



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

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To Whom It May Concern:

This mailing is intended for property owners within the Phase I SCCLSD sewer expansion in the Town of North Harmony. As you plan for connection to the municipal sewer, please be aware that the onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) must be abandoned in a manner acceptable to the Public Health Director following connection to the municipal sewer.

All septic tanks, holding tanks, wet wells, dry wells, seepage pits, and treatment tanks must be pumped by a NYSDEC-licensed waste hauler. These components must then be removed or left in place and crushed / filled to ground surface with a material that will not "rot down" or otherwise leave gaps which would allow the tank to collapse at a later date. If tanks are left in place and crushed, the bottom should be punctured to allow drainage. Motors such as those found in aeration units and wet wells should be removed prior to crushing / filling the components. Absorption bed materials including individual lines and distribution boxes may remain in place.

In an effort to reduce the number of times inspectors must visit your property, the Health Department is requesting that each property owner complete this form to confirm that the appropriate measures have been taken to decommission and abandon OWTS components. A copy of the detailed pumping receipt, including the number of tanks and their respective volumes, must accompany this form.

Property address: _____

Owner name: _____ Contact #: _____

Owner email: _____

Type of tank serving OWTS (check all that apply):

septic / holding tank aeration tank pump tank (wet well) seepage pit (dry well)

How were the tanks decommissioned? _____ tanks removed _____ tanks crushed & filled

If tanks were crushed, what were they filled with? _____ sand _____ gravel

If you have questions about decommissioning an OWTS please call the Chautauqua County Environmental Health Division at 716-753-4693 or email Jeffrey Gallagher at gallaghi@chqgov.com. Completed forms and a copy of the detailed pumping receipt must be emailed to gallaghi@chqgov.com or mailed to the Mayville address below.

Thank you for connecting to municipal sewer and improving community health around Chautauqua Lake.

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