

## **COHASSET SEWER COMMISSION**

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### **POLICY WITH REGARD TO NEW SEWER SYSTEM HOOKUPS**

#### Central Cohasset Sewer District

All residential, commercial and government properties, including new or contemplated construction, within the boundaries of the Central Cohasset Sewer District (defined as those property owners who received a betterment charge from the Town for sewer construction costs) are eligible to tie into the Town's wastewater treatment plant. Properties outside the Central District cannot tie into the System because the plant has state and federal permitting limitations. In other words, the plant has the designed capacity to only handle current users in the District plus estimated increased demand from those users who add on bedrooms or expanded facilities plus any existing build-able lots in the District that are developed. Only immediately adjacent properties that experience septic system failures that become a public health hazard and have no other practical solution as declared by the Board of Health will be eligible for special consideration for inclusion in the District.

#### North Cohasset Sewer District

Wastewater flows from the North Cohasset Sewer District are piped to the Hull wastewater treatment plant under a 30 year inter-municipal agreement that commenced April 29, 1998. That agreement limits our flows to Hull to an average of 80,000 gallons per day. The homes that existed in the North Cohasset Sewer District that received a betterment charge from the Town for sewer construction costs are automatically eligible for tie-in to the North Cohasset Sewer District. Because the District was defined by pre-existing homes on or near Straits Pond that could fit within the 80,000 gpd limitation, no development of build-able lots within the District can currently be accommodated. Such situations will require an on-site septic system that complies with Title V for new construction. To do so would violate our agreement with the Town of Hull.

As of May 2005 the Sewer Commission may grant a sewer tie in for buildable lots as long as the lot meets the following criteria. The lot must be within 400' of Straits Pond and have a Title 5 Septic Design already approved by the Board of Health.