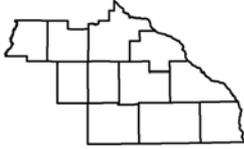


Southeast Minnesota Wastewater Initiative



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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA

Dear Community member:

Hundreds of communities in Minnesota, including _____, face the dilemma of replacing outdated or ineffective sewage treatment facilities. Sewage treatment is a local issue and is the responsibility of each individual and community. It is very important to recognize that improperly treated wastewater is a threat to human and environmental health. When we are done using water for any purpose, it becomes contaminated. Before we use it again, it must be treated. Much of the wastewater in _____ is disposed of before it is treated and as a result, poses a threat to public health. The county estimates that a substantial amount of the community does not provide effective sewage treatment.

A town meeting and presentation has been scheduled to begin facing this issue. Doug Malchow, a University of Minnesota - Extension Service Educator will be discussing how septic systems work and why it is important to have a properly operating wastewater treatment system. He is funded through a Southeast Minnesota grant which _____ County is a participant. I will also be there to share information and assist in answering any questions you may have. Attached is an agenda of what will be discussed at this meeting.

From start to finish, the process of improving sewage treatment can be confusing, technical, and tedious. However, it is an opportunity for you to participate in this community process, have your voice heard, develop and use leadership skills and construct a clear and unified mission. Being involved with this process is the best way for you to help your community deal with this problem, even if your septic system is compliant to _____ County rules. It is important to foster an understanding of everyone's concerns and priorities.

Please plan to attend the _____ **Township Hall on Thursday, April __ at 7:00 pm** to listen, learn, and talk about what sewage treatment is, why it is important, and why _____ needs to resolve their wastewater problems. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Your County Environmental Health Specialist

PS: If you have any questions, you can reach me at _____