



How Can My Community Benefit From RIWIS?

Perhaps your town is just beginning to think about a wastewater management plan, or maybe you've been working towards implementing one for some time. Regardless of what stage of implementation you are at, the Rhode Island Wastewater Information System (RIWIS) can be a valuable tool for you.



It's Appropriate For Any Stage of Wastewater Management!

This virtually FREE database program can be incorporated at any stage of wastewater management program development. Here are just a few options:



Wastewater Management Planning and Education

- Offers an initial inventory of the permitted systems in your town, which can be used to shape the Wastewater Plan.
- Enhances a voluntary inspection and pumping program by providing reminders and fact sheets that you can send to system owners.
- Provides a way for the town to record information about all new systems being installed, including the increasing number of alternative systems.
- Provides a way for maintenance providers to report inspection results, creating a current record of system types and condition.
- Offers information about the status of systems in the town that can be used when applying for wastewater management grants.

Managing Alternative and Large Flow Systems

- Updates the initial inventory of alternative systems in the town using available data sources.
- Enables tracking highest-risk alternative and large-flow systems.
- Provides a way to track operation and maintenance functions for different system components.
- Facilitates compliance with RIDEM requirements for tracking operation and maintenance agreements.
- Enables the town to oversee compliance with any local requirements for renewal of maintenance contracts.

Once a Wastewater Management Program is Established

- Facilitates the transition from a voluntary inspection and pumping program to a mandatory one.
- Provides the opportunity to segment the town's systems (by district, by critical area, etc.)
- Provides consistency for service providers throughout your town and the entire state, enhancing their reporting accuracy.
- Offers the possibility to track any type of data and even to expand beyond ISDS data.

Join RIWIS before July!

Doing so will enable your town to take full advantage of the workshop, *Tracking Onsite System Inspections, Operation and Maintenance*. This workshop, to be offered at URI July 26, 2007, will provide a detailed orientation of RIWIS for new users. To register, go to: <http://www.uri.edu/ce/wq/OWT/Courses/index.htm>.

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