



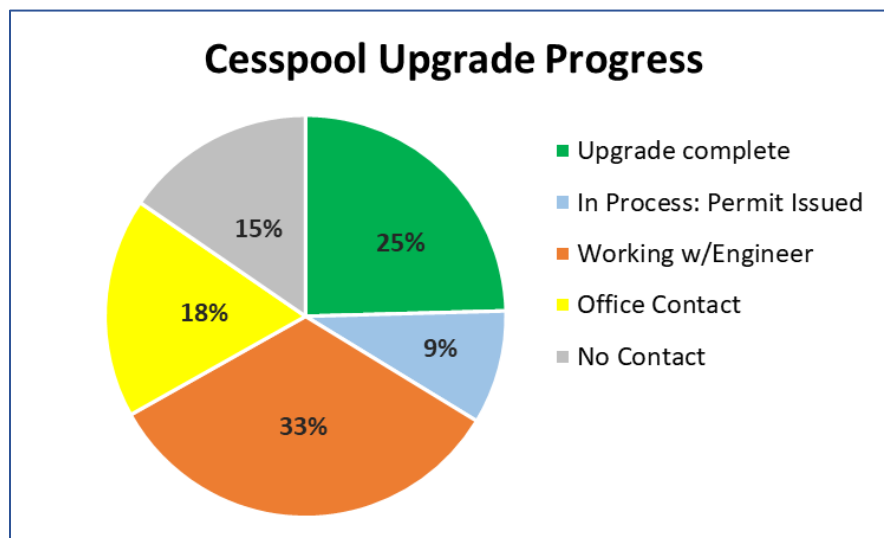
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Memo to: Truro Board of Health
From: Emily Beebe, Truro Health & Conservation Agent
Date: March 20, 2023
Re: **Water Resources Update March 2023**

Regarding cesspool upgrades to Title 5

To date, 34% of the properties with cesspools have either completed the upgrade process or have permits issued to do so. 33% are working with engineers and 18% have contacted our office with questions but may not yet be under contract with an Engineer/designer.

Our current challenge is making direct contact with the 27 homeowners who we have not yet heard from, so that we may assist them in their efforts to comply.



Regarding Administrative Consent Orders (ACOs) Pending revisions to the Board of Health regulations would incorporate the use of ACO's to form legal agreements between the Board of Health and property owners regarding the specific circumstances about their septic upgrade process. ACO's will include a compliance schedule that is specific and unique to each property.

Regarding stormwater management- Stormwater and Sediment control regulations will be advanced to the Fall Town Meeting. Regulatory Board comments will be pursued, and education about the goals of this bylaw will be developed.

Regarding Private well water quality:

We have submitted the text for a warrant article for the 2023 ATM to fund “a hydrogeologic evaluation of a Truro Neighborhood (Pond Village)”. This article will fund the project to install monitoring wells, evaluate the groundwater flow direction and the basic water quality of the project area.

We hope that this project will increase the public’s understanding about the source of their drinking water, and will supply us with the data the Board of Health needs to change the current regulations about locating drinking water wells.

Regarding PFA’s:

We have scheduled a meeting with Scott Horsley to discuss moving forward with a source investigation regarding PFAS contamination of the Stones Throw (ST) Condominium Community Public Water Supply wells. PFA’s concentrations at the ST have declined steadily since September. The quarterly averaged water quality test results have not exceeded the standard. ST is not under a NON (notice of non-compliance) with the DEP, but they are required to investigate a new source, or mitigate by treatment. The Motel to the south (Cape View) has not tested positive to date. We will report back on this topic as we gain more information from Scott Horsley and the DEP about what level of investigation we may be able to pursue.

Water Resources discussion with Provincetown:

We anticipate meetings with Provincetown to formalize discussion on the location for a New Source Well, future demand and an infrastructure plan. Under a presentation of their growth management report, Provincetown staff recently made policy recommendations to their Select Board to limit allocations for future water use, below those allowed by the Provincetown Growth Management bylaw in order to reduce water use, and support the collaboration between the 2 Towns. This policy shift would continue to allow new water- use to be allocated for affordable housing.