

# Suffield Water Pollution Control Authority



## Financial Fact Sheet

- According to Connecticut General Statute (CGS) Section 7-255, the establishment of sewer user rates is the responsibility of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) alone. **WPCA Budget information presented to other town boards is for informational purposes only.**
- The separation of WPCA funds from Town funds is mandated by CGS Section 7-267.
- Connecticut Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) guidance states “neither the board of selectmen nor the board of finance have rate-setting or review authority” over sewer user rates.
- **Cost of our service is NOT part of your tax bill.** The WPCA is a utility and our budget is paid for by sewer users ONLY and is in no way part of the Town’s Revenue or Expenses.
- The WPCA is a group of elected officials that oversee the utility that provides sewer service and treatment for 3,400 residential, commercial, industrial and institutional accounts within the eastern portion of Suffield, including HOOD and the Prison. We operate and maintain 19 Pump Stations, 70 miles of sewer lines and a treatment facility that is designed to treat 2 million gallons of wastewater daily.
- In addition, we operate and maintain the sewer and treatment system for Kent Farms which is a separate Community System comprised of 44 homes with their own individual septic tanks and a Community leaching field.
- Suffield Sewer User Rate and Comparisons to other Communities:
  - The WPCA has held rates unchanged since 2009 and an increase is proposed to support higher operation costs and required capital improvements.
  - In fiscal year 2016/2017 the Sewer Use Rate is proposed to increase by \$17, from \$283 to \$300, which equates to a \$1.42 increase per month.
  - The State average Sewer Use Fee as of 2013 is \$406.
  - Current FY2016 rates for similar sized systems are:
    - Simsbury \$335
    - Canton \$350
    - East Windsor \$360
    - Windsor Locks \$397
- The WPCA will hold a Public hearing on May 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the facility to formally present and receive public comments on our proposed budget and sewer user rates.

# Sewer Service Area Map with Pump Stations

