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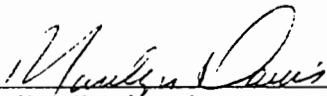
Revised Practice for Municipal Sewer Connections in Lieu of Replacement Areas

The general procedure has been, and remains, that a new project or an existing project with an increase in design flows may not use the potential of a municipal sewerage connection as the replacement area for the initial soil based disposal system.

The Department will consider, on a case by case basis, allowing subdivision of a lot containing an existing single family dwelling that is currently using a soil based system based on future connection of the existing dwelling to the municipal sewer in lieu of a replacement area. The criteria are:

1. The municipality must issue non-revocable written permission to connect and agree to reserve the capacity until the connection is made.
2. The designer must prepare a design for the connection and a cost estimate. Approval will only be granted when the cost of the connection is in line with the cost for a replacement system that could be constructed on the existing property prior to subdivision. Any easements required for construction shall be obtained and filed on the town land records prior to approval.
3. Connection costs of less than \$5,000 will be acceptable without any design work for an on-site replacement system.
4. Costs of \$5,000 to \$20,000 will be acceptable when evidence is submitted that the soil-based replacement would be at least as expensive. Some soil testing and some design work may be required, though a full design of the replacement system will not be required.
5. Costs of more than \$20,000 can be considered but would generally not be approved. Only after making a complete determination that the soil-based replacement system that could be constructed if the subdivision were not to occur would be significantly more expensive than the municipal connection will approval be granted.

6. If the replacement connection will be into the collection sewer for the rest of the project, the appropriate stub or manhole connection shall be part of the original construction for the rest of the project. If the connection is to be a separate connection to the municipal sewer line and work within in the ROW can be done in the same excavation, the connection shall be constructed from the municipal line to the edge of the ROW.



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