Acton Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan (CWRMP)

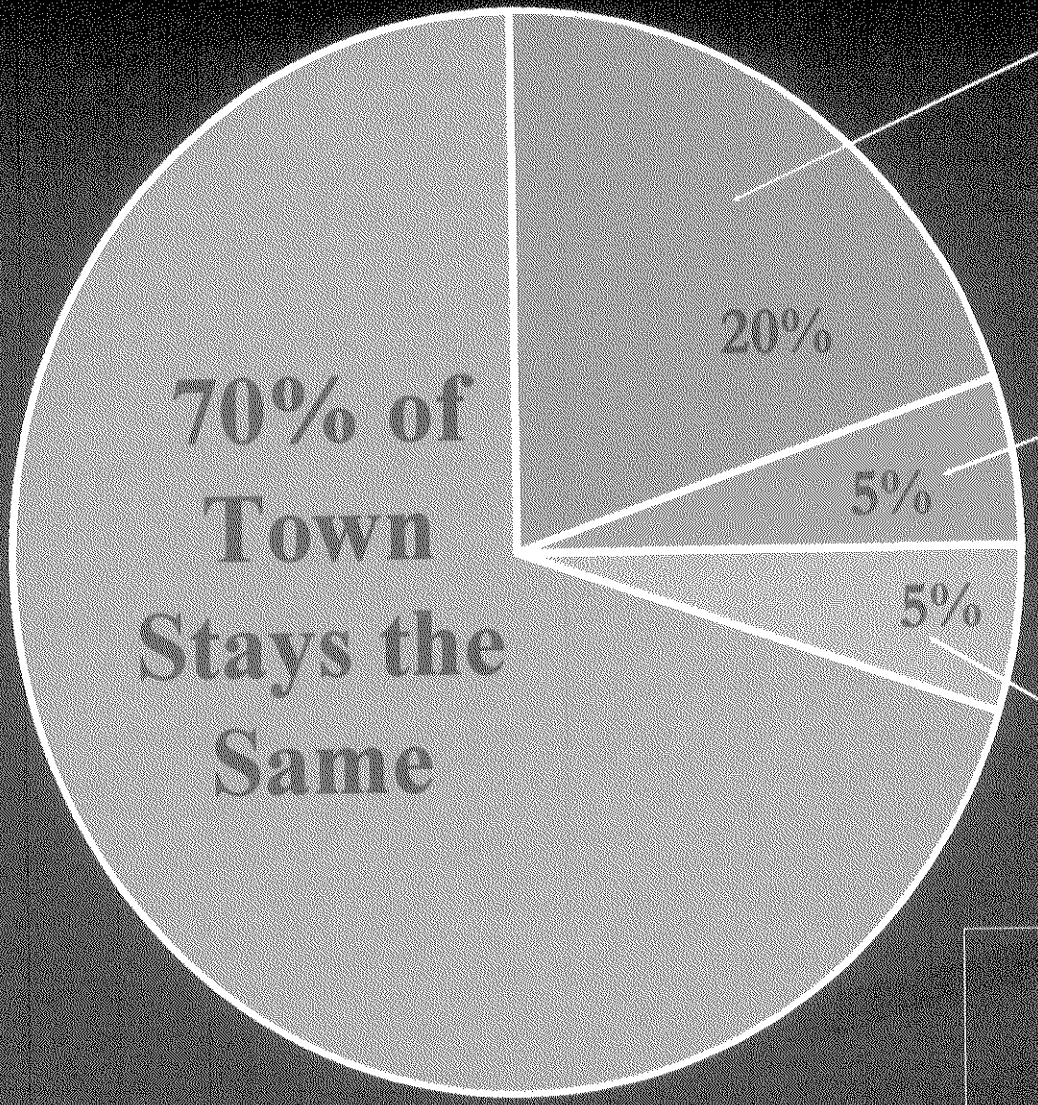
Why Are We Here Today?

PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CWRMP TO AID IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS

What is the CWRMP?

- 5 year, $500,000 project, Completed in 2 Phases
- Required by the State as a result of the South Acton Sewer Project
- Developed a Framework for Future Sustainable Water Resources Management Decisions
  - Wastewater Disposal
  - Drinking Water Protection and Supply
  - Stormwater Management
  - Based upon analysis of "Needs" and Solutions
- Draft report was approved at the 2006 Town Meeting

What is the Recommended Plan?



Wastewater Management Districts

New Cluster Systems

Sewer Expansion

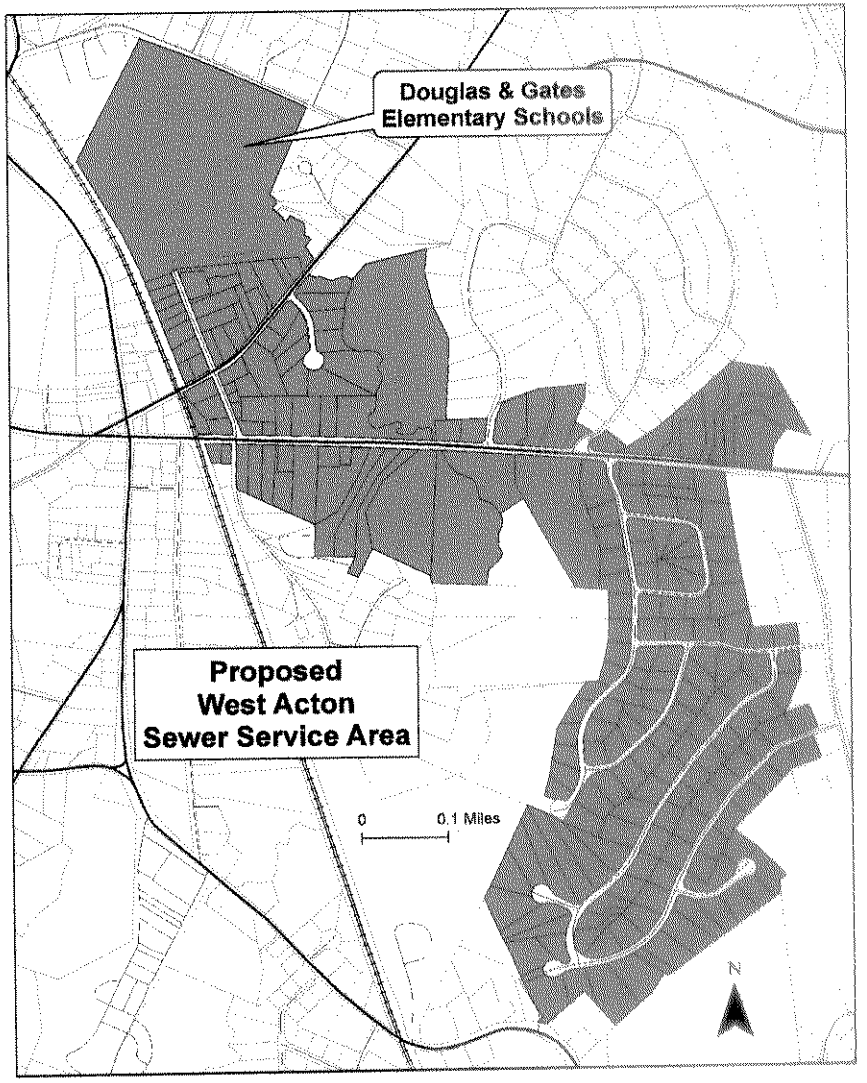
All CWRMP Recommendations Require Approval by Future Town Meetings

Sewer Expansion

- Limited by disposal capacity at the existing Treatment Plant on Adams Street
- Targeted for those areas with the highest priority of "need"

Sewer Expansion

- Recommended for 5% of the Town
  - Powdermill Plaza – ready to begin construction
  - Spencer/Tuttle Neighborhood
  - West Acton, east of the RR Tracks



Cluster/Neighborhood Systems

- Groups of homes connected to smaller, common wastewater systems
- May use existing treatment plants, or build new ones
  - Acorn Park
  - Suburban Manor
- Proposed for:
  - North Acton
  - East Acton (Route 2A)
  - Nash/Downey Road
  - Brookside Village

Wastewater Management Districts

- Recommended for 20% of the Town
- Continue to use Onsite Wastewater Systems
- More oversight of systems to provide greater environmental protection
- Will be developed with input from the neighborhoods

Where is the Process Now?

- MEPA Public Comment Period began July 10th
- Will end on **AUGUST 15TH**
- This will allow all interested parties to offer written comments on the plan

How to Comment

- Write a comment letter:
  - Address it to: Secretary Stephen R. Pritchard
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    100 Cambridge Street, Ste. 900
    Boston, MA 02114
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