Starting a Local Wastewater Management Program Using RIWIS

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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

Agency/ Nonprofit
21%

Private
26%

Municipal
53%
So what’s the history behind RIWIS?
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.
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

Rhode Island Wastewater Information System

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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
- Glocester
- 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.