



The Evolution of South Kingstown's Wastewater Management Program

Regulatory Events

1988
Wastewater Management Study
 Conducted by CDM, it focused on the Town's coastal region.

1992
Comprehensive Plan Acknowledges Septic System Threat
 The 1992 Plan acknowledged septic systems and cesspools as a significant source of contamination to the Town's ground and surface waters.

1994
Planning Department Update of Study
 An updated wastewater management study sparks model ordinance

1996
RIDEM Grant
 \$37,500 awarded for development and implementation of a wastewater program

1999
Wastewater Management Plan Completed
 Recommendation for an inspection-based program

2002
Inspection Program Begins
 Seven-year inspection program implemented

2001
Wastewater Management Ordinance Adopted
 Ordinance and Governing Regulations adopted

Community Outreach & Education Advancements

1980s
Education & Reimbursement Program
 The 1980s marked the beginning of an education campaign, focusing on the need for septic system maintenance. The reimbursement program benefited residents who pumped their systems.

1996
Town GIS
 Geographic Information System developed, enabling digitalization of parcels

1998
Student-Produced Video
 SK High School, Pond Watchers, URI's OWTC and Home*A*Syst receive a grant to develop a 20-minute video about wastewater

2000
Project Partner
 Signed on as a partner in the BIGHP Project


2002
Low-Interest Loans
 Low-interest loan program approved under State CSSLP Program

2006
More Low-Interest Loans
 Additional CSSLP loan fund approved

Water Quality Issues

1988
Sole Source Aquifer Designation
 In 1988, the Wood Pawcatuck Aquifer received the EPA Sole Source designation.

1994
Green Hill Pond Closure
 Green Hill Pond closed to shellfishing, prompting concern about wastewater issues



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2005

