

Washington County Sewage Council

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What does the Council Do for You?

The Washington County Sewage Council was formerly known as the Local Cooperative Sanitation Council. The Council is the designated agency of the Pennsylvania DEP to administer **on-lot** sewage policy on behalf of you, the municipal member, whether you are a borough or township.

See description from the DEP website: www.dep.gov.

The purpose of the DEP sewage facilities program is to implement the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, 537, to help address existing sewage disposal needs and to help prevent future problems through the proper planning, permitting, and design of all types of sewage facilities.

*The on-lot sewage facility portion of the program is largely administered on the local government level by individual municipalities or **groups of municipalities working together** (including County Health Departments), which are known as **local agencies** and joint local agencies, respectively. Local agencies receive technical oversight ... from DEP.*

Just a few of the things we do...

- ✓ Dye Tests
 - ✓ Perc Tests
 - ✓ Malfunction Investigations
 - ✓ Subdivision Consultations
 - ✓ Holding Tank Inspections
 - ✓ 10 – Acre Exemptions (if qualified)
 - ✓ Connect-to-Existing-Systems
 - ✓ Inspect and oversee repairs.
 - ✓ Help your residents achieve their building or repair goals!
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Happy Retirement!!



Ray Calvert was an important staple with the Washington County Sewage Council for 25+ years. He served as a Sewage Enforcement Officer for the council for his entire SEO career. We know Ray as a kind, hardworking individual, who is well-liked by everyone he meets. We wish him luck on all his future endeavors.

Meet the current SEOs.

Sewage Enforcement Officers are the agents who will conduct testing in the field, and discuss system options with your residents. Current affiliated SEOs are Heath Glumac, Jason Dansak, Andy Grese and Mike Baran.



Heath Glumac



Andy Grese



Jason Dansak



Mike Baran

Malfunction! Now What?

We are here to help! One of the great benefits to the municipal members, is that our expert SEOs are uniquely qualified to detect, document and diagnose sewage malfunctions in your communities...sparing you and your staff the often awkward and uncomfortable process.

When a resident makes a complaint to your office, please fill out a Malfunction Authorization Form and send it to the council. This form tells the council that your office agrees that a malfunction is likely and gives you the option of filtering out “frivolous” or baseless claims that can often arise. An SEO is then assigned to investigate. If a problem is confirmed the appropriate enforcement action is taken by the SEO. If no problem is found, the municipality will be invoiced for the SEO’s visit. This is another good reason for the municipality to agree and authorize the council to investigate.

Enforcement of malfunction clean-ups can be time consuming and stressful. The council is committed to representing the municipality in cleaning up these problems.

*Remember, we
are YOUR
partner in
governing!*

What does the Perc Application fee include ...

Pit Test	Start of Construction Inspection
Perc Test	Cover Inspection
Site Suitable Letter	Final Inspection
Design Review	

Dye Test Ordinance: To Have or Have Not?

Does your municipality have a Dye Test Ordinance? It is a good question, and we probably have the answer! The WCSC maintains a comprehensive list of municipalities that do. If you are not sure, please give the office a call.

A dye test as performed by the council is a simple tracing test: a vivid, unmistakably colored dye is introduced into sinks, toilets, and/or floor drains of properties with On-Lot systems. Copious amounts of running water are then run through the system. The SEO will then attempt to visually verify that he can see the dye in the septic tank. Therefore, the lid of the septic tank must be removable when he visits. Importantly, he will also verify that the fluorescent dye is not surfacing elsewhere on the property, indicating a failure of the piping or tank.

Municipalities with a Dye Test Ordinance typically require a CLEAN dye test prior to allowing a property to change hands. This is a good opportunity to catch a malfunction and have it corrected properly. The council's test does not however replace a thorough home inspection nor guarantee continued functionality of the system. If a malfunction is detected, it is within the power of the municipality to either mandate the repair be completed prior to transfer or require a special escrow to be placed guaranteeing the future repair.

For Your Convenience ...

**Applications and payments are
now accepted over the phone.**

