

**What are the consequences of not connecting even though I have received a letter saying I must?**

- ◆ If after one year of notice you have not connected, the Sewer Authority will impose a connect capable fee.



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## **Mandatory Sewer Connection Program**



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## Q & A

### What is being proposed?

- ◆ Require sewer connections where available within one year of notice. Areas to be notified are determined by environmental impact .

### Why am I receiving a letter to connect while others in the city are not?

- ◆ On July 6, 2000, the RI Coastal Resource Management Council issued an assent stating the Warwick Sewer Authority must plan and implement a schedule for mandatory sewer connections. This plan must begin 1 year after upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant are finished. Upgrades were finished in Sept. 2004.
- ◆ The Warwick Sewer Authority hired the URI Cooperative Extension to study the problem. The study produced a report that evaluated the 18 sub-watershed areas in the city. As a result, the WSA has developed a mandatory sewer connection program based on numerous **objective** environmental, social, and geographic data.
- ◆ If you have received a letter, it is because you are located within a high priority area as determined objectively and therefore must connect.

### Why mandate sewer connections?

- ◆ Protect public health and safety. Protect the environment and natural resources of our area.
- ◆ Our natural resources are increasingly being degraded by human activity on the bay



itself and within the confines of its watershed.

- ◆ Increased nutrient loading from both septic systems and stormwater runoff have caused algal blooms.
- ◆ Bacterial contamination of the bay is a danger to the public health and welfare.
- ◆ Provide needed sewers to promote efficient and safe development, serve existing employers and promote added job growth.
- ◆ Treat all property owners fairly and equally.
- ◆ Limit the financial impact of projects on all ratepayers.

### What is the cost for connecting?

- ◆ Permit fee of \$150 payable to the Warwick Sewer Authority.
- ◆ Prices charged by drainlayers and master plumbers to connect vary- \$1200 to \$2000.
- ◆ If you need a grinder pump you will need to hire an electrician to have it installed.

### Will the City provide financial assistance ?



- ◆ Based on availability of funds, grants are available from the Community Development Program beginning every July for low income wage earners. To reach Community Development dial City Hall at 738-2000, ext. 6376.