

**Wastewater Treatment Project  
The Towns – County Utilities Project  
Cape Charles \*\*\* Cheriton \*\*\* Exmore \*\*\* Nassawadox \*\*\* Northampton County**

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**Why are the Towns and County looking to build new wastewater treatment facilities?**

**FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TOWNS**

*"We don't want the lack of wastewater to be the reason that the Hospital leaves the County!"  
"I've got businesses that want to open up in town, but they can't because the septic tank for that property can't handle the kind of business they want to put in."*

- Hospital's outdated and aging wastewater facility would be abandoned and replaced with a system that serves the entire Town of Nassawadox, including existing health care facilities.
- Replacing current Exmore Wastewater Plant supports County and Town Comprehensive Plans to concentrate growth in populated areas – the Towns and Town edges
- Cheriton's new system would eliminate failing onsite systems, and provide for new businesses where traditional onsite septic systems cannot be now be built.

**FOR WATER QUALITY ON THE SEA AND BAY SIDES**

*"The aquaculture business is big money here in the Northampton. We have to protect the seaside and the bayside water to keep that business growing – for all of us."*

- New treatment facilities in Exmore and Nassawadox would eliminate sewage discharge of approximately 70,000 gallons per day to the Chesapeake Bay from the existing Hospital treatment facility

**TO PROTECT THE ONLY SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER**

*"I'm very concerned about keeping our groundwater clean. I know that the septic tank in people's houses isn't a big part of the pollution to the aquifer. But it's a part that we have control over. If we pollute the only drinking water we have, there's no place else to turn."*

- By eliminating approximately 1,000 septic tank and drain field systems, these systems reverse the current trend in polluting the groundwater aquifer in concentrated growth areas.
- Increasing population growth in and around the towns would no longer threaten the aquifers.

**FOR PROPER AND AFFORDABLE DISPOSAL OF SEPTAGE COUNTYWIDE**

*"Pumping out my septic tanks is costing me well over \$200 now. That's too much."*

- Material must be pumped out of a septic tank about once every five years, and today, has to be taken to Norfolk or Maryland / Delaware for safe disposal.
- New septage treatment plant located in Northampton County is part of this project, and could lower costs for all with conventional septic systems and safely eliminate the threat of pollution.

**TO REPLACE FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN THE TOWNS**

*"In my neighborhood when it rains, some of us have trouble flushing. The system gets overloaded with water and it just can't handle normal day-to-day activities."*

- The project's new treatment facilities will significantly reduce pollution that onsite septic systems cannot remove – nitrogen and fecal coliform.

**AND STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES ARE AVAILABLE NOW**

*"We need to do these projects, but we cannot pay for this ourselves."*

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