

# AMENDED

**Truro Board of Health Tuesday December 5, 2023** Hybrid Meeting start at 4:30 PM Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Rd



Truro Board of Health Regular Meeting Hybrid Meeting start time is 4:30 PM

Meeting Access Instructions This will be a hybrid (in-person and remote) meeting. Citizens in Truro can view the meeting on Channel 8 and on the homepage of the Town of Truro website on the "Truro TV Channel 8" button found under "Helpful Links". Once the meeting has started, click on the green "Watch" button in the upper right of the page. To join the meeting by phone or to provide comment during the meeting, please call-in toll free at 1-305-224-1968 and enter the following Meeting ID when prompted: Meeting ID: 884 7580 5887 You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone by entering the following URL into your web browser:

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**I. PUBLIC COMMENT** Please note that the Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law limits any discussion by members of the Board of an issue raised to whether that issue should be placed on a future agenda

## **II. AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. <u>Title 5/Local Variance Request:</u> 22 Shore Road, Marion O. Joseph
- 2. Waiver of Time: 18 Sandpiper Road
- 3. Waiver of Time Extension: 45 Corn Hill Road
- 4. Review of preliminary subdivision plans: 9B Benson Road
- 5. ACO request: 12 Secor Lane, Peter Swanson
- 6. Discussion of process for ACO list
- 7. Discussion on off-site manager requirements -RKM Property Management

## **III. REPORTS**

- 1. Report of the Chair
- 2. Health Agent's Report



# J.M. O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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November 9, 2023

JMO # 9293

Truro Board of Health 24 Town Hall Road Truro, MA 02666

### RE: Board of Health Variance Request 22 Shore Road, Truro, MA

Map: 39 / Parcel: 139

Dear Board Members,

On behalf of our client, Marion Joseph, c/o Doug Cox, J.M. O'REILLY & ASSOCIATES, INC. is filing a request for Variance from Truro Board of Health Regulations for the proposed sewage system upgrade at the above referenced property. The property is currently served by a series of cesspools.

The project proposes to replace the cesspools which currently serve the existing four cottages and a single family dwelling. The cesspools will be replaced with a Title 5 sewage disposal system which includes an I/A treatment unit. The existing parcel contains a total of 9 bedrooms and does not provide the required 1 bedroom per 10,000 sf of land area. As such the sewage system provides the I/A treatment unit STAAR 1.0 as manufactured by the Bio-Microbics Company.

As required due to existing site location & onsite conditions we are seeking one variance from 310 CMR 15.211 (Min Setback Distances) & Truro Board of Health Regulations: Variance Request is as follows:

 SAS not 25 feet from catch basin (leaching) 20' provided

5' Variance Requested

No additions, changes in habitable space or additional bedrooms are proposed. A representative from our office will be present at the November 21, 2023 public hearing so as to further review the proposal and answer any questions the Board may have.  $\gamma 2 \leq 1000$ 

Very truly yours, J.M. O'REILLY & ASSOCIATES, INC.

John M. O'Reilly, P.E., P.L.S.

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Cc: Client

Encl: Variance Application Package



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# APPLICATION FOR BOARD OF HEALTH VARIANCES

Date: 11/9/23

 Property Owner's Name:
 Marion O. Joseph

 Mailing Address:
 P.O. Box 836, Truro, MA 02666

 Address of Property:
 22 Shore Road

 Map and Parcel Number:
 Map # 39

 Parcel # 139

 Design Engineer/SanitarianJohn M. O'Reilly, P.E., P.L.S.

 Firm/Company Name:
 J.M. O'Reilly & Assoc., Inc.

 Phone #:508-896-6601

 Address:
 1573 Main St., P.O. Box 1773, Brewster, MA 02631

 Please check type of variance requested:

 Title 5 Variance Request: Section

 <sup>310 CMR 15.211 (Setbacks ): SAS to catch basin; 20' provided; 5 foot variance

 Board of Health Variance Request: Section/Article

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Signature (Representative

11-9-2023 Date

Signature (Property Owner)

# RESIDENTIAL NITROGEN LOADING CALCS. - PROPOSED (9BR, WITH I/A - COX)

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Home: 990 Impervious Surfaces: Lot Size: Natural Area: Title V Flow:	GPD         Roof Area:       3,340 ft ² Paving Area:       7,340 ft ²         32,365       ft ²         21,685       ft ²         990 gpd       ft ²	Job - #9293
WASTEWATER Title V		10 mg = 71 105 9 mg/d
9 bedrooms	$x \underbrace{110}_{\text{bedroom}} x \underbrace{3.785}_{\text{gal}} = \underbrace{3.747.2}_{\text{J}} L/d x$	<mark>19</mark> mg =71,195.9mg/d
Actual (assume 2.5 people/unit	average occupancy within the town)	
9 bedrooms	x <u>110</u> x <u>3.785</u> x <u>2.5</u> = <u>520.4</u> L/d x bedroom gal 18	19 <u>mg</u> = <u>9,888.3</u> mg/d L
IMPERVIOUS SURFACES		
3,340 x 40 in yr	$  \frac{x - ft}{12 \text{ in}} = \frac{128.32 \text{ L}}{ft^3} = \frac{1}{365 \text{ d}} = \frac{1}{365 \text{ d}} = \frac{1}{363.8} \text{ L/d} + x$	0.75 <u>mg</u> = <u>647.9</u> mg/d
Paving 7,340 x40 in yr	$ x _{12 in} x _{12 in} x _{13 i$	$1.5 \ \underline{mg} = 2,847.5 \ \underline{mg/d}$
LAWN 1,500x3 lbs 1,000 ft²/yr	x 1 yr x 454,000 x 0.25 = r 365 d lb	<u> </u>
NATURAL		RECEIVED BOARD OF HEALTH
	$0 = 21,685 \pi^{-1}$	
<u>21,685</u> x <u>1.3</u> yr		NOV 09 2023
SUMMARY		
Title V Flow 71,195.9 3,747.2	$\frac{+}{+} \frac{-647.9}{863.8} + \frac{2,847.5}{1,898.3} + \frac{1,399.3}{2,187.3} \text{ mg} = \frac{-76,0}{8,68}$	
Actual 9,888.3 520.4	$\begin{array}{c} + & 647.9 \\ + & 863.8 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} 2,847.5 \\ + & 1,898.3 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} 1,399.3 \\ 2,187.3 \end{array} \text{ mg} = \begin{array}{c} 14,7 \\ 5,48 \end{array}$	

Final Calculation

= <u>5.73</u> ppm

# **RESIDENTIAL NITROGEN LOADING CALCULATIONS - EXISTING (9 BR) - Cox**

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WASTEWATER Title V				
9 bedrooms	x 110 bedroom	x <u>3.785</u> gal	= <u>3,747.2</u> L/d x <u>35</u>	<u>mg</u> = <u>131,150.3</u> mg/d
Actual (assume 2.5 people/	unit average occupancy w	vithin the town)		
9 bedrooms	x <u>110</u> ; bedroom	x <u>3.785</u> x <u>2.5</u> gal 18	= <u>520.4</u> L/d x 35	<u>mg</u> = <u>18,215.3</u> mg/d L
IMPERVIOUS SURFACES Roof				
3,340 x 40 i	x <u>ft</u> 12 in	$x = \frac{28.32 \text{ L}}{\text{ft}^3} \times \frac{1 \text{ yr}}{365 \text{ d}}$	= <u>863.8</u> L/d x 0.75	<u>mg</u> = <u>647.9</u> mg/d
Paving 7,340 x40 i yr	1 x ft 12 in	x <u>28.32 L</u> x <u>1 yr</u> ft <sup>3</sup> 365 d	= <u>1898.3</u> L/d x 1.5	$\frac{mg}{L} = 2,847.5 mg/d$
LAWN				
1,500 x 3 lb 1,000	x <u>1 yr</u> ²/yr 365 d	x <u>454,000</u> x 0.25	=	1,399.3mg/d
NATURAL				
	680 = 21,68	5 ft <sup>2</sup>		
		x <u>1 yr</u> = <u>2,187.3</u> L 365 d	/d	
SUMMARY				
Title V Flow	0.0		ng = <u>136,045.0</u> L 8,696.6	<u>mg</u> = 15.64 ppm L
Actual			ng = <u>23,110.0</u> L 5,469.9	<u>mg</u> = 4.22 ppm L

RECEIVED BOARD OF HEALTH = 9.93 ppm NOV 0 9 2023 TOWN OF TRURO MASSACHUSETTS

Final Calculation



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- J. M. O'REILLY & ASSOCIATES, INC. FROM: 1573 MAIN STREET BREWSTER, MA 02631
- 22 Shore Road, Truro, MA RE: **Board of Health Variance Request**

November 9, 2023 DATE:

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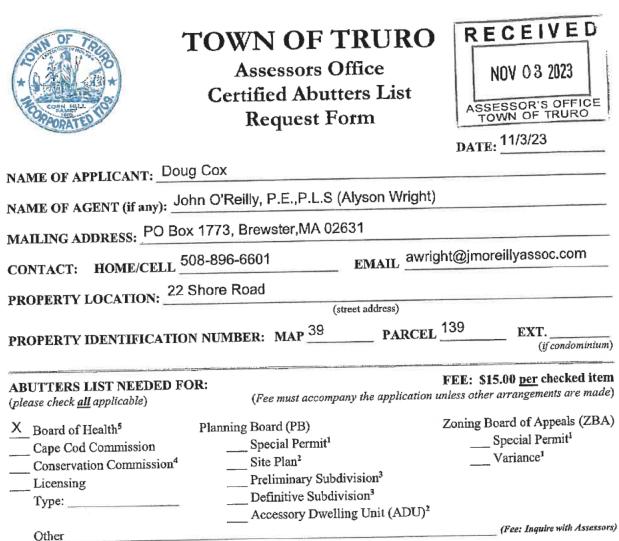
The project involves the replacement of an old cesspools with a new sewage system with I/A Treatment to serve the existing dwelling. The project does not include any improvements to the dwelling or cottages other than the replacement of the cesspool systems.

As required due to existing site location & onsite conditions we are seeking a variance from 310 CMR 15.211 (Min Setback Distances) & Truro Board of Health Regulations: Variance Requests are as follows:

1. SAS not 25 feet from catch basin (leaching) 20' provided

5' Variance Requested

A meeting has been scheduled with the Board of Health at Truro Town Hall on November 21, 2023 at 4:30 pm to discuss the proposal in greater detail. If you plan to attend, please contact the Town or visit the Truro Health Department webpage for further details.



(Please Specify)

Note: Per M.G.L., processing may take up to 10 calendar days. Please plan accordingly.

THIS SECTION FOR ASSESSORS	OFFICE USE ONLY
Date request received by Assessors: 11 3 1073	Date completed: 11/3/2023
List completed by:	Date paid: 11/3/2023 Cash/Check Dulie CC

Revised December 2019

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Abutters, owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way, and abutters to the abutters within 300 feet of the property line.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Abutters to the subject property, abutters to the abutters, and owners of properties across the street from the subject property.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Landowners immediately bordering the proposed subdivision, landowners immediately bordering the immediate abutters, and landowners located across the streets and ways bordering the proposed subdivision. Note: For Definitive Subdivision only, responsibility of applicant to notify abutters and produce evidence as required.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>All abutters within 300 feet of parcel, except Beach Point between Knowles Heights Road and Provincetown border, in which case it is all abutters within 100 feet. Note: Responsibility of applicant to notify abutters and produce evidence as required.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Abutters sharing any boundary or corner in any direction - including land across a street, river or stream. Note: Responsibility of applicant to notify abutters and produce evidence as required.



TRURO ASSESSORS OFFICE PO Box 2012 Truro, MA 02666 Telephone: (508) 214-0921 Fax: (508) 349-5506

Date: November 3, 2023
To: Alyson Wright of J.M. O'Reilly Associates, Agent for Doug Cox
From: Assessors Department
Certified Abutters List: 22 Shore Road (Map 39, Parcel 139)
Board of Health

Attached is a combined list of abutters for 22 Shore Road.

The current owner is Marion O. Joseph.

The names and addresses of the abutters are as of October 27, 2023 according to the most recent documents received from the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds.

Full Certified by:

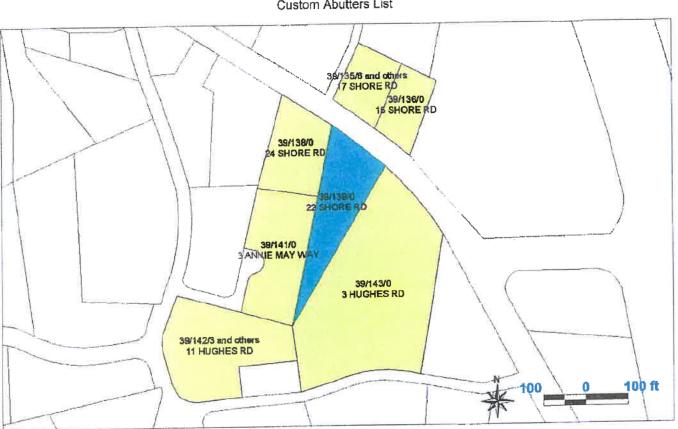
Olga Farrell

Olga Farrell Assessing Clerk

22 Shore Road Map 39, Parcel 139 Board of Health

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# TOWN OF TRURO, MA BOARD OF ASSESSORS P.O. BOX 2012, TRURO MA 02666



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This was to at	39-135-1-R	TIMOTHY P DONOVAN REVOC. TRUST	17 SHURE RD	7 PROSPECT HEIGHTS	PETERBOROUGH		03458
6146	39-135-2-R	LAWTON MARY BETH	17 SHORE RD	54 ELLERY ST, APT 3	CAMBRIDGE	MA	02138
6147	39-135-3-R	DERAY MICHAEL R	17 SHORE RD	37688 BREEZE WAY	PALM DESERT	CA	92211
6148	39-135-4-R	HILER SCOTT H	17 SHORE RD	37 UAK FLAGE	BERGENFIELD	NJ	07621
6151	39-135-5-R	VANDERBECK MATTHEW H & ANNE	17 SHORE RD	1215 STATE ROUTE 92	STUYVESANT	NY	12173-2106
6152	39-135-6-R	GROSS ELYSE	17 SHORE RD	132 ALLYNDALE DRIVE	STRATFORD		06614
6153	39-135-7-R	ORTIZ-TEISSONNIERE JULIÖ	17 SHORE RD	CALLE DEL SOL 105, APT 103		PR	00901
6154	39-135-8-R	MOORE MAXWELL MARK & THERESA		105 EVAN COURT	CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP	PA	16066
6155	39-135-9-R	LEVINÉ MARY LOFTUS & PAUL H	17 SHORE RD	10 SHIPYARD DR, UNIT 409	HINGHAM		02043
6156	39-135-10-R	LOWRIE WALTER R & HOLLYWOOD AMY M	17 SHORE RD		CAMBRIDGE	MA	02138
6965	39-135-11-E	SHORE ROAD CONDO TRUST	17 SHORE RD	17 SHORE RD	NO TRURO	MA	02652
1261	39-136-0-R	GARVER GLENN C & MCCARTHY MELISSA F	15 SHORE RD	102 MORRIS STREET BOARD	ECENTRE DOF HEADNODTH	NJ	07302
1263	39-138-0-R	S24, LLC	24 SHORE RD	34 DEEPWOOD DEIVE	EAST FABNODTH	MA	02536
1264	39-139-0-R	JOSEPH MARION O	22 SHORE RD	PO BOX 836 NOV		MA	02666
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**Custom Abutters List** 

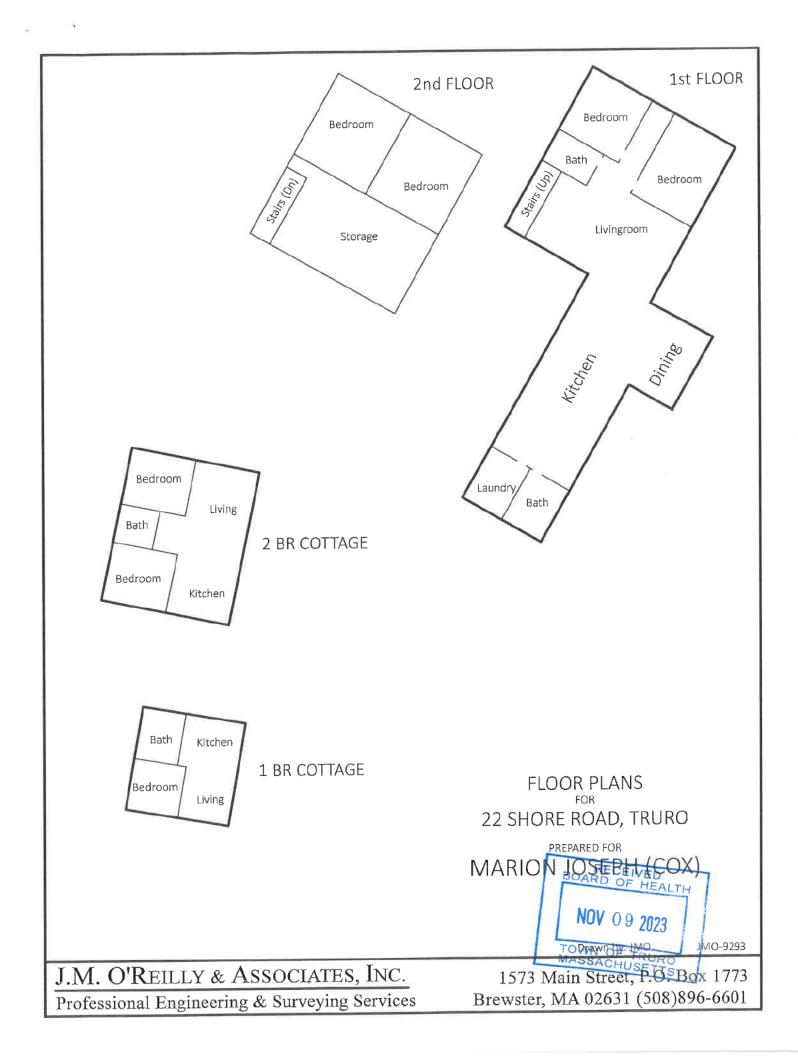
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6161	39-142-3-R	LMG TRUST	11 HUGHES RD	1 FAIRFIELD STREET		114.1	
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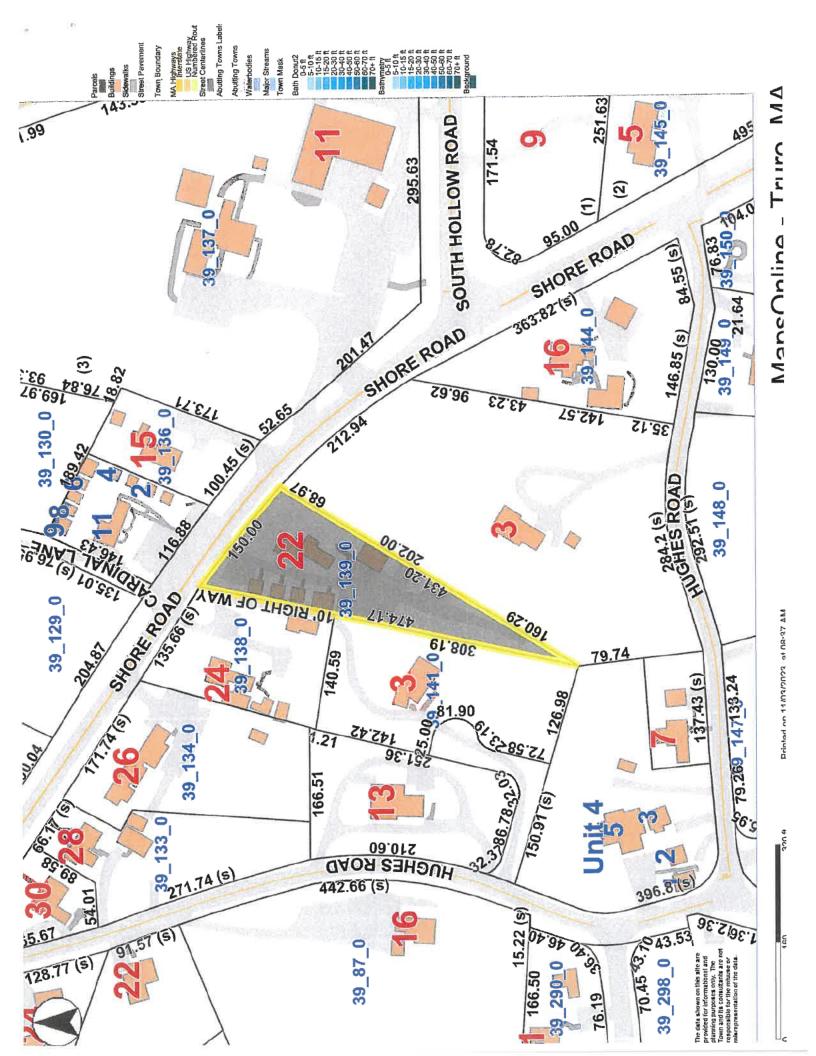
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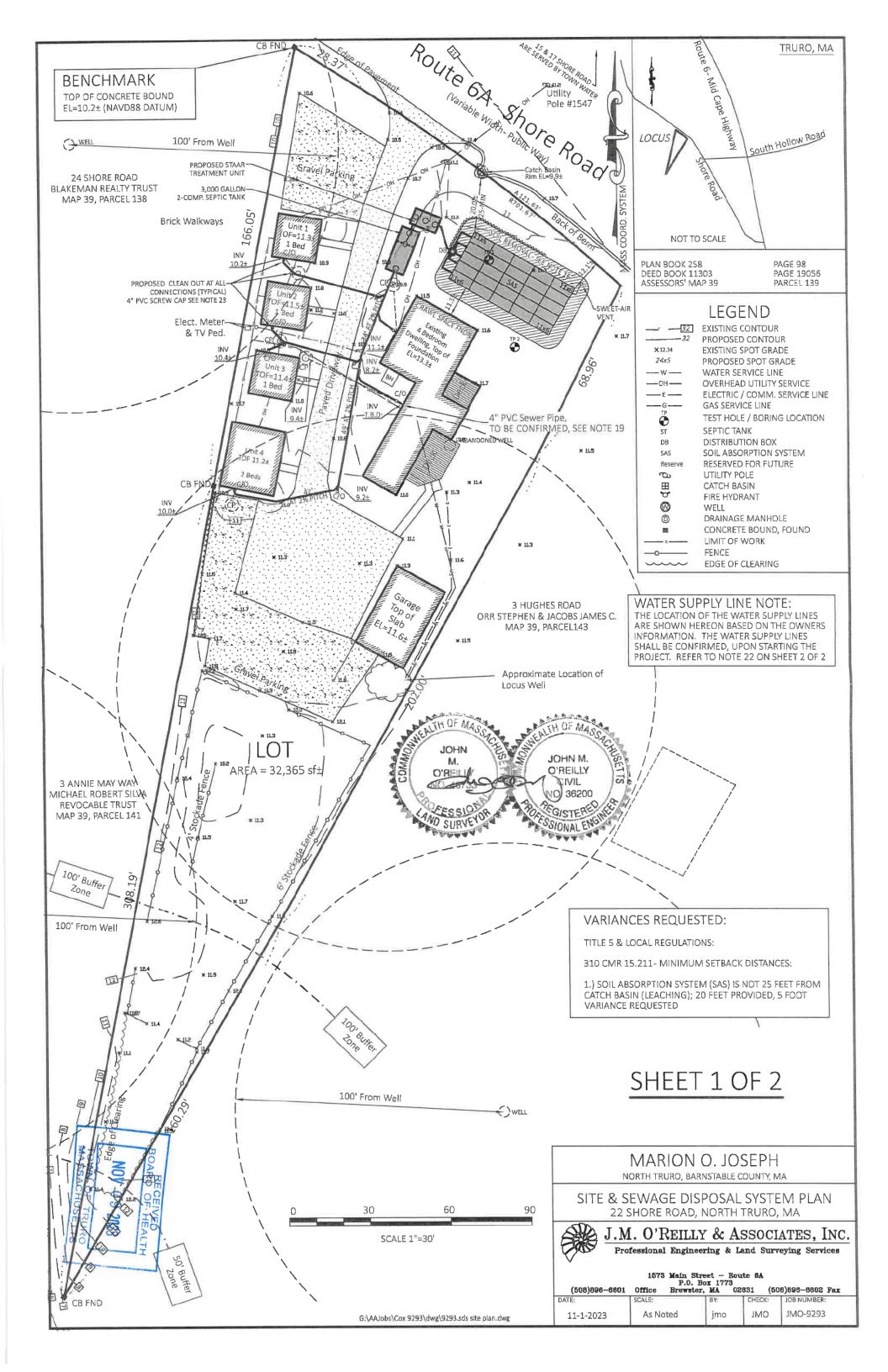
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# **GENERAL NOTES:**

A.) NEITHER DRIVEWAYS NOR PARKING AREAS ARE ALLOWED OVER SEPTIC SYSTEM UNLESS H-20 COMPONENTS ARE USED.

B.) THE DESIGNER WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SYSTEM AS DESIGNED UNLESS CONSTRUCTED AS SHOWN. ANY CHANGES SHALL BE APPROVED IN WRITING.

C.) CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING THE LOCATION OF ALL UNDERGROUND AND OVERHEAD UTILITIES PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORK.

# CONSTRUCTION NOTES:

1.) ALL CONSTRUCTION SHALL CONFORM TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL CODE, TITLE 5, AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

2.) SEPTIC TANK(S), GREASE TRAP(S), DOSING CHAMBER(S) AND DISTRIBUTION BOX(ES) SHALL BE SET ON A LEVEL STABLE BASE WHICH HAS BEEN MECHANICALLY COMPACTED, OR ON A 6 INCH CRUSHED STONE BASE.

3.) SEPTIC TANK(S) SHALL MEET ASTM STANDARD C1127-93 AND SHALL HAVE AT LEAST THREE 20" DIAMETER MANHOLES. THE MINIMUM DEPTH FROM THE BOT-TOM OF THE SEPTIC TANK TO THE FLOW LINE SHALL BE 48".

4.) SCHEDULE 40 PVC INLET AND OUTLET TEES SHALL EXTEND A MINIMUM OF 6" ABOVE THE FLOW LINE OF THE SEPTIC TANK AND SHALL BE INSTALLED ON THE CENTERLINE OF THE TANK DIRECTLY UNDER THE CLEANOUT MANHOLE.

5.) RAISE COVERS OF THE SEPTIC TANK AND DISTRIBUTION BOX WITH PRECAST CONCRETE WATER TIGHT RISERS OVER INLET AND OUTLET TEES TO WITHIN 6" OF FINISH GRADE, OR AS APPROVED BY THE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT.

6.) PIPING SHALL CONSIST OF 4" SCHEDULE 40 PVC OR EQUIVALENT. PIPE SHALL BE LAID ON A MINIMUM CONTINUOUS GRADE OF NOT LESS THAN 1%.

7.) DISTRIBUTION LINES FOR SOIL ABSORPTION SYSTEM (AS REQUIRED) SHALL BE 4" DIAMETER SCHEDULE 40 PVC LAID AT 0.005 FT/FT. LINE SHALL BE CAPPED AT END OR AS NOTED

8.) OUTLET PIPES FROM DISTRIBUTION BOX SHALL REMAIN LEVEL FOR AT LEAST 2' BEFORE PITCHING TO SOIL ABSORPTION SYSTEM. WATER TEST DISTRIBUTION BOX TO ENSURE EVEN DISTRIBUTION.

9.) DISTRIBUTION BOX SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM SUMP OF 6" MEASURED BELOW THE OUTLET INVERT.

10.) BASE AGGREGATE FOR THE LEACHING FACILITY SHALL CONSIST OF 3/4" TO 1-1/2" DOUBLE WASHED NATIVE STONE FREE OF IRON, FINES AND DUST AND SHALL BE INSTALLED BELOW THE CROWN OF THE DISTRIBUTION LINE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SOIL ABSORPTION SYSTEM. BASE AGGREGATE SHALL BE COVERED WITH A LAYER OF FILTER FABRIC OR APPROVED FOUIVALENT.

11.) VENT SOIL ABSORPTION SYSTEM WHEN DISTRIBUTION LINES EXCEED 50 FEET; WHEN LOCATED EITHER IN WHOLE OR IN PART UNDER DRIVEWAYS, PARKING AREAS, TURNING AREAS OR OTHER IMPERVIOUS MATERIAL; OR WHEN PRESSURE DOSED.

12.) SOIL ABSORPTION SYSTEM SHALL BE COVERED WITH A MINIMUM OF 9" OF CLEAN MEDIUM SAND (EXCLUDING TOPSOIL).

13.) FINISH GRADE SHALL BE A MAXIMUM OF 36" OVER THE TOP OF ALL SYSTEM COMPONENTS, INCLUDING THE SEPTIC TANK, DISTRIBUTION BOX, DOSING CHAMBER AND SOIL ABSORPTION SYSTEM. SEPTIC TANKS SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM COVER OF 9".

14.) FROM THE DATE OF INSTALLATION OF THE SOIL ABSORPTION SYSTEM UNTIL RECEIPT OF A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE, THE PERIMETER OF THE SOIL ABSORPTION SYSTEM SHALL BE STAKED AND FLAGGED TO PREVENT THE USE OF SUCH AREA FOR ALL ACTIVITIES THAT MIGHT DAMAGE THE SYSTEM.

# SYSTEM DESIGN CALCULATIONS:

SEWAGE DESIGN FLOW: 9 BEDROOM DWELLING @ 110 GPD = 990 GPD

LEACHING CAPACITY REQUIRED: 9 BEDROOMS (MAX.) @ 110 GPD = 990 GPD REQUIRED

SEPTIC TANK CAPACITY REQUIRED: FIRST TANK = 990 GPD @ 200% = 1,980 GAL. REQUIRED

SECOND TANK = 990 GPD @ 100% = 990 GAL REQUIRED

SEPTIC TANK CAPACITY PROVIDED: TWO COMPARTMENT TANK WITH TREATMENT UNIT- SEE BELOW LEACHING CAPACITY PROVIDED:

A CONTACTOR FIELD DRAIN C-4 PROVIDES 6.7 SF/LF OF LEACHING; AT 8 FEET LONG , EACH UNIT PROVIDES 53.6 SF/UNIT OF LEACHING AREA Vt=[25 UNITS AT 53.6 SF/UNIT] x 0.74 GPD/SF = 991.6 GPD

Vt=991 GPD > 990 REQUIRED

INSTALL:

DNE (1)- 3000 GALLON SEPTIC TANK- 2 COMPARTMENT TANK ( USE STPC730C BY SHOREY) ONE (1) - 1,500 GALLON S.T.A.A.R. TREATMENT UNIT 1.0- MFG BIO-MICROBICS- PROVISIONAL PERMIT ONE (1)- 5 OUTLET DISTRIBUTION BOX (H-20 RATED)

TWENTY-FIVE (25)- CONTECTOR FIELD DRAIN UNITS IN FIELD CONFIGURATION

NOTE: A GARBAGE DISPOSAL IS NOT PERMITTED WITH THIS DESIGN.

15.) SUBSURFACE COMPONENTS OF A SYSTEM SHALL NOT BE BACKFILLED OR OTHERWISE CONCEALED FROM VIEW UNTIL A FINAL INSPECTION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE APPROVING AUTHORITY AND PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE APPROVING AUTHORITY TO BACKFILL THE SYSTEM. THE DESIGNER SHALL INSPECT THE CONSTRUCTION AFTER THE INITIAL EXCAVATION, PRIOR TO BACKFILLING, AND DURING BACKFILLING. IN ADDITION, THE FINAL INSPECTION OF THE SYSTEM SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY THE APPROVING AUTHORITY, THE SYSTEM INSTALLER AND DESIGNER PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE PURSUANT TO 310 CMR 15.021(3). ANY COMPONENT OF THE SYSTEM WHICH HAS BEEN COVERED WITHOUT SUCH PERMISSION SHALL BE UNCOVERED UPON REQUEST OF THE APPROVING AUTHORITY OR THE DEPARTMENT.

16.) SOIL REMOVAL: ALL TOPSOIL (A HORIZON) AND SUBSOIL (B HORIZON) SHALL BE REMOVED FOR A DISTANCE OF 5' FROM THE SOIL ABSORPTION SYSTEM DOWN TO THE CLEAN SAND LAYER. AREA TO BE BACKFILLED WITH CLEAN SAND AND COMPACTED TO MINIMIZE SETTLING.

17.) INSTALLER SHALL CONFIRM AND VERIFY ALL INVERT ELEVATIONS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF ANY SEPTIC SYSTEM COMPONENTS.

18.) ENGINEER SHALL VERIFY SOILS CONDITIONS FOR THE S.A.S., PRIOR TO THE INSTALLATION OF THE FIELD DRAIN UNITS.

19.) INSTALL & 45-FOOT LONG 40 ML HDPE LINER FROM EL 10.8 TO EL 6.8 AS SHOWN ON PLAN.

20.) EXISTING CESSPOOLS TO BE PUMPED DRY, FILLED WITH CLEAN SAND, AND ABANDONED IN PLACE OR REMOVED.

21.) INSTALLER TO CONFIRM LOCATION OF ALL UNDERGROUND AND OVERHEAD UTILITIES PRIOR TO START OF CONSTRUCTION.

22.) WATER/SEWER CROSSING: THE WASTE LINES SHALL EITHER BE A 20' SECTION OF 4" DIA. PVC PIPE CENTERED OVER THE WATER LINE OR SLEEVED IN A 5" PVC PIPE TO PROVIDE THE 10 FOOT MINIMUM SEPARATION TO WATER LINE. 23.) ALL 4" PVC CLEANOUTS SHALL BE BROUGHT TO FINISH GRADE. CLEANOUTS SHALL BE MARKED WITH A PIECE OF #5 REBAR FOR FUTURE LOCATION

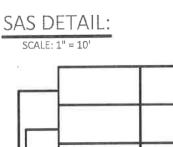


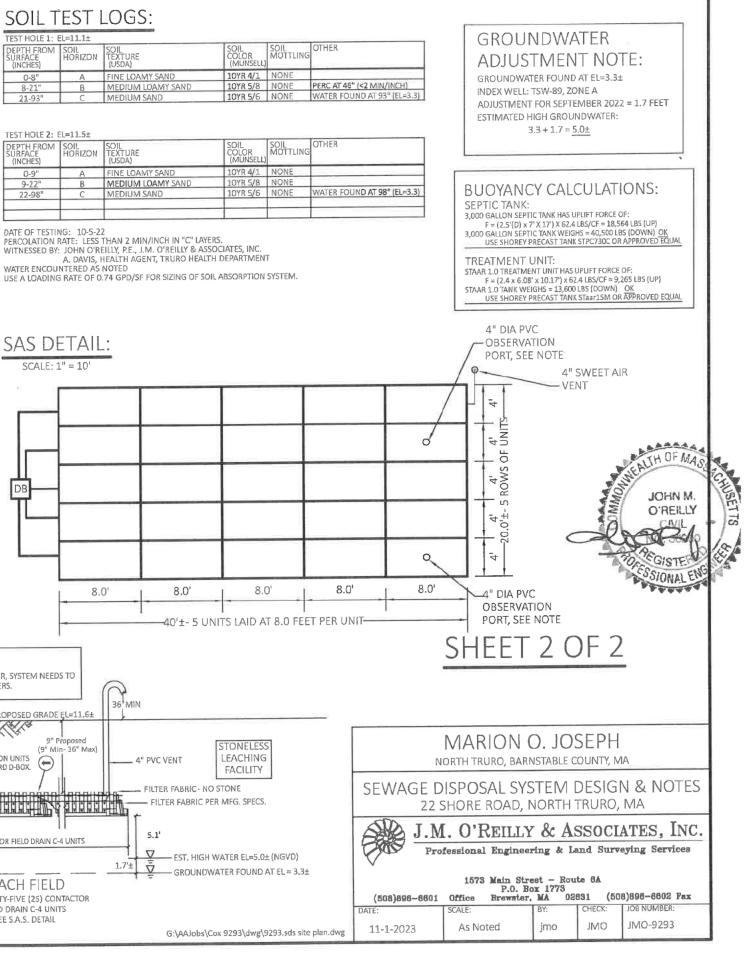
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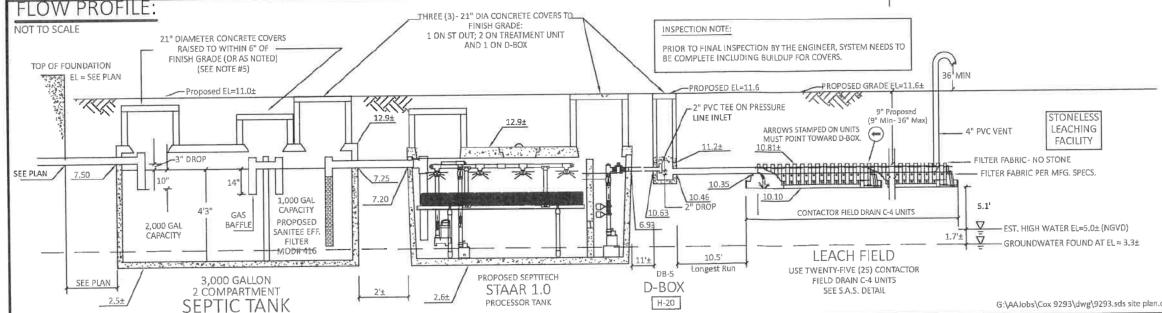
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0-9"	A	FINE LOAMY SAND	10YR 4/1	NONE	
9-22°	В	MEDIUM LOAMY SAND	10YR 5/8	NONE	
22-98"	С	MEDIUM SAND	10YR 5/6	NONE	WATE
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WATER ENCOUNTERED AS NOTED







Fee: \$75.00



TRURO HEALTH & CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT 24 Town Hall Road, Truro 02666

APPLICATION FOR BOARD OF HEALTH WAIVER OF TIME BOH Reg. Section VI, Article 3(1)a. Required Upgrade Upon Property Transfer	N.
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Date: Board of Health Hearing Date:12/05/2023	sten
Address of Property: 18 Sandpiper Road	20
Map & Parcel: 58-36-0	10/
Anticipated Date of Property Transfer: January 12, 2024	31
Length of Time Requested to Complete Upgrade: 6 months	a ú
Design Engineer/Sanitarian: ** Jason Ellis Phone #:	CZ
**System has been designed and installed. Waiver is needed for buyers to have the Title V connected to the house after closing.	167
SELLER'S INFORMATION:	20
Seller/Property Owner's Name: Hila Feil	n g
Mailing Address: PO BOX 1214TRURO, MA 02666	32
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Seller's R.E. Broker: Rose Kennedy Phone #: 508-560-0866	3.6
Email: rose.kennedy@compass.com	62
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BUYER'S INFORMATION:	Å.
Buyer's Name: Karen & Peter Parker	m i
Mailing Address: 174 Walden Street, Concord, MA 01742	19 27
Phone #:     Fax:     Email:       Buyer's R.E. Broker:     Amanda Robinson     Phone #:     508-208-4386	121
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Email: mrobinson@bhhscapeshores.com	11
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Please attach the following to this form: (1) a narrative explaining why you can't comply with Section VI, Article 3(1)a, Required Upgrade Upon Property Transfer, and (2) a statement from your engineer/designer, stating that they have been retained by the seller/buyer to complete the Title 5 upgrade.

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11/27/2023	11/27/2023	11/27/2023

Date

Date

## **Arozana Davis**

From:	Rose Kennedy <rose.kennedy@compass.com></rose.kennedy@compass.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, November 28, 2023 11:27 AM
То:	Arozana Davis
Subject:	Re: signed waiver attached and completed

See below the email from the seller. Let me know if it is sufficient or if I need to add to it. For reference, the quote we received for plumbing was for \$38k.

### To the Truro Board Of Health

I have installed a new Title 5 septic system at my house on 18 Sandpiper Road, which is being sold in January 2024. | do not have the funds

to hook up the new system, which will require considerable replumbing. I respectfully request a waiver for the buyers to hook up

the system.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration,

Yours,

**Hila Feil** 

917-836-5000

On Tue, Nov 28, 2023 at 10:07 AM Arozana Davis <<u>ADavis@truro-ma.gov</u>> wrote:

Rose, can you give me a little narrative as to why the current homeowner can't finish the project? I know it has to do with cost of plumbing, etc., but I need the story in writing so I can make it a part of the application.

Thank you!

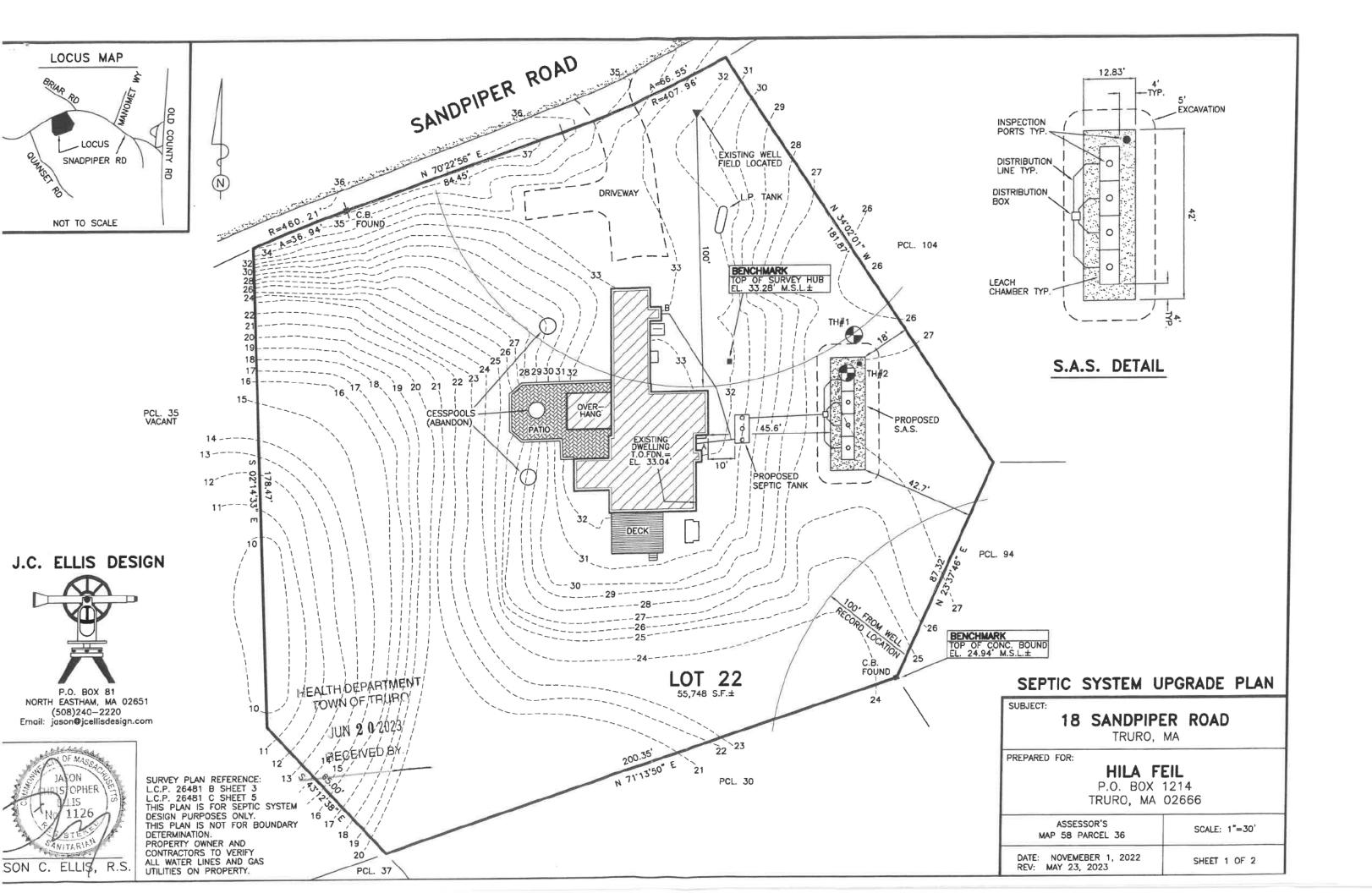
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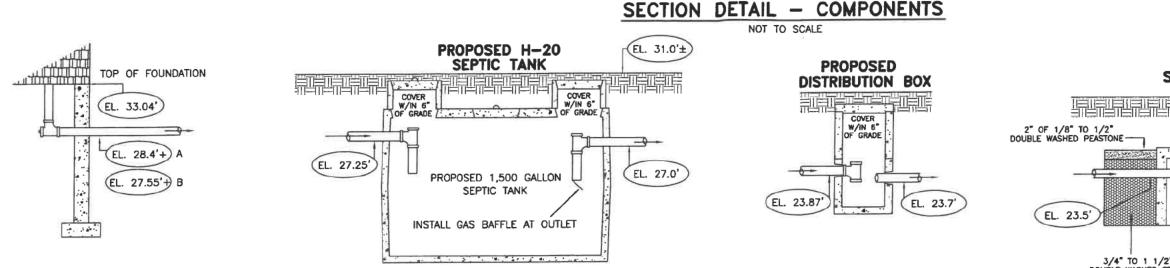


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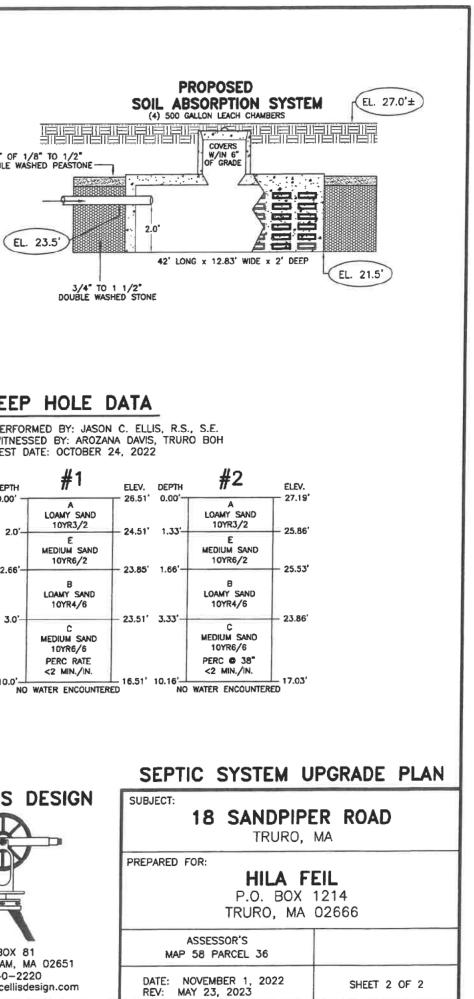


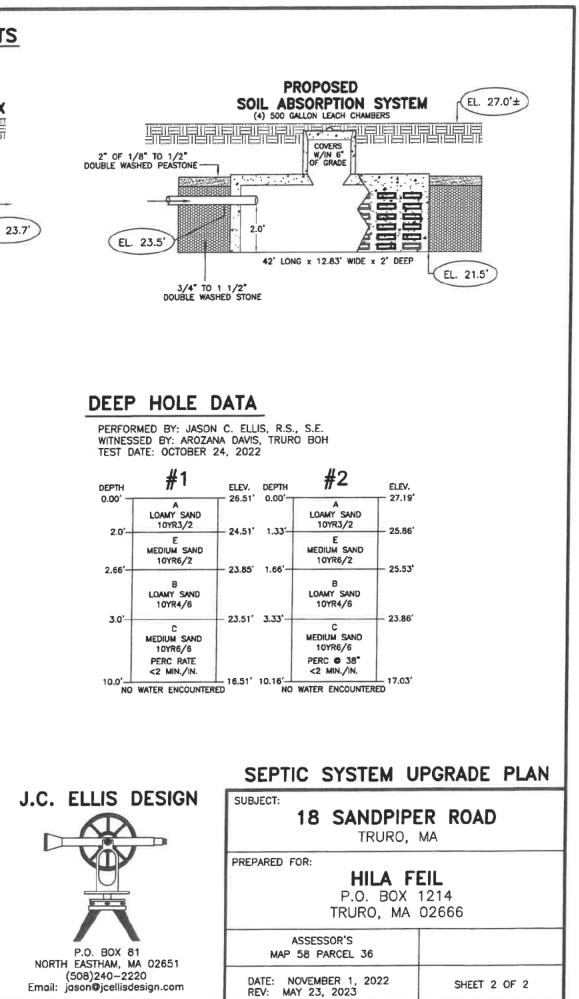


# NOTES

- 1. PRECAST SEPTIC TANK TO BE H-20 RATED. ANY OTHER COMPONENTS WITH ANY ANTICIPATED VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TO BE H-20 RATED.
- 2. ELEVATION DATUM IS FROM GIS.
- 3. MUNICIPAL WATER IS NOT AVAILABLE.
- 4. ALL CONSTRUCTION TO CONFORM WITH 310 CMR 15.000 AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL CODES AND REGULATIONS.
- INSTALLER/CONTRACTOR TO REVIEW & VERIFY ALL ELEVATIONS AND DETAILS AND REPORT ANY DISCREPANCIES TO DESIGNER PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION OR ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY.
- 6. INSTALLER/CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING SAFE WORK AREA, VERIFING ALL UTILITIES AND NOTIFYING DIG SAFE PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.
- 7. ANY CHANGES TO OR DEVIATIONS FROM THIS PLAN MUST BE APPROVED IN WRITING BY J.C. ELLIS DESIGN CO. AND BOARD OF HEALTH.
- 8. FINISH COVER OVER COMPONENTS IS NOT TO EXCEED 3' PER 310 CMR 15.000.
- 9. ALL ABANDONED SEPTIC SYSTEM COMPONENTS TO BE PUMPED DRY AND FILLED WITH CLEAN SAND OR REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH CLEAN SAND.

- AND REPLACED WITH CLEAN SAND.
  10. ALL COMPONENTS TO BE PROVIDED WITH WATERTIGHT ACCESS PORTS WITHIN 6" OF FINISH GRADE.
  11. ALL SEPTIC TANKS, DISTRIBUTION BOXES AND PIPING TO BE INSTALLED WATERTIGHT.
  12. NO KNOWN WELLS EXIST WITHIN 100' OF PROPOSED LEACH AREA.
  13. THIS IS NOT A CERTIFIED PLOT PLAN AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS THIS PLAN TO BE USED FOR BUILDING OR ZONING PURPOSES.
  14. LEACH AREA TO BE PROVIDED WITH AT LEAST ONE
- OR ZONING PURPOSES.
  14. LEACH AREA TO BE PROVIDED WITH AT LEAST ONE INSPECTION PORT CONSISTING OF A PERFORATED FOUR INCH PIPE PLACED VERTICALLY DOWN INTO THE STONE TO THE NATURALLY OCCURING SOIL OR SAND FILL BELOW THE STONE. THE PIPE SHALL BE CAPPED WITH A SCREW TYPE CAP AND ACCESSIBLE WITHIN 3" OF GRADE.
  15. EXCAVATE ALL UNSUITABLE SOIL, ONLY AS NECESARY, 5' AROUND AND UNDER S.A.S. DOWN TO C LAYER AND REPLACE WITH CLEAN MEDIUM SAND.
  16. CONTRACTOR TO TAKE ALL MEANS NECESSARY (FLUSH TESTS ETC.) TO LOCATE AND VERIFY ALL EXISTING BUILDING SEWER LINES PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION. ALL BUILDING SEWERS TO BE CHANGED, ONLY IF NECESSARY, TO LOCATIONS AND ELEVATIONS SPECIFIED.
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- 17. CONTRACTOR TO INSTALL CLEANOUTS ALONG SEWER LINES BETWEEN SEPTIC TANK AND BUILDING AT ALL BENDS, JUNCTIONS
- AND 50' INCREMENTS. 18. CONTRACTOR TO TAKE ALL MEANS NECESSARY (FLUSH TESTS ETC.) TO LOCATE AND DECOMMISSION ALL EXISTING CESSPOOLS.





# DESIGN CALCULATIONS

### FLOW RATE:

5 BEDROOM DWELLING = 550 G/P/D REQUIRED (110 G/P/D PER BEDROOM x 5 BEDROOMS) NO GARBAGE GRINDER ALLOWED

### PROPOSED SEPTIC TANK:

550 G/P/D x 2 = 1100 G/P/D REQUIRED USE 1500 GALLON SEPTIC TANK

PROPOSED SOIL ABSORPTION SYSTEM PERC RATE = <2 MIN/IN - CLASS I SOIL SIDEWALL = (42 + 12.83)(2)(2) = 219.32 S.F. BOTTOM: (42)(12.83) = 538.86 S.F. (219.32 + 538.86)(0.74) = 561.05 G/P/D PROVIDED USE: (4) 500 GALLON LEACH CHAMBERS W/ STONE AS SHOWN IN DETAIL.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT TOWN OF TRURO

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RECEIVED BY:

### Arozana Davis

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From:	Contact form at truroma <cmsmailer@civicplus.com></cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, November 14, 2023 2:14 PM
To:	Arozana Davis
Subject:	[truroma] 45 Corn Hill septic waiver (Sent by Richard Newburg,

Hello adavis,

Richard Newburg (<u>https://www.truro-</u> ma.gov/users/adavis/contact) at truroma.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at https://www.truro-ma.gov/user/61/edit.

Message:

Hello,

My name is Richard Newburg and I will be the new owner of 45 Corn Hill Road as of November 22. I've been in contact with the Board of Health to discuss the installation of the new septic system. I understand the seller was granted a waiver which is set to expire. I believe the waiver was designed to allow three months for installation based on a closing that was supposed to occur in August of this year. Since the closing did not occur with the previous buyer, and the new closing is set for November 22. I was hoping

to also be able to receive the same 90-day waiver/permission to install the new system.

I have been in contact with the designer JC Ellis and the installer Brundage and hope to get started on the install as soon as practical, hopefully beginning of January. I will attend via zoom the December 5 meeting where this matter will be discussed possibly to answer any additional questions. I appreciate your help and attention.

Thank you,

**Rich Newburg** 

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# TOWN OF TRURO

HEALTH DEPARTMENT P.O. Box 2030, Truro MA 02666 Tel: 508-349-7004 x119 or x132 Fax: 508-349-5508

August 8, 2023

JC Ellis Design Co. Inc. PO Box 81 North Eastham, MA 02651

## RE: 45 Corn Hill Rd (45-116); Waiver of Time

Dear Mr. Ellis:

Please be advised that the Truro Board of Health at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 1, 2023 made a motion regarding the above-referenced variance requests.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE MOTION STATED:

Mr. Koll moved to approve the waiver of time, giving the buyer 90 days from transfer of property (set for 8/15/2023) to install the septic system with the condition that the house remains unoccupied until the system has been installed and certified. Seconded by Ms. Grimm. Vote: 3-0-2, motion carries with Ms. Rose and Mr. Rose abstaining.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 508-214-0202 or at adavis@truro-ma.gov.

Sincerely,

Arozana Davis, RS Assistant Health Agent

## **Emily Beebe**

From:	Elizabeth Sturdy
Sent:	Tuesday, November 14, 2023 4:08 PM
То:	Emily Beebe
Subject:	RE: 9B Benson Road- prelim subdivision plans

Emily,

My apologies for not saying thank you earlier. I put this up in the packet online and sent to the PB Members.

Thank you,

# Elizabeth A. Sturdy (Liz)

Planning Department Assistant Truro Town Hall 24 Town Hall Road, P.O. Box 2030 Truro, MA 02666 Direct: (508) 214-0935 Fax: (508) 349-5505 esturdy@truro-ma.gov

From: Emily Beebe <EBeeBe@truro-ma.gov> Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 8:54 AM To: Elizabeth Sturdy <ESturdy@truro-ma.gov>; Barbara Carboni <bcarboni@truro-ma.gov>; Robin Reid <robin@RobinBReidEsq.com> Subject: 9B Benson Road- prelim subdivision plans

Good Morning,

I have reviewed this preliminary subdivision plan, and on behalf of the Board of Health make the following comments:

• The 2-lot subdivision has been developed with respect for the Truro Board of Health regulations that remove the area within wetland resources

from upland area, which is the local basis for calculating Nitrogen Loading.

- It appears that future development would be restricted to lot 1, and the upland area of 45,849 sf is suitable to support a 4-bedroom dwelling.
- The shape of the lot appears conducive for the proper siting of a private well and an on-site septic system.

At this time, I make these comments on behalf of the board, although they have not yet formally reviewed the preliminary proposal. They will meet next on December 5, and the preliminary will appear on that agenda as an advisory to the Board of Health, however, we did want to make comment for the benefit of the Planning Board about the preliminary plans.

Once definitive plans have been filed, the Board of Health will review the plans in a timely fashion at a public hearing to make final comments for the Planning Board.

Thank you for your acceptance of our review comments. Sincerely, Emily

### **Emily Beebe**

From:	Peter Swanson <
Sent:	Wednesday, November 8, 2023 12:42 PM
To:	Emily Beebe
Subject:	Re: FW: Secor Lane

Hello again, Emily -

I am in receipt of the Final Compliance letter "Re: final notice-and ORDER TO CORRECT - SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADE" in reference to 12 Secor Lane, my yellow cottage at the edge of the Pamet. I have not been able to follow up on this and lost track of the septage deadline.

The cottage has not been occupied at all in more than 3 1/2 years. I can produce documentation to that effect ((It is on well water and I have Eversource records showing that there has been zero electricity

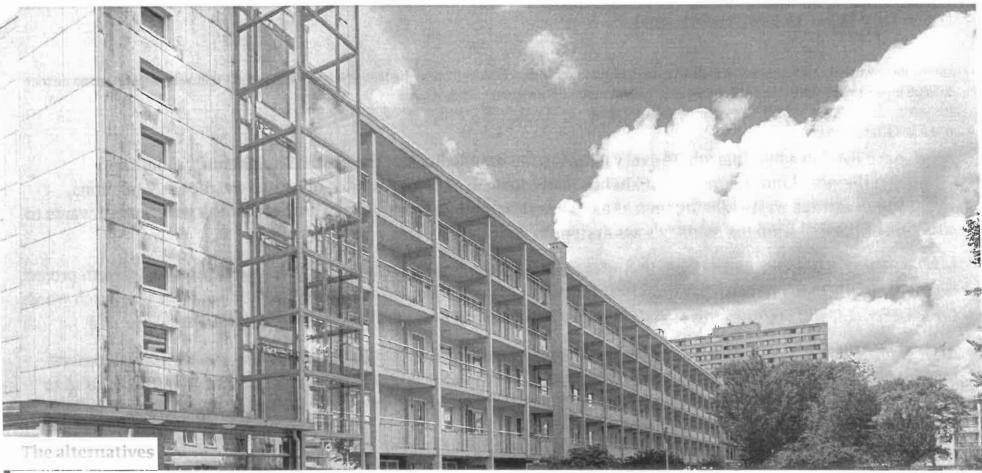
use at that location in that time period)). I would like to discuss with you what my options may be as I have no plans to use the cottage and hope to put it on the market next spring "as is." It needs a new pump,

and electrical work in addition to the Title V, before it would be ready for occupancy. It's been entirely off my radar due to personal matters.

I never heard back from Dan and will make another try at reaching him. Thank you in advance for your patience and for responding to this note.

Sincerely, Peter O. Swanson Support us  $\rightarrow$ 

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# 'A treasure beneath our feet': How the Dutch went down the toilet looking for heat

Sewage waste is now being seen as a reliable heat

# source for millions of homes in the Netherlands by Senay Boztas in Amsterdam

Lieven de Key, a housing corporation in Amsterdam, is planning what is believed to be the first sewer warmth project that will tap into a main district sewage pipe to warm 1,600 existing social and student homes. Photograph: Joke Schut

## Wed 8 Nov 2023 08.00 EST

once lived in a building where every morning the double flush of the upstairs neighbour's toilet trip reverberated loudly through our kitchen. Now, instead of being a source of heated neighbourly relations, Dutch sewage waste is being seen as a reliable heat source for millions of homes that the government wants to be unhooked from the country's gas system by 2050.

Lieven de Key, a housing corporation in Amsterdam, is planning what is believed to be the first sewer warmth project that will tap into a main district sewage pipe to warm 1,600 existing social and student homes. After the Dutch words for sewer, *riool*, and warmth, this sustainable, 24/7, year round heat source is dubbed *riothermie*.

After some initial scepticism, the company was slowly won round to the idea of urban heating, says development manager Rienk Postuma. They talked to a company called Liander, which builds underground connections, and to the water board, "and then the idea was born to put water-fuelled heat pumps in the buildings, winning back heat from the collective sewer for this part of Amsterdam".

"We have a photo of the street covered with snow, and the manhole covers all without snow," says Jeroen Rademaker, the project leader. "Even when there's snow in the winter, the sewer is warm. Warm sewage water flows 24 hours a day and we should capture it. This can happen wherever there is a big sewage pipe."

"The warmth comes from showers, the toilet, wastewater from washing, from the dishwasher, from the washing machine," says Postuma. "Together it all gives, throughout the year, a temperature between 15 and 18 degrees. And we are going to make a bypass around the main sewer, put a heat exchanger around it and bring it to the houses in insulated pipes. We place it in an electric heat pump, and the water is heated up to 60 or 70C - medium temperature." The heat exchanger transfers that source heat from the drain to a working fluid that can be transported to the buildings without needing to circulate the actual sewage waste. Then the blocks' heat pumps, fired by solar energy, can amplify that heat in the opposite way to the workings of a refrigerator. For individual homes, each one would have to have their own heat pump connected to this "source net".

The company is also upgrading the double glazing and has already put in new roof insulation and solar panels, which means they can ditch the existing gas-fired heating system altogether. The project is intended to warm a four-storey 1970s social housing complex and a multi-storey block of student rooms opposite: residents have agreed, and a student vote is planned within weeks. Sitting in one of the typical 90 sq metre flats, which has been kitted out to show residents the  $\leq 14m$  (£12.2m) project (which will get a  $\leq 1.3m$  government subsidy), longtime resident Ad Jongen, 85, explains why he cannot wait to get started. "Maybe Amsterdam will go entirely gas-free in six or seven years," he says. "You have to be prepared."



'Warm sewage water flows 24 hours a day and we should capture it.' Photograph: Harri Tahvanainen / Gorilla Photo Agency Ltd/Alamy

Experts believe sewage warmth could play a major role in the transition away from fossil fuels. Swiss company Rabtherm is believed to have pioneered the idea, while German company Uhrig, which calls wastewater "a treasure beneath our feet" constructs 10 projects a year and expects soon – says the firm's head of global business, Stephan von Bothmer – to scale to hundreds. In the Netherlands there are other projects – typically using sewage plants rather than raw sewage pipes – for a swimming pool in Urk and pilot projects in Rotterdam and Eindhoven. "This is one of the pieces of the jigsaw in the energy transition," says Harry de Brauw, energy transition adviser at Waternet. "We have calculated that you could heat 8% of Amsterdam with waste water systems: 10,000 homes."

That said, you don't want to take too much heat from sewage pipes. "You can't reduce the temperature there too much because purification works with bacteria," he adds. "It's a biological process and if the bacteria get cold, they won't work as hard and our water will be less well purified. But at the back end, where we release the purified water into surface water, we are happy for it to be colder. The most warmth potential is at the end of the sewage system."

The critical challenge will lie in retrofitting existing infrastructure, which requires "a mindset" of can-do, access to sewer networks and probably some level of subsidy, says Von Bothmer.

Optimising houses is essential for this kind of domestic heating. Lisanne Havinga, assistant professor in building performance at Eindhoven University of Technology, says: "It's probably the same in the UK that existing housing stock has a lot of draughts, which causes winter comfort problems and also makes people turn the heating a lot higher."

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She is working on the "Renovation Explorer", an open source project where homeowners will be able to get tailored recommendations. A sewer-based project – such as one that will soon heat her own home in another project fed by a sewage treatment plant – has advantages over air-based heat pumps, she says, because it won't need as much boosting from an overloaded electricity net. The work is all part of the Dutch drive to leave fossil fuels behind – "van het gas af" as they put it – which will both make energy sources more sustainable and reduce carbon emissions. In

2019 the Dutch supreme court ruled that the Dutch government was doing too little to prevent climate change, and ordered it urgently to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

A final challenge with the sewer, points out another expert, is that it's not just warm water down there. Paige Peters, founder of a sewage system to stop overflows during storms who spoke this week at the Aquatech Innovation Forum in Amsterdam, says: "With this idea of heat recovery, a big part of it is understanding how it could affect sewage infrastructure, the water flow in there, the temperature or the crazy things people put down sewers. We get rags, chicken bones ... and a lot of carrots. Dealing with that infrastructure can be unpredictable."

How much does this cost? €14m to go off the gas for 1,600 homes in north Amsterdam

**Can other places do it too?** Yes. Dutch sewers are pumped, because it is flat; the technique can be cheaper in gravitydriven systems and it's easier with new-build.

Some helpful reading Lieven de Key Riothermie; Generating energy from waste water; Rotterdam Circulair

This article was amended on 10 November 2023 to correct the Dutch phrase "van het gas af".