

SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the application process?

1. Application form posted online.
2. Completed applications can be submitted electronically to planning@suffolkcountyny.gov or mailed to: Sewer Infrastructure Committee, 4th Floor, Dennison Building, Attn: Colleen Badolato, Hauppauge, NY 11788-0099. They will be reviewed, evaluated, and rated by members of the Sewer Infrastructure Committee. If mailing an application, please provide 7 copies of the complete application.
3. Proposals along with recommendations from the Sewer Infrastructure Committee will be forwarded to the Legislature for consideration.
4. Funding is allocated upon Legislative approval.

Will there be an electronic submission?

Applications and the required backup materials may be submitted online or mailed to the address above.

And who will be reviewing it?

The Sewer Infrastructure Committee, comprised of staff from the County Executive's office, Department of Public Works, Department of Health Services, Department of Economic Development and Planning, as well as the Legislature, will review all applications and make advisory recommendations to the County Executive and the County Legislature as to which projects should receive funding.

Is the Suffolk County Sewer Capacity Study complete, and is there a report available?

No, the Sewer Capacity Study is not yet finalized.

Is this funding opportunity expected to recur in the future or is this intended as a one-time opportunity only?

Awards will be made based on funding availability.

Is there also a guidance document (RFP or RFA) that goes along with the application form?

As questions are received, responses will be posted on this website.

New construction is proposed with having a private on-site sewage treatment plant. The project will meet five of the six criteria listed on Page 4 of the application with the exception the site is not within a half mile of a rail transit hub. The site will be approximately 1.4 miles to the nearest rail hub. Does this automatically disqualify this application?

Yes, unless the project connects existing commercial or residential properties currently on septic/cesspools in areas that do not conform to Article 6 of the Suffolk County Code.

The project is within very close proximity of a Public Bus Stop. Item 6 on page 4 indicates sewage treatment plants providing service for businesses or residences on septic systems that are not in

conformance with Article 6 will only need to be “connected to a transportation element”. Since this project will be within very close proximity to a public bus stop, is it possible to substitute the “connected to a transportation element” in lieu of the “½ mile distance to a rail transit” requirement?

No, the application specifically requires proximity to a rail transit hub for new development. Connection to a transportation element is not an absolute requirement for projects which connect existing commercial or residential properties currently on septic/cesspools. In areas that do not conform to Article 6 of the Suffolk County Code; however, such projects most promote, to the maximum extent practicable, growth and benefit, including connection to a transportation element.

Page 2 of the application says: “Do not include any other attachments” than what is listed. From the pre-submission meeting I was under the impression that you could submit supporting documentation but that you didn’t want “600 pages” as no one has the time to wade through that. I was wondering if the following would be acceptable to submit maps as attachments?

As discussed in the pre-submission meeting, attachments should be avoided. They may be included only if essential, and should be as brief as possible.

In regard to the SC (Sewer) Infrastructure Program Application: Page 11, Question No. 3 asks whether the project is located in an economically distressed community as defined by Suffolk County. Does the County have a list of communities or specific criteria that it uses to determine whether a community is distressed? If so, can you tell us how we might be able to obtain this information?

A list is available at: <http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Planning.aspx>