



## **USDA-CSREES 2007 National Water Quality Conference**

### [Community Onsite Wastewater Management Online Resource Center](#)

The University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension Water Quality Program has developed their Community Onsite Wastewater Management Online Resource Center. Drawing on URI's decade-long experience with assisting communities in creating wastewater management programs, the website features numerous materials that will guide other communities in establishing their own onsite wastewater management program. The Online Resource Center offers a start-up kit for communities with fact sheets and slideshows containing essential information for any community considering starting, or in the process of implementing an onsite wastewater management program. These materials include typical features and important components of wastewater management plans and ordinances, recommended approaches to developing septic system inspection and maintenance schedules, factors to consider in selecting a Septic tracking program, and recommended septic system inspection procedures. This talk will describe the Online Resource Center, and walk the audience through examples of how the material can be used by communities to start up a local onsite wastewater management program. Participants at this session will find a rich store of materials and examples from successful local Rhode Island communities such as Block Island, Charlestown, Jamestown and South Kingstown. Valuable lessons learned from these and other communities will also be discussed.

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