

ON-LOT DISPOSAL SYSTEM (OLDS) MANDATORY SEPTIC PUMPING

Background

West Donegal Township has completed the update of their Act 537 Plan as required by the PA Department of Environmental Protection. The approved plan by law requires mandatory inspection and pump out of on-lot disposal systems (OLDS) every three years. The Township has established three separate districts as detailed on the enclosed map. All properties with OLDS, including cesspools, are required to pump out during the designated year. If you have had your septic system pumped out one year prior to your designated year (example, pumped in 2013 and designated year is 2014), the Township will accept this as long as you submit a report from the septic hauler verifying the system was pumped.

To document your compliance with this law, the Township requires that you and your hauler complete a 3-copy form. The form is enclosed for your use.

You are required to have your septic tank pumped, inspection performed, and the forms completed every three years. Each septage hauler who performs maintenance upon an OLDS within the Township, including but not limited to pumping out the OLDS, shall insure that after maintenance of an OLDS the septage hauler prepares a report for the Township for each OLDS serviced within the Township and provides the owner of the property on which an OLDS is located with a copy of the report. The owner of a lot on which an OLDS is located is responsible to insure that they file a copy of the report with the Township after maintenance of the OLDS. If you have your system pumped more often than every three years, you should keep your forms for your records in case there is a problem or you desire to sell your property. A process fee shall be submitted to the Township with the return of the white Township copy.

Please note it is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that the white copy of the "Septic System Report" is returned to West Donegal Township. Haulers may offer the service of submitting the form on your behalf; however, it is the property owner's responsibility to comply with the return of the "Septic System Report" to the Township. The haulers will be familiar with the Township form and have received guidance on the completion of the form to help the residents comply with the program.

All tanks, including treatment tanks, dosing tanks, lift tanks, and other associated tanks with your on-lot system shall be pumped and inspected.

Pumping of tanks on a regular basis will extend the life of your OLDS. The inspections will uncover maintenance issues that might not be found until a major problem occurred. Regular pumping is a less expensive solution to replacing a septic system or connection to public sewer.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter as we implement the Act 537 Plan. Please contact the Township office if you have questions regarding the OLDS management program.

Pumping District No. 1

(Required Pumping and Inspection August 1, 2014 – August 1, 2015)

From the centerline of Turnpike Road to the north boundary of West Donegal Township (Conewago Creek). Includes all properties on the north side of Turnpike Road.

Pumping District No. 2

(Required Pumping and Inspection August 1, 2015 – August 1, 2016)

From the centerline of Stonemill Drive, Maytown Road and Foreman Road to the centerline of Turnpike Road. Includes all properties on the north side of Stonemill Drive, Maytown Road and Foreman Road and all properties on the south side of Turnpike Road.

Pumping District No. 3

(Required Pumping and Inspection August 1, 2016 – August 1, 2017)

From the south boundary of West Donegal Township to the centerline of Stonemill Drive, Maytown Road and Foreman Road. Includes all properties on the south side of Stone Mill Drive, Maytown Road and Foreman Road.

OLDS Discharge Prohibition

Proper operation and maintenance of OLDS is required and only discharging of domestic sanitary sewage is permitted. The following types of waste shall not be discharged into an OLDS.

1. Industrial waste.
2. Automobile oil, or other non-domestic oil, grease, non-biodegradable soaps, detergents, and /or inert materials such as coffee grounds.
3. Toxic or hazardous substances or chemicals including but not limited to pesticides, disinfectants, acids, paints, paint thinners, herbicides, gasoline, and other solvents.
4. Clean surface or ground water, including water from roof or cellar drains, springs, basement sump pumps, and French drains.
5. Vehicle wash water and other potentially contaminated or clean run off of storm water.
6. Disposable products such as diapers, tampons, and similar materials.
7. Beauty shop waste other than a single chair beauty shop in conjunction with a residential use.
8. Abattoir or butcher shop waste.

Following these requirements will extend the life of your on-lot disposal systems.

Holding Tanks

The owner of an improved property that utilizes a holding tank shall:

- A. Maintain the holding tank in conformance with Ordinance and rules and regulation of West Donegal Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

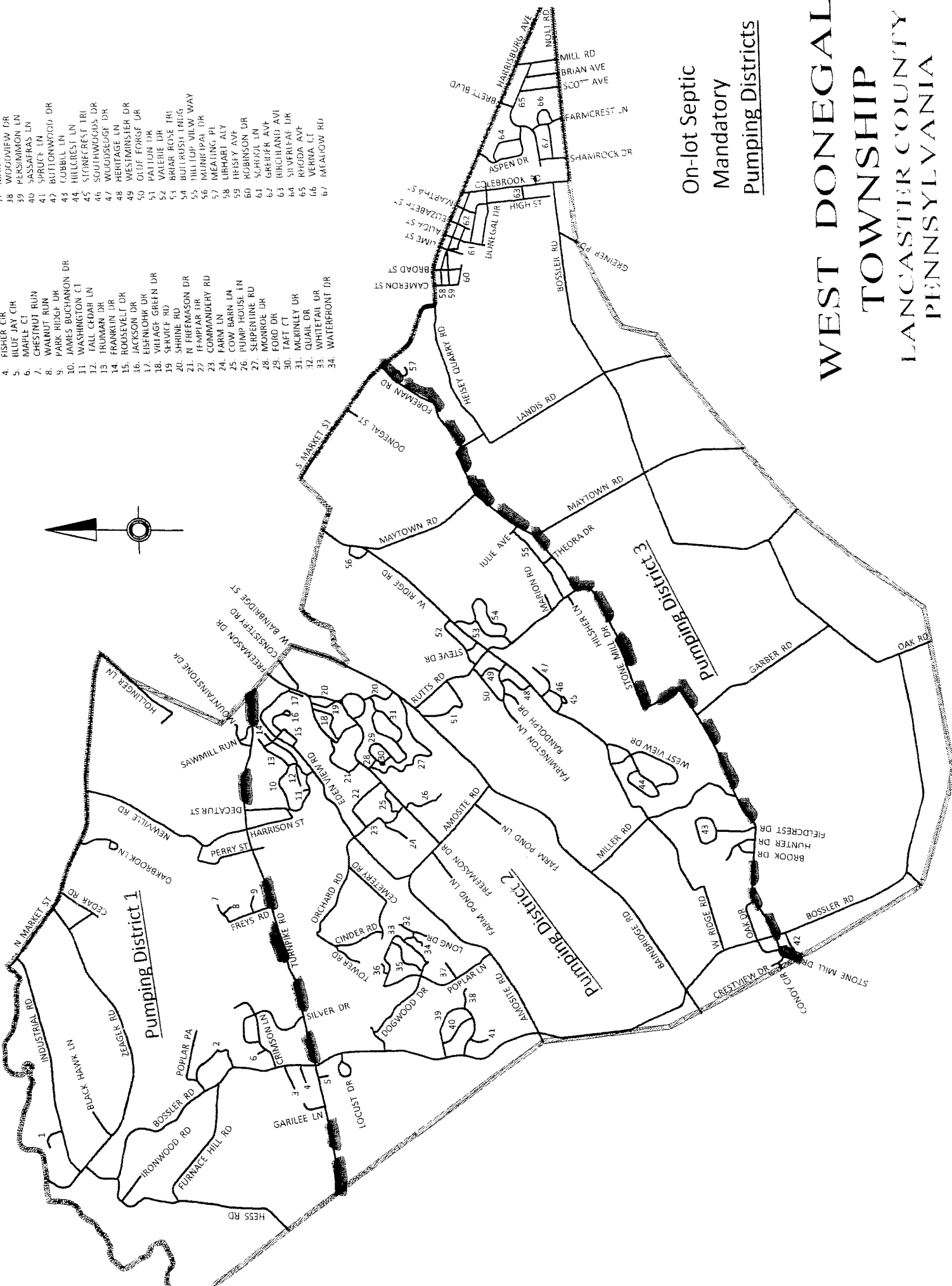
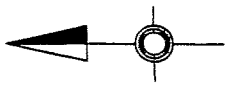
1. Proof of Maintenance. Each time a holding tank is pumped out or emptied, the private septage hauler who performs that service shall provide to the owner a signed receipt and shall retain a signed receipt containing the following information:
 - a. Date of pumping out.
 - b. Name and address of owner.
 - c. Description and diagram of location of holding tank, including location of any markers and/or access hatches (if known).
 - d. Size of holding tank.
 - e. Age of the holding tank (if known).
 - f. Last date of pump out (if known).
 - g. Any maintenance performed in connection with pumping out of the holding tank.
 - h. Any indication of system malfunction observed.
 - i. Amount of sewage, septage or other solid or semi-solid material removed.
 - j. Cost of service.
 - k. Waste hauler's state license number permitting him to collect and haul septage in this in this Commonwealth.

The owner and the septage hauler shall provide the receipt to authorized officials of the Township. The receipt shall serve as proof of compliance with the maintenance requirements of this Article. Failure to provide a copy of the receipt within 30 days after the holding tank is pumped out or emptied shall constitute a violation of this Article. The Township is designated in accordance with DEP's regulations as the administrative agency to receive, review and retain pumping receipts from permitted holding tanks.

2. Inspections. Annually or where any agreement entered into between the Township and the owner or a predecessor in title of the landowner requires more frequent inspections of a holding tank, the owner shall permit the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer to enter upon the improved property to conduct inspections of all permitted holding tanks at least annually and complete a written inspection report which shall be submitted to and be retained by the Township. The owner shall pay all fees with all required inspections.
- B. If the public sewer service becomes available to the improved property, abandon the holding tank consistent with applicable public health and environmental standards.
 - C. Permit the Township to enter upon lands to inspect the holding tank for proper operation, maintenance, and contents disposal.

(see map with the three Districts outlined)

1. CREEK CT
2. HICKORY LN
3. ANGELA DR
4. FISHER DR
5. BLUE JAY CIR
6. MAPLE CT
7. CHESTNUT RUN
8. WALNUT DR
9. PARK RIDGE DR
10. JAMES BUCHANAN DR
11. WASHINGTON CT
12. TALL CEDAR LN
13. FRANKLIN DR
14. IRONMAN DR
15. ROUSEVELT DR
16. JACKSON DR
17. EISENHORN DR
18. VILLAGE GREEN DR
19. SERVICE RD
20. SHRINE RD
21. N FREEMASON DR
22. HEMPIAR DR
23. COMMANDERY RD
24. FARM LN
25. COW BARN LN
26. RUMP HOUSE LN
27. SERPENTINE RD
28. MONROE DR
29. FORD DR
30. TAFT CT
31. MCKINLEY DR
32. QUAIL DR
33. WHITTAIL DR
34. WATERFRONT DR
35. TIMBER CT
36. FOXCHASE
37. MAGNOLIA DR
38. WOODVIEW DR
39. PERSIMMON LN
40. SASSAFRAS LN
41. SPRUCE LN
42. BUTTERNWOOD DR
43. COBBLE LN
44. HILLCREST LN
45. STONECREST TRI
46. SOUTHWOODS DR
47. WOODSLEDGE DR
48. HERITAGE LN
49. WESTMINSTER DR
50. CUDF FORGE DR
51. PALLID DR
52. VALERIE DR
53. BRAR BOSE TRI
54. BUTTRICK LINDS
55. TULLYHILL VILAR WAY
56. MUNICIPAL DR
57. MEATING PL
58. LIRHART ALY
59. HEISEY AVF
60. ROBINSON DR
61. SCHOOL LN
62. GREYER AVF
63. BIRCHLAND AVI
64. SILVERFAE DR
65. RHODA AVF
66. VERVA CT
67. MEADOW RD



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