

### What is the Nitrogen Problem?

A healthy ecosystem needs some nitrogen to function, however, cesspools and sanitary systems on Long Island are adding more nitrogen to the environment than our resources can handle.

Excess nitrogen in our waterways can lead to algae blooms, beach closures, fish kills, and have other negative impacts on our environment.

### How can you help?

Upgrading an antiquated septic system to a new kind of septic system that treats nitrogen before it enters the environment is a vital step in improving our waterways. The installation of an I/A OWTS can drastically reduce the amount of nitrogen entering the environment from a conventional system. The average nitrogen in effluent water from a conventional system is 65 mg/L. An I/A OWTS can decrease the amount of nitrogen in effluent water to 15.9 mg/L\* - **that is a 75% decrease!**

For more information visit  
[ReclaimOurWater.info](http://ReclaimOurWater.info)

\*cumulative average in 2020 for 8 different technologies. [ReclaimOurWater.info](http://ReclaimOurWater.info)

### Innovative Alternative On-Site Wastewater Treatment System (I/A OWTS) Resources

All forms available on the Town Website  
[Southamptontownny.gov/iaRebate-Program](http://Southamptontownny.gov/iaRebate-Program)



Southampton Town CPF Office  
For Rebate Inquiries Only  
631-287-5720



Suffolk County Department of  
Wastewater Management  
For Technical Questions Related to Your I/A  
631-852-5700



North Haven Building Department  
For Electrical Permit Questions Only  
631-725-1378



ADDITIONAL GRANTS AVAILABLE  
THROUGH SUFFOLK COUNTY  
[ReclaimOurWater.info](http://ReclaimOurWater.info)  
631-852-5811



# SAVE *North Haven's* WATER RESOURCES

Help preserve our natural  
resources by upgrading your  
existing sanitary system to a new  
Innovative / Alternative On-Site  
Wastewater Treatment System  
(I/A OWTS)



*Community Preservation Fund*

## I/A OWTS Rebate Process Overview

I/A OWTS Rebate Application submitted to CPF via email or mail



Applicant receives an email from CPF with approved rebate amount and expiration date



The applicant must work with the SCDHS, NYS DEC, Town of Southampton, and/or any other regulatory agency to obtain approval for their I/A OWTS installation



Applicant submits an application to the SoHampton Building Department for an I/A OWTS Electrical Permit



I/A OWTS is installed



Applicant obtains Certificate of Electrical Compliance from the SoHampton Building Department



Applicant submits required Final Documents to CPF



Rebate reviewed and approved by CPF, then issued by the Town Comptroller

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How can the Town help?

The Town's Community Preservation Fund provides a rebate of up to \$25,000 when a homeowner installs an environmentally friendly I/A OWTS.

Rebates are available for homes in the WQIPP Priority areas.

### How do I know if my property is eligible?

If you are looking to replace an existing system with an I/A OWTS<sup>+</sup>, search your name or address into the website below to see if your property is located in a Priority Area:

<https://gis.southamptontownny.gov/parcelsearch/>

### How do I apply?

Submit an application and W-9 form to the CPF office. The rebate forms can be found here:

[Southamptontownny.gov/iaRebate-Program](https://Southamptontownny.gov/iaRebate-Program)

### What does the rebate cover?

The rebate covers costs associated with the upgrade of your system such as: removal of old system, design, labor and materials for new system, 3-year maintenance contract, and property restoration.



*Community Preservation Fund*

<sup>+</sup>New Construction is not eligible for a Town Rebate

## (FAQ continued)

### What costs are not covered?

Expediting fees, new landscaping, new paving, new fencing or anything else not related to restoring your property from the septic installation. In addition, costs covered by other grants from the State or County will not be eligible for the rebate.

### What is the maximum rebate?

\$25,000

- \$20,000 base rebate
- \$5,000 Low to Moderate Income Incentive

### When do I get my rebate?

Rebates are paid once work is completed. After we receive all final documents, it takes approximately 90 days to receive the rebate.

### Am I required to install an I/A OWTS?

The following residential projects located in the High Priority Area of the CPF Water Quality Improvement Project Plan (WQIPP) require the installation of an I/A OWTS:

- All new construction<sup>+</sup>
- Any substantial system upgrade required by SCDHS
- An increase in 25% of the floor area of a building
- When required by the Conservation Board or Environmental Division

### Is there any other funding available?

Please contact the County to inquire about any additional funding:

[ReclaimOurWater.info](https://ReclaimOurWater.info) or 631-852-5811