



## LINAP Newsletter - April 2017

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### Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan (LINAP) Newsletter

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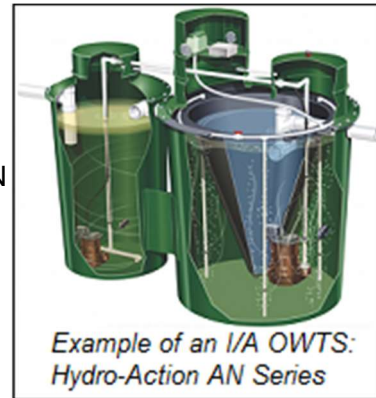
#### **This issue's topics:**

- Suffolk County Innovative/Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems
- Suffolk County Residential Septic Incentive Program
- South Shore Estuary Reserve Grant Update & Reminder
- Volunteer Sampling on Long Island

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**Suffolk County Innovative/Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems**

The County's Demonstration Program for [Innovative/Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems](#) (I/A OWTS) has continued to progress. During Phase I, the County monitored six I/A OWTS at 19 residential sites. To date, three of the six have been approved for provisional use, including the Hydro-Action AN Series, Norweco Singulair TNT, and Orenco AdvanTex AX-RT. Based upon the success of Phase I, the County issued a Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) for Phase 2 of the Demonstration Program, in which a total of 24 systems were donated from six manufacturers representing eight different technologies. Installation of all 24 systems is expected to be complete by May 2017.



On **April 24, 2017**, the Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS) will be hosting a self-guided tour of the I/A OWTS that have been installed throughout the County. Staff from SCDHS and representatives from the manufacturers will be available at the following times and locations to provide information about the systems:

1:00-1:30 PM - Technology: **Orenco**  
545 Elder Lane, Ronkonkoma, NY

1:50-2:30 PM - Technology: **Hydro-Action**  
6 Athena Court, Dix Hills, NY

2:40-3:10 PM - Technology: **Norweco Singulair**  
75 Stonehurst Lane, Dix Hills, NY

3:30-4:00 PM - Technology: **Norweco Hydro-kinetic**  
7 Tiffany Lane, East Northport, NY

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## **Suffolk County Residential Septic Incentive Program**

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone unveiled a [residential septic incentive program](#) to offset the cost to homeowners who choose to replace a non-performing septic system or cesspool with an I/A OWTS designed to significantly reduce nitrogen pollution.

Under this proposed program, which has an intended start date of July, homeowners would be eligible for a grant of up to \$10,000 toward the purchase and installation of an approved I/A OWTS and leaching structure. An additional \$1,000 may be available for installation of a Pressurized Shallow Drainfield, for a maximum grant of up to \$11,000. In addition to the grant, homeowners could qualify for a low-interest loan to fund the remainder of the system cost, to be paid back over 15 years.

A public hearing and a series of town hall meetings regarding the septic incentive program are scheduled for April and May:

**Public hearing on Suffolk County Local Law to  
validate the Septic Incentive Program**

April 25, 2017, 6:30 PM  
William H. Rogers Building #20  
William J. Lindsay County Complex  
725 Veterans Highway, Smithtown, NY

**Suffolk County Septic Incentive Program Town Hall Meetings:**

***East End Town Hall***

Monday, April 24, 7:00 PM  
David W. Crohan Community Center/Flanders Senior Center  
655 Flanders Road, Flanders, NY

***Port Jefferson Town Hall***

Thursday, April 27, 7:30 PM  
Port Jefferson Village Center  
101 East Broadway, Port Jefferson, NY

***Huntington Town Hall***

Monday, May 8, 7:00 PM  
Huntington Public Library Main Branch  
338 Main Street, Huntington, NY

***Centereach Town Hall***

Friday, May 12, 7:30 PM  
Middle County Library Centereach Branch  
101 Eastwood Boulevard, Centereach, NY

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**South Shore Estuary Reserve Grant RFA Update and Application  
Reminder**

Applications for the [LI South Shore Estuary Reserve Local Assistance Grant program](#) are due by 4:00 PM on **May 3, 2017**. Funding through this program is available to municipalities within the LI South Shore Estuary Reserve (Reserve) for grants of up to \$50,000. These grants do not require a local match. Grants will be for implementation projects that advance the Reserve's Comprehensive Management Plan, which includes improving water quality, habitat restoration, public use and enjoyment, and community resilience of the Reserve.

**RFA Update:** An important update to the *LI South Shore Estuary Reserve Local Assistance Grant Request for Applications* was posted on the [NY Department of State website](#). In *Part B. Applicant Resolution and Certification*, the requirements for submitting the Applicant Resolution

have changed: **the Applicant Resolution will not be required to be submitted at the same time as the application, and has a later due date.** The Resolution is now required to be received no later than **July 6, 2017**. Resolutions may be emailed to [opd@dos.ny.gov](mailto:opd@dos.ny.gov) or faxed to 518-473-2464.

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## NYSDEC Seeks Volunteers to Monitor Streams and Rivers

NYSDEC's [Water Assessments by Volunteer Evaluators](#) (WAVE) project will be offering training sessions for new volunteers in the Atlantic Ocean/Long Island Sound basin:

May 17, 2017, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Connetquot River State Park Preserve

May 18, 2017, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge



WAVE volunteers collect macroinvertebrates (insects and other small aquatic organisms) from streams and rivers to help identify healthy streams and those with potential water quality concerns. For more information, including how to register for trainings, view [NYSDEC's March 24 press release](#).