

# TOWN OF LONDONDERRY

## North & South Village Wastewater Projects

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The State of Vermont awarded Londonderry **\$7.9M** to help our village centers provide **affordable and safe** wastewater services to residential and commercial property owners.



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### ***What is the Village Wastewater Project?***

Over 200 rural villages throughout Vermont lack safe, affordable wastewater solutions due to aging septic systems that threaten water supplies, surface and ground water, potentially impact the health of residents and constrain the operations of existing businesses.

Londonderry's Village Wastewater Project will provide residents and businesses the opportunity to replace their septic systems with long-term, affordable solutions.

### ***Why is Londonderry undertaking this project?***

The town wants to support efforts to revitalize it's Village Centers to provide residents with goods and services locally, community gathering places, and even improve the grand list. If left as is, both villages will continue to struggle with vacant and underutilized commercial and residential properties, instead of returning to their previous vibrancy.

Costs associated with expanding or changing an existing use, redeveloping a property or developing a new structure, along with the costs of developing and replacing septic systems on individual lots prohibit new investment. This grant provides an opportunity to improve the vitality of both villages.

### ***How will the Village Wastewater Project solve the problem of providing affordable solutions to Londonderry's residents?***

Londonderry has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build village wastewater systems with the state's financial assistance. Vermont is leading the way with decentralized, soil-based wastewater solutions (as opposed to a conventional wastewater treatment plant) that are cost-effective and use innovative treatment technologies. State funding will meet a majority of the costs associated with implementation, although the town is responsible for a 10% minimum match.

## **Londonderry's Village Centers**

Londonderry has two state designated village centers, North and South, which are designed to support revitalization efforts by providing state funding and technical assistance. The Village Wastewater Project is an important opportunity for the town to support revitalization efforts.

### **The North Village Master Plan states:**

*"It is important to note that if no action is taken to address these concerns (wastewater and others) it is likely that the North Village area will continue to decline in both vibrancy and economic impact. The once thriving village area has seen significant damage and loss of buildings and business over the last 50 years...."*

**Potential Service Area - North Londonderry Village**



### **Will I be forced to use these systems?**

No one will be "forced" to use these systems. However, any property owner that has the opportunity to connect to a system will want to consider if doing so would be less expensive than eventually replacing a failing system and bringing it up to current regulatory standards.

### **Who is leading this effort for Londonderry?**

The Town's Selectboard appointed a Village Wastewater Committee to oversee the project. The Committee is currently evaluating potential locations for systems in both villages. They will lead a community engagement effort to inform the community of opportunities and next steps.

The Committee will also closely monitor the costs of the project to ensure that it stays within the funds that were allocated.

**Potential Service Area - South Londonderry Village**

