

Starting a Local Wastewater Management Program Using RIWIS

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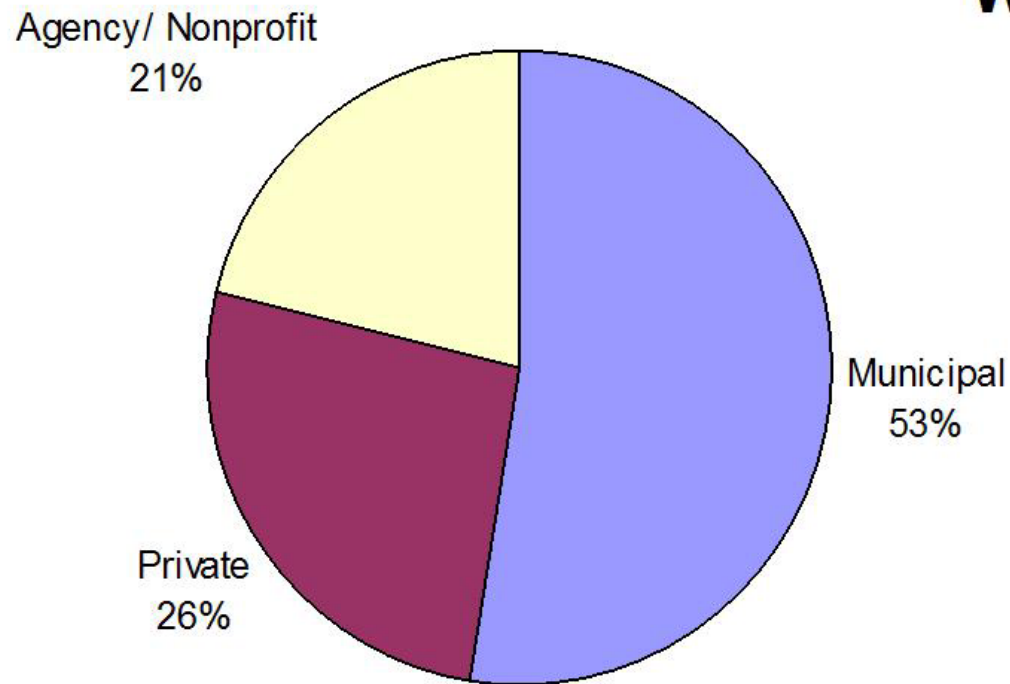
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Introduction – George Loomis, NE OWTC

Program Logistics

- Handout packet
- Agenda review
- Informal format
- Questions and answers
- Attendance stamps and CEUs
 - *Sorry, none today*
- Facilities in Coastal Institute Bldg.
- Use of cell phones and pagers

RIWIS Who's here today



So what's the
history behind
RIWIS?



RIWIS Background

- There is a recognized need for a state-wide computerized wastewater information management system.
- There is an urgent need for state-wide tracking of performance, operation and maintenance of large flow and I&A systems.
- Several RI communities are using Carmody™, 2 towns having switched after considerable investment in other tracking programs.

RIWIS Inception

- In December of 2005, OWT Center applied for a CELS grant to develop a standardized state-wide information system for onsite systems
- Several communities and non-government organizations wrote strong letters of support.
- Unfortunately, we did not get the grant.
- However, interest was still strong to find other ways to fund the project

Moving Forward: Sponsorship Program

- Scott Carmody presented concept of RIWIS Sponsorship program to URI
- RIWIS would be funded by industry sponsors and provided essentially free of charge to URI, RIDEM, other state agencies, and Rhode Island Communities
- Representing a substantial cost savings to communities

RIWIS – Now up and running with private sponsors



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Who's on Board?

- 3 Early adopters
 - Charlestown
 - Block Island,
 - Jamestown

- 3 New members as RIWIS
 - North Kingstown
 - Foster,
 - Tiverton.

Who else is interested?

- Bristol
- East Greenwich
- Exeter
- Gloucester
- Hopkinton
- Johnston
- Little Compton
- North Smithfield
- Portsmouth
- Richmond
- Scituate
- Smithfield



Advantages of joining RIWIS now

- Take advantage of training and technical support provided by URI.
- July 26 RIWIS workshop - Special rate for RI municipalities enrolled in RIWIS.
- Provide input to further development of the system using based on your community's needs.