HOW CAN THE TOWN HELP?
The Town’s Community Preservation Fund can help residents by providing a rebate that will reimburse the cost of installation.

Rebates are available for homes within the Medium and High Priority Areas of the WQIPP and for income eligible applicants as follows:

• If you earn less than $300,000/year, up to 100% of the cost to a maximum of $20,000 is available
• If you earn between $300,001 - $500,000/year, up to 50% of the cost to a maximum of $20,000 is available
• If you earn between $500,001 - $1,000,000/year, up to 25% of the cost to a maximum of $20,000 is available
• $1,000,001 or more shall not be eligible

HOW DO I KNOW IF I’M ELIGIBLE?
southamptontownny.gov/iaRebate-Program

Log onto the website above type in your information and find out if you qualify.

Innovative and Alternative On-Site Wastewater Treatment System (I/A OWTS) Requirements

Town Code Chapter 123 (Building Construction) now includes a requirement for Innovative and Alternative On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems (I/A OWTS) for certain residential projects: An I/A OWTS approved by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS) is required for residential projects located within the High Priority Area of the CPF Water Quality Improvement Project Plan (WQIPP) for:

• All new construction
• Any substantial system upgrade required by the SCDHS
• An increase in 25% of the floor area of a building
• When required by the Conservation Board or the Environment Division
• Verify parcel is located in high priority area

To apply for the I/A OWTS for people WHO QUALIFY FOR THE REBATE, the applicant must follow step 1-7:

1. Submit a septic system upgrade rebate application form to the CPF Dept. and provide documentation, specifically, Page 1 and the signature page of applicant’s most recent Federal Income Tax return, to be qualified as an eligible property owner in an eligible area. A W-9 form must also be submitted in order to encumber this money.

2. Upon review and approval of said form, the Town Community Preservation Department shall deem the application eligible for a rebate. Said approved rebate application form shall serve to encumber the rebate monies attributable to the applicant’s upgrade for a period of one (1) year. Within said time, the applicant must complete the upgrade as described below in order to receive the rebate monies.

3. Applicant must then work to obtain required approvals for the I/A OWTS from all appropriate regulatory agencies, including, but not limited to, the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and/or the Town of Southampton Environment Division, as may be necessary. Please contact the Southampton Town Building Department for Electrical Permit Questions Only at (631) 287-5700 and the Southampton Town CPF Office for Rebate Inquiries Only at (631) 287-5720. All other technical questions related to I/A system installations should be directed to the Suffolk County Office of Wastewater Management at (631) 852-5700.

4. After receiving said approvals, the applicant shall submit an application to the Building Department for an electrical permit for the I/A OWTS. Said application shall include the Suffolk County Department of Health Services approval, depicting the location and type of system approved, as well as any other necessary approvals (wetland, site plan, etc.), for the parcel.

5. Once the installation of the I/A OWTS is complete, the eligible property owner must submit the following to the Town Building Department in order to receive a Certificate of Electrical Compliance for the I/A OWTS:

• A copy of the CPF I/A OWTS eligibility approval form (Schedule B);
• A Septic System Installation Certificate and either a Suffolk County Department of Health Services final approval/sign-off, or a Suffolk County Department of Health Services CPF-073 Form for the I/A OWTS;
• A notarized certification from the contractor(s) who actually performed the upgrade, certifying that the upgrade was performed in compliance with the requirements of the Suffolk County Department of Health Services.

6. Thereafter, applicant must submit the following to the Town Community Preservation Department:

• The Certificate of Electrical Compliance, or Certificate of Wetland Compliance where applicable, for the I/A OWTS;
• A receipt showing the actual costs, as defined herein, applicant paid for said upgrade;

7. Upon review and approval by the Town Community Preservation Program Manager of the above documentation, payment of said rebate shall be made by the Town Comptroller.

All Forms Are Available On The Town’s Website www.southamptontownny.gov/iaRebate-Program
WHAT IS THE NITROGEN PROBLEM?
A healthy coastal ecosystem needs some nitrogen to function; however, cesspools and sanitary systems are adding more nitrogen than these systems can assimilate, which causes disease and decline. Changing things we take for granted, such as upgrading to a new kind of system that can process nitrogen before it reaches the groundwater, is a vital step toward rehabilitating the waters of the Town.

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