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Dear Property Owner:

We need your help by November 20th. The Town of Waitsfield is studying the need for municipal water supply and/or wastewater disposal systems to serve historic Waitsfield Village and the Irasville growth center. As part of these studies, we are required to prepare an inventory of all existing infrastructures, including the location of water supply wells, springs, septic tanks, leach fields, and other significant components.

We are not seeking this information to identify problem systems or call attention to any one person's system. It is our intent to be proactive and develop, with your help, the best possible solution for the community now, rather than delaying this project to the future when enforcement is expected to be mandated by federal and state agencies. Our goal is to preserve and enhance property values by providing an alternative solution to individual water and waste disposal systems that are aging and subject to failure.

We ask that you take a few minutes to fill out the enclosed questionnaire to the best of your knowledge, including locating your existing water and wastewater systems on a sketch of your property. If you need assistance completing the questionnaire, please contact Bill Bryant, Town Administrator at 496-2218 or Luther Tenny, Phelps Engineering at 388-7829.

We need a 100% response to this request and thank you in advance for making its completion and return a priority. It is important that we gather this information in order to plan the right size and type systems with the best economic value. **Please return your completed survey in the enclosed stamped envelope by November 20th.**

Waitsfield's classic New England village areas are the envy of many. However, our infrastructure is aging and many properties have water supplies closer than the currently recommended isolation distance from sewage disposal, creating the possibility of contamination of drinking water supplies. Coliform levels in the Mad River often exceed safe levels for swimming. And insurance rates are higher in our villages because of the lack of a fire hydrant system.

Please do not hesitate to contact any member of our taskforce to discuss the importance and urgency of this project.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!

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