



Community Grants Program

New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I) provides financial and technical support for projects that raise awareness and understanding of pollution prevention practices and lead to implementation at the local level

Homeowner Education for Improved Private Decentralized Wastewater Management



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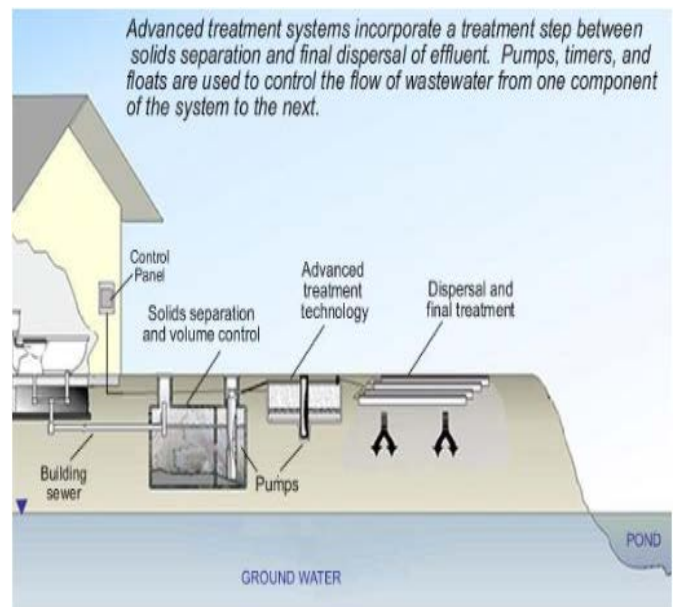


Project Description:

The Mission of the New York State Water Resources Institute is to improve the management of water resources in New York State and the nation. Located at Cornell University, NYSWRI connects the water research and water management communities. The goal of this project was to increase homeowner awareness about the environmental benefits of maintenance of decentralized treatment systems (septic systems) as well as how to properly maintain these systems. The project targets two communities: Chautauqua Lake in Chautauqua County and Canadarago Lake in Otsego County.

NYSWRI aimed to:

1. Develop educational fact sheets, maintenance manuals, and examples of successful projects from New York and neighboring states.
2. Delivery of two workshops in each of the target communities to help homeowners understand the functions, limitations, and proper maintenance of a decentralized wastewater treatment system.
3. Dissemination of developed educational material via New York State Federation of Lakes Association (NYSFOLA), Cornell Cooperative Extension offices in all NY counties and electronic postings on community partner and NYSWRI websites



Project Results

NYSWRI was able to train **122 people in total** at the four homeowner education workshops held in communities around Chautauqua and Canadarago Lakes. The educational materials developed can be accessed via the NYSWRI website: http://wri.eas.cornell.edu/NYSP2I_workshops.html.

