

Town of Greensboro Wastewater Project Summary

1. A Wastewater Taskforce was created in September, 2019 as part of the Community Visit Program run by the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD). The members are Dan Predpall, Peter Romans, Mike Metcalf, Tim Nisbet, Nancy Hill, Devin Burgess, Mateo Kehler, MacNeil, Ed Sunday-Winters, and Stew Arnold.
2. In early 2020 the Taskforce wrote a Request for Qualifications to help identify engineers who could work with the Town to advance a wastewater project. A Request for Proposal was written and sent to a short list of engineers. The firm Hoyle Tanner was engaged in April, 2020.
3. In summer 2020, Hoyle Tanner wrote a proposal to Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for an Engineering Planning Advance grant to perform an initial feasibility study. The proposal was accepted and a kick-off meeting was held in November, 2020.
4. The first task was to evaluate the best location for the wastewater system to serve: Caspian Lake, the main village, or Greensboro Bend. After Hoyle Tanner published a draft report in March, 2021, the Town selected the main village as the population to be served. Key decision criteria included cost and potential number of users.
5. Next, Hoyle Tanner examined the soil characteristics in and around the main village to find a location for the wastewater disposal site. Area 6 was selected by the Wastewater Taskforce in the spring and summer of 2021, and it was determined in September, 2021 that Area 6 lacked sufficient capacity.
6. In January, 2022, the Wastewater Taskforce selected Area 10 (behind St. Michael's Catholic Church and Gerard Fontaine's property on The Bend Road) as the next potential disposal site. A field characterization was completed in April, 2022, and an archaeological investigation was conducted in July, 2022. Test pits were performed at Area 10 in November, 2022.
7. In October, 2022, Greensboro learned that it received a \$3.9 million ARPA grant for the wastewater project.
8. In December, 2022, Hoyle Tanner concluded that Area 10 (behind St. Michels Church and Gerard Fontaine's property on The Bend Road) had a 30,000 gpd capacity. Additional hydrogeological investigations were scheduled for 2023. Hoyle Tanner also began to study a number of small 6500 gpd disposal sites as a back-up to Area 10.
9. In the spring of 2023, applications were submitted to the Northern Borders Regional Commission (NBRC) and Community Resource and Recovery Program (CRRP) for additional \$1 million grants.

10. In August 2023, the Town authorized Hoyle Tanner to conduct geophysical investigations at Area 10. These investigations will take place in September, 2023. The current grant requires that a purchase agreement be in place before the end of 2023.