

SUMP PUMPS AND STORM DRAINS

Now that Pittsford has upgraded its sewer collection system, the Town is reviewing its options to reduce the infiltration of groundwater and storm water even further.

One of the main problems with the collection system, which has the largest impact on the effectiveness of the WWTF, is the introduction of extraneous flows into the collection system.

The direct result of these extraneous flows (I/I) are:

- Higher sewage flows reaching the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) than it was designed and built to handle.
- The potential of Discharge Permit violations from partially treated wastewater leaving the WWTF, which can and has in the past resulted in costly fines, levied against the Town.
- Increased treatment chemical use, electrical costs, and higher overall operating costs.

Each one of the items listed above results in either direct or indirect costs to the connected sewer users. The Town wants to do all it can to minimize I/I in order to protect the environment (Furnace Brook), comply with the State Environmental Protection Rules and minimize the financial impact to the connected users.

You can help!

If you use a sump pump to keep your basement dry in storm events, or to deal with spring snowmelt, please make sure that it is ***NOT*** connected to your sewer service line. This is, after all, a violation of the Town's Sewer Ordinance. Instead, have it discharge away from your building to another part of the yard, or toward a nearby drainage structure (ditch or storm drain, e.g.). If you have roof gutters, foundation drain, or yard drain, which connect to your sewer service line, please contact the Town Manager to discuss options for disconnecting these clean water sources from the sewage collection system. We can advise you regarding alternatives and help is only a phone call away. Please contact John Haverstock, Town Manager, at 483-6500 Extension 20 and we'll help you help us.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated by the Town, the Wastewater Treatment Operator and the fish and wildlife that call Furnace Brook, Otter Creek and Lake Champlain home.

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