

*Study of Decentralized Wastewater Options for Waitsfield Village and Irasville
Town of Waitsfield, Vermont*

**TABLE 2: Summary of Survey Responses Regarding Needs and Options
Survey II: Surveys Mailed: 31, Surveys Returned: 6, Response Rate: 19%**

Survey Question	Response	Number of Responses	% of Responses
1	Please indicate when your septic system was originally installed:		
	Before 1970	1	17%
	1982-1989	1	17%
	1990-1995	1	17%
	2002-present	2	33%
	Unsure	1	17%
2	Please indicate the size and construction of your septic tank by checking as many boxes as apply:		
	500 gallons	1	17%
	1,000 gallons	3	50%
	1,500 gallons	1	17%
	Other size (describe in comment)	1	17%
	Concrete	5	83%
3	Please indicate construction of your system's distribution and disposal components by checking as many boxes as apply:		
	Pump station	1	17%
	Distribution box (d-box)	5	83%
	Leach field (in-ground trenches or bed)	2	33%
	Dry well(s)	1	17%
	Other (describe in comment)	1	17%
4	If your system includes an alternative or advanced treatment component, please check the appropriate box or boxes below:		
	Other advanced treatment (describe in comment)	1	17%
	Blank or no advanced/alternative components	5	83%
5	Please describe below any upgrades or repairs that have been performed on your septic system within the last ten years:		
	Other repair (describe in comment)	2	33%
	None or blank	4	67%
6	Is your wastewater system shared with another building or property?		
	No	2	33%
	Yes (describe in comment)	4	67%

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7	How often is your septic tank pumped?		
	1-2 years	1	17%
	3-4 years	4	67%
	Unknown	1	17%
7a	Year that septic tank was last pumped, if known		
	2009	1	17%
	2007	1	17%
7b	What company pumps your septic tank?		
	Known (enter in comment)	2	33%
8	How deep below the surface is your septic tank?		
	1-2 feet	3	50%
	2-3 feet	1	17%
	Unsure	2	33%
9	Have you ever experienced any of the following conditions in or around your leach field or drywell?		
	Surfacing sewage or effluent	1	17%
	None	5	83%
10	Have you ever experienced sewage back up into a building?		
	Yes	2	33%
	No	4	67%
11	Do you have a copy of any sketches, plans, or permits of your septic system available for reference?		
	Yes	3	50%
	No	3	50%
B	If you intend to connect to the municipal water system, check here and go to Section III below.		
	Checked	1	17%
12	Please indicate which type of water system you have:		
	Individual drilled well	3	50%
	Individual dug well	1	17%
	Shared drilled well	2	33%

Source: Property owner surveys, Stone Environmental, 2010.

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13	If your water system is shared with another building or property, please describe:		
	Described in comment	3	50%
	Blank	3	50%
14	Does your well casing extend above the ground?		
	Yes	5	83%
	Unsure	1	17%
15	Have you ever had contamination problems with the water supply system(s) on your property?		
	No	3	50%
	Unsure	3	50%
16	Have you ever run out of water?		
	Never	2	33%
	Every few years	4	67%
17	Do you have a water softener?		
	Yes	2	33%
	No	4	67%
18	Has the property had any other problems with water, or has work been done on the water system in the last 10 years?		
	Yes (describe in comment)	4	67%
	No	1	17%
	Unsure	1	17%
19	Do you have any plans to change the way your property is used (subdivide your property, change the use of your property, etc.)?		
	No	4	67%
	Yes (describe in comment)	2	33%
20	If you had access to additional wastewater treatment capacity, is there anything you would want to do with your property that you can't do now?		
	No	4	67%
	Yes (describe in comment)	2	33%

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21	Are you interested in receiving information or training about the best ways to use and maintain your wastewater treatment system?		
	No	3	50%
	Yes	1	17%
	Unsure	2	33%
22	Do you feel like you need help maintaining your wastewater treatment system?		
	No	4	67%
	Yes	1	17%
	Unsure	1	17%
23	If a decentralized approach is taken, what do you think is the right wastewater treatment outcome for Waitsfield Village and Irasville?		
	Keep only wastewater treatment systems that are working properly and meet regulations, and provide a few small, shared systems only to fix existing problems.	1	17%
	Keep working systems that meet regulations, and provide some capacity using shared wastewater systems to fix problems and allow for limited in-fill development, limited growth, or changes in use (adding home businesses, etc.).	2	33%
	Provide additional distributed, off-site wastewater treatment capacity for any property in Waitsfield Village or Irasville that needs it, similar to the system that was voted down in 2007.	1	17%
	Other (describe in comment)	2	33%

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24	How do you think wastewater treatment systems should be maintained and managed in Waitsfield Village and Irasville?		
	Property owners should be responsible for all maintenance and management, as they are now.	1	17%
	Property owners should be responsible for replacing major components (like septic tanks, leachfields, etc.) but the Town should ensure the systems are working properly by periodically evaluating the systems and pumping septic tanks if needed.	1	17%
	The Town should be responsible for both maintenance and major component replacement (like a centralized sewer, even if a system is entirely on-site).	2	33%
	I have a different idea (describe in comment):	2	33%
25	Do you have any comments regarding wastewater management in Waitsfield Village and Irasville?		
	No (or blank) Yes (describe in comment)	4 2	67% 33%
26	To discuss these comments in greater detail, would you like a member of the Town of Waitsfield Planning Commission's Wastewater Committee to contact you about this survey or the Decentralized Wastewater Options project?		
	No (or blank) Yes (contact info in comment)	4 2	67% 33%
27	Please indicate the approximate location of your house or other building, driveway, septic tank, leach field, and water supply.		
	Sketch provided No sketch provided	5 1	83% 17%
28	Is any portion of your property restricted from development by an easement, deed restriction, natural feature, or something else?		
	Yes, and restrictions indicated on sketch No restrictions indicated	1 5	17% 83%