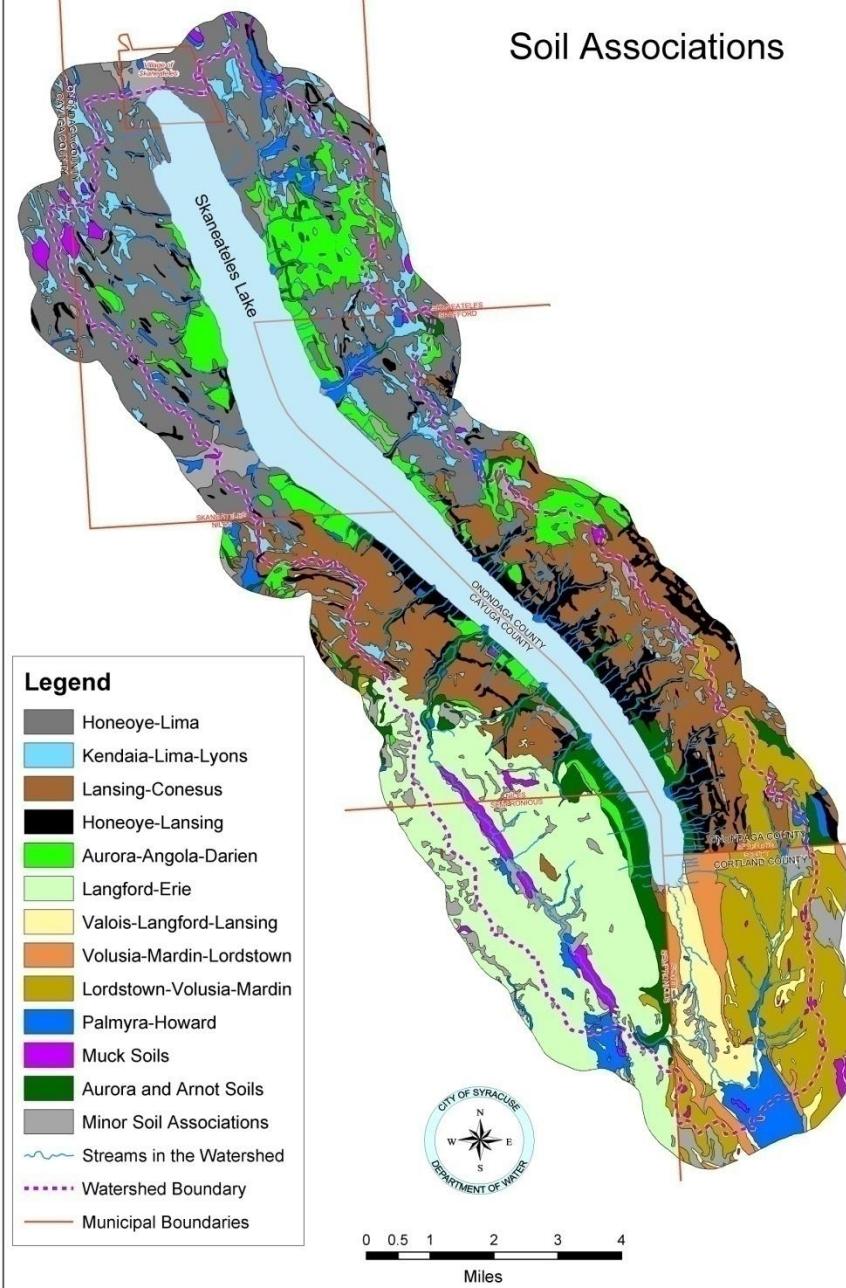


Schematic of a Seepage Pit (Dry Well)

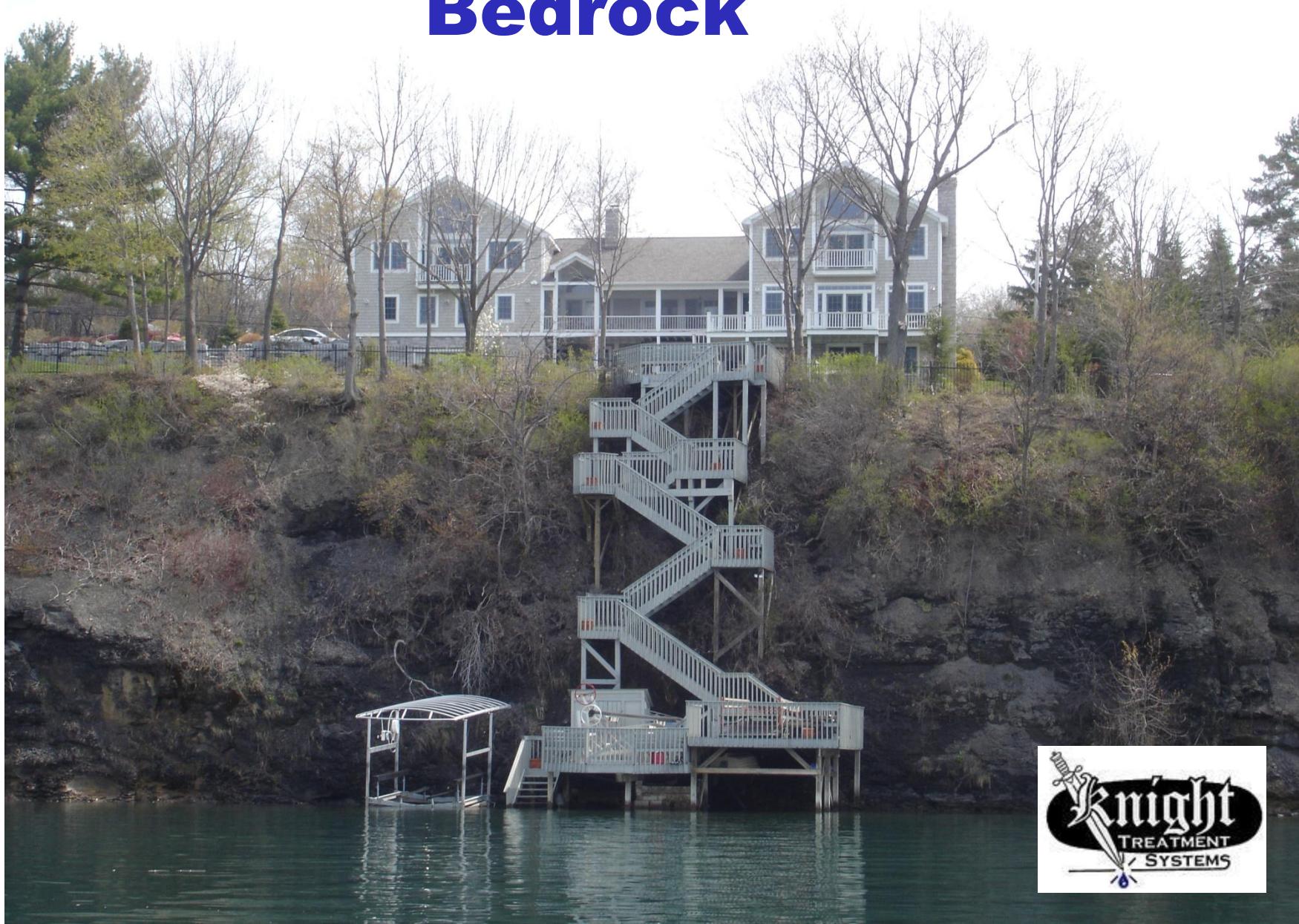


Skaneateles Lake Watershed

Soil Associations



Steep Slope & Shallow Depth To Bedrock



Separation to Surface Water





Small Lots



Steep Slopes



AI Search Results

Key Innovative Onsite Technologies

- **Aerobic Treatment Units (ATUs):** Systems that use forced air to treat wastewater, allowing for higher quality effluent than conventional septic tanks.
- **Recirculating Sand Filters (RSFs):** Systems that pass septic tank effluent over a sand bed multiple times to achieve high-level nitrogen removal.
- **Constructed Wetlands (Subsurface Flow):** Use plants and soil microbes to treat effluent, particularly effective for nutrient removal in residential applications.
- **Advanced Treatment Media & Filters:** Technologies such as textile filters, foam cube filters, and peat filters that provide enhanced media for biological treatment.
- **Nutrient Removal Systems:** Technologies specifically designed for nitrogen reduction (e.g., denitrification filters) or phosphorus removal, Often used in environmentally sensitive areas.
- **Low-Pressure Pipe (LPP) Systems:** A method of distributing effluent more evenly over a larger area of the soil absorption field.
- **Microbial/Biological Process Enhancements:** Advanced biological treatment to improve degradation of contaminants.
- **Disinfection Technologies:** Ultraviolet (UV) light and Ozone disinfection for high-level pathogen reduction before discharge or reuse.
- **Innovative Toilet Technologies:** Composting toilets and incinerating toilets to reduce or eliminate the need for water-based sewage disposal.



Categories of Innovative Onsite Treatment Technologies

- “Gravelless” Absorption Systems*
- Aerobic Treatment Units (ATU)
- Media Filters
 - Sand
 - Textile
 - Foam
 - Peat
- Microbial Inoculator/Generators
- Nutrient Reduction
- Composting



Enhanced Treatment

- Pre-engineered
- Small footprint
- Proven history of performance
- Disperse “clean” water
- Clean color
- Eliminate clogging of dispersal field



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NSF/ANSI
Standard 40

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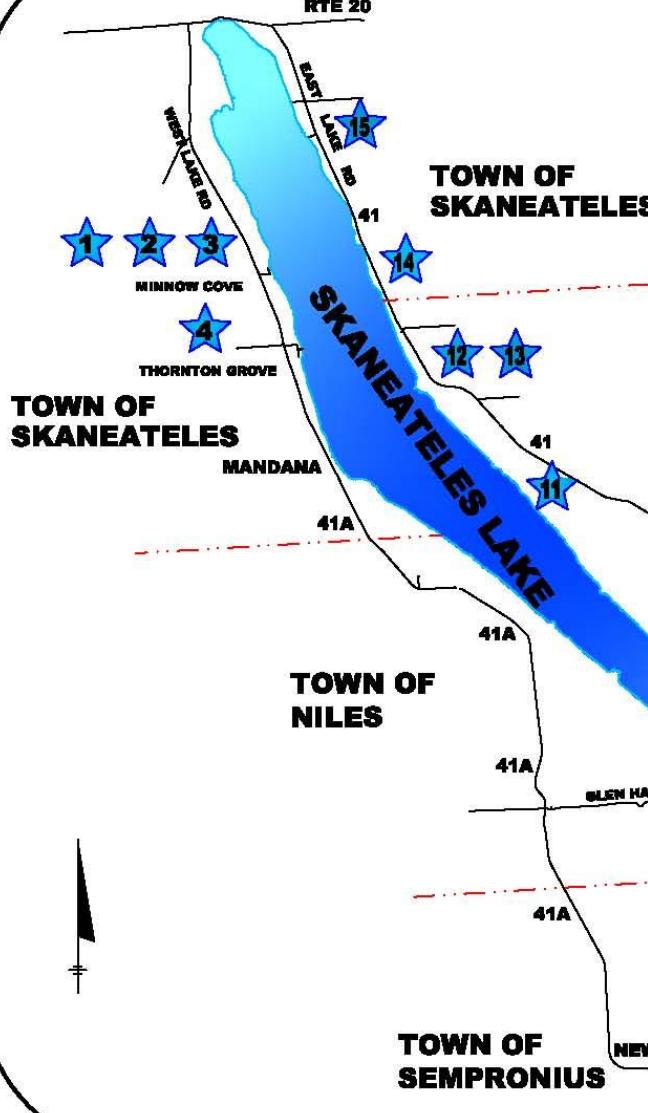
Sampling and Analyses



- BOD & TSS
- Ammonia ($\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$)
- Nitrite-Nitrate ($\text{NO}_2\text{-NO}_3$)
- TKN
- Total Phosphorus (as P)
- Total Coliform
- Fecal Coliform
- Turbidity



SKANEATELES DEMONSTRATION PROJECT TOUR

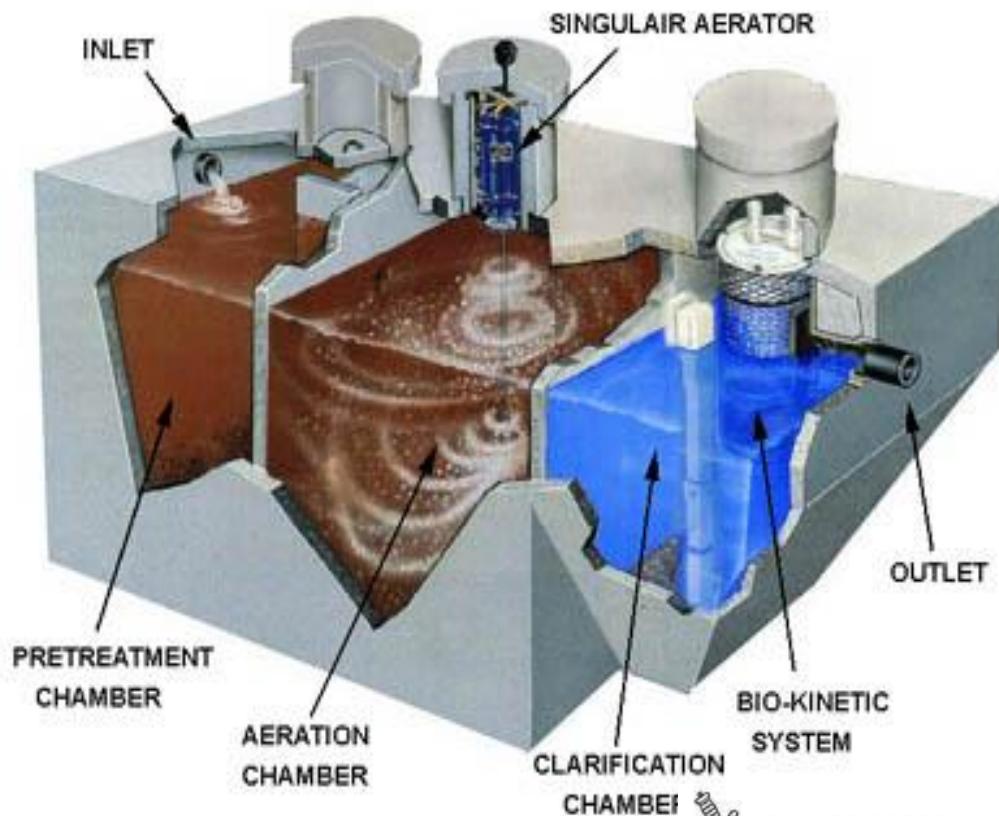


THE SKANEATELES LAKE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT DIRECTED BY: ERIC MURDOCK P.E.

- 1 THE MINNOW COVE SITES (3 SITES)
1250-1254 MINNOW COVE (FIRE LANE #22)
PREMIER TECH ENVIRONMENT - PEAT FILTER
GEOFLOW - DRIP IRRIGATION
- 2 THE DAVIDSON SITE
2312 THORNTON GROVE (FIRE LANE #33)
BORD NA MONA - PEAT FILTER
- 3 THE FRANCIS RYAN SITE
FIRELANE 6 - LOT 38
ORENCO-ADVANTEK - SHALLOW PRESSURE DOSED TRENCHES
- 4 THE PAT RYAN SITE
6982 NORTH GLEN HAVEN ROAD
BORD NA MONA - PEAT FILTER
- 5 THE RAY PHELPS SITE
7035 GLEN HAVEN RDAD
XXXXX - XXXXXX
- 6 THE GLEN HAVEN RESTAURANT
7434 FAIR HAVEN ROAD
KNIGHT TREATMENT SYSTEMS - WHITE KNIGHT
- 7 THE FILKINS FARM
7367 ROUTE 41
ELIJAH IN-DRAIN
- 8 THE HELGREN SITE
96 NYS ROUTE 41
NORWECO ATU & DRIP IRRIGATION
- 9 THE FLEISS SITE
1981 WOODLAND LANE
CONSOLIDATED, INC. - ENVIROGUARD
- 10 THE 5 MILE POINT SITES
PREMIER TECH ENVIRONMENT - TEXTILE PEAT FILTER
ORENCO SYSTEMS INC - ADVANTEK &
BOTOMLESS SAND FILTER
- 11 THE POLLOCK SITE
1749 SHADY BEND LANE
QUANICS - AEROCELL TRICKLING FILTER
- 12 THE KELLY SITE
2727 EAST LAKE ROAD
ORENCO-ADVANTEK
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NSF Aerobic Treatment Unit (ATU)



Foam

- Many pre-packaged systems
- Higher loadings
- Waterloo BioFilter
- Zabel Aero Cell



Textile Filters

- Greater surface area
- Loadings up to **50 GPD/sqft**
- Normally 10-25 GPD/sqft

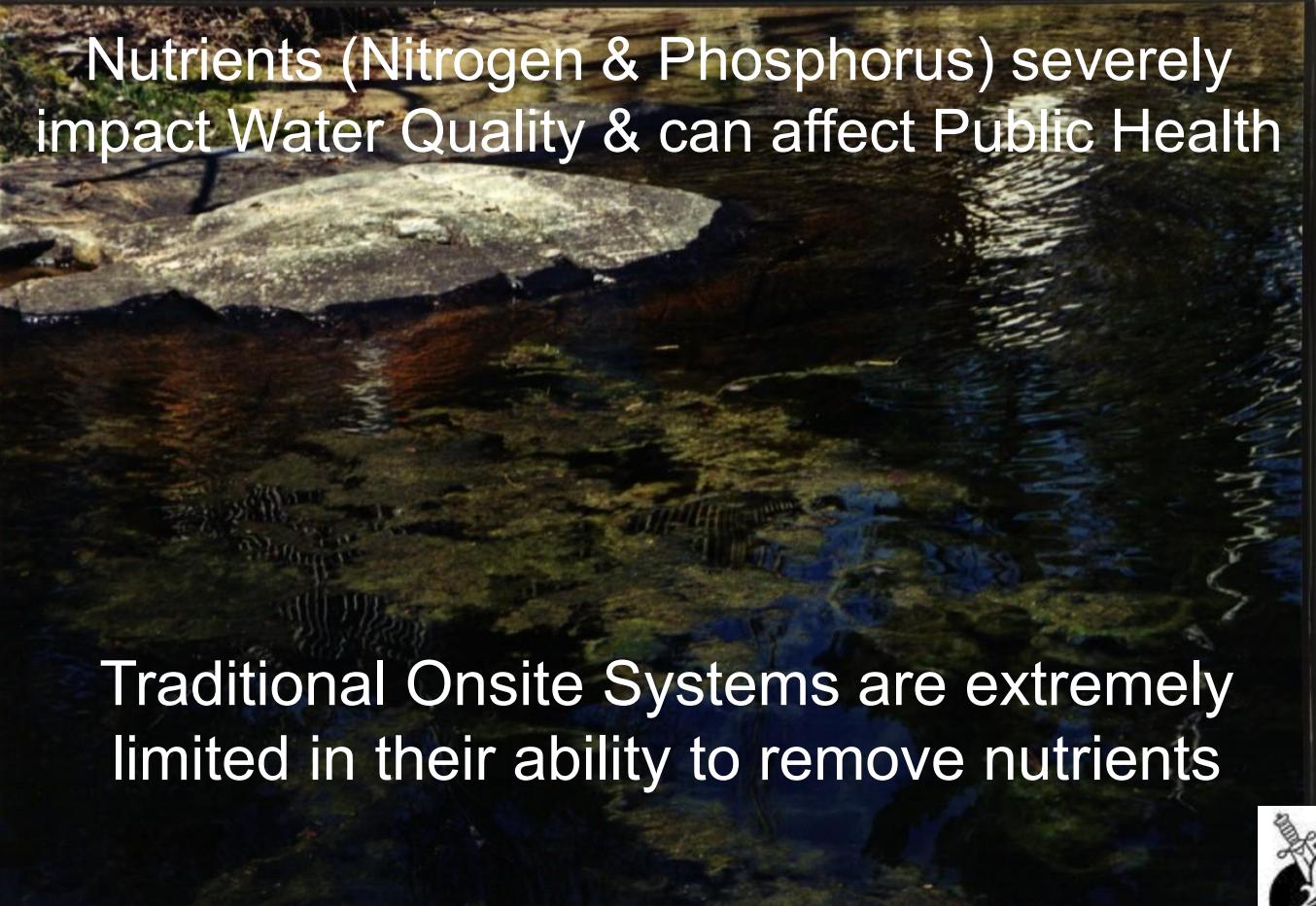


Peat Systems

- **Modularized**
 - Puraflo
- **Containerized/sized**
 - Eco-Pure
 - Eco-Flow
- **Trenches**
 - Brooks



Nutrient Reduction Technologies



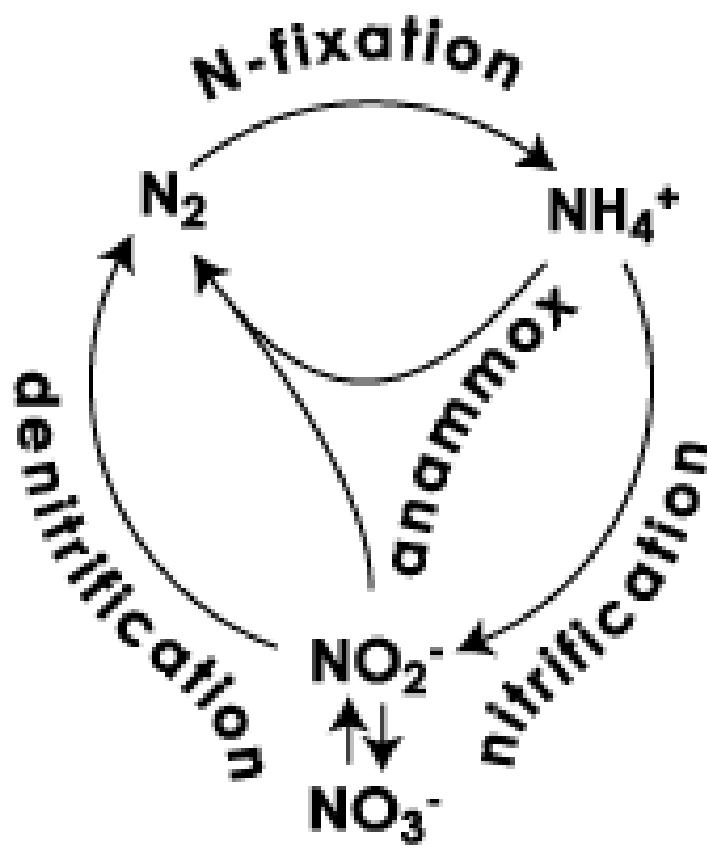
Nutrients (Nitrogen & Phosphorus) severely impact Water Quality & can affect Public Health

Traditional Onsite Systems are extremely limited in their ability to remove nutrients



Nutrient Reduction: Nitrogen Cycle

It's a Biological Process



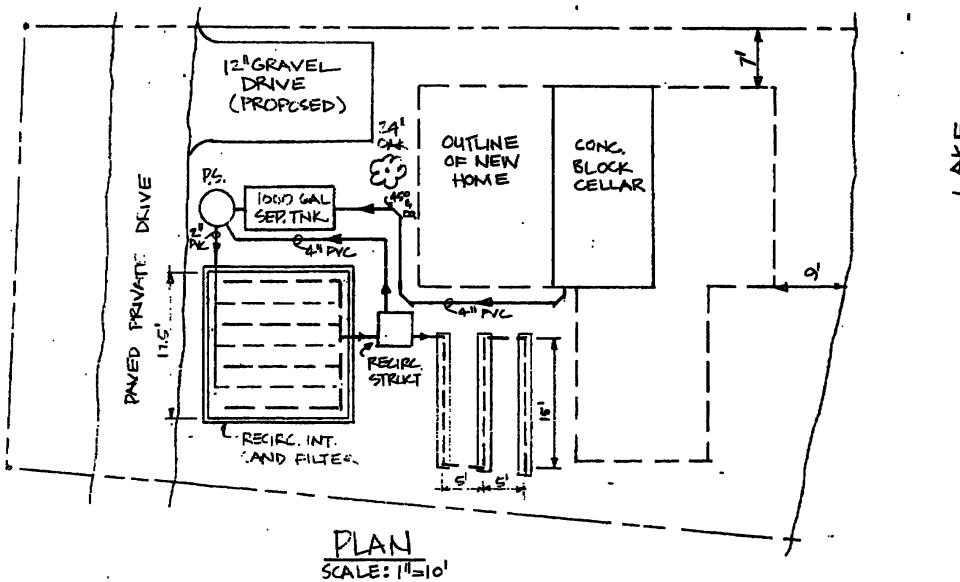
Nitrogen Removal by Recirculation

- Recirculate secondary treated effluent to head of system
- Can be accomplished with:
 - Sand Filters
 - Media Filters
 - ATU's
 - Peat Systems



Recirculating Sand & Media Filters

- Provides additional treatment of settled wastewater
- Can be configured to promote denitrification.

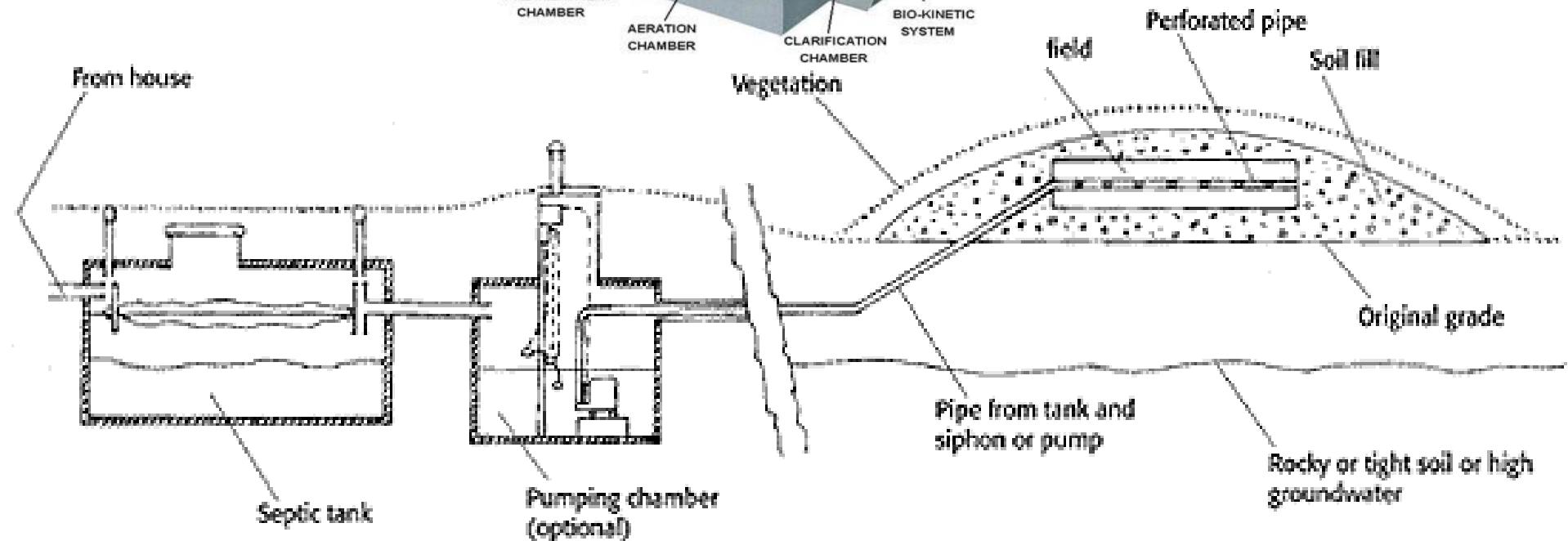


Phosphorus Removal Methodology

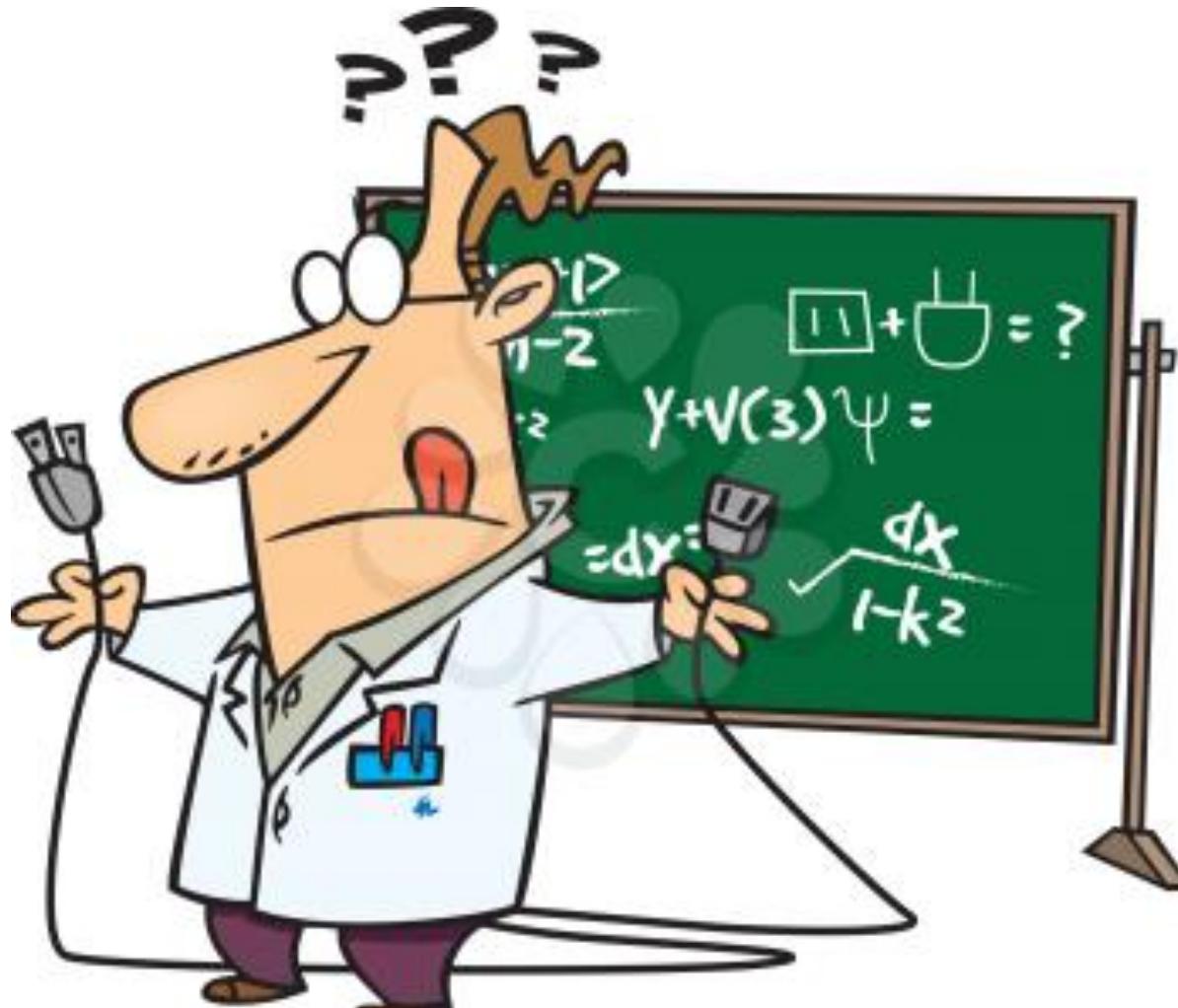
IONIC BONDING TO MEDIA



The more advanced the treatment technology, the greater post installation attention required to assure proper performance.



Questions?





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