



## Town of East Greenwich

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To: Town Council

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CC: Shawn O'Neil, Waste Water Superintendent

Subject: Waste Water Treatment Facility Resiliency Plan

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As you are aware, recent climate changes have resulted in more frequent and severe storms. These storms have been disruptive to services and have resulted in property damage.

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) has recognized these climatic changes and their effects on wastewater systems. They have begun the process of requiring that appropriate planning and design of wastewater systems consider the climatic changes.

Recently, RIDEM conducted a study, "Implication of Climate Change for RI Wastewater Collection & Treatment Infrastructure" prepared by Woodard & Curran to analyze the vulnerability of the wastewater systems. As a result of the study, RIDEM is requiring at the issuance of every new RIPDES permit that the Town develop a Resiliency Plan. The Plan will outline short and long term actions that will be undertaken to maintain and protect the wastewater systems during flooding events and potential sea level rises.

Please note that the plan does include infrastructure improvements. However, an implementation timetable has not been mandated by RIDEM at this point.

The Resiliency Plan does require Town Council Approval prior to submission to RIDEM.