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TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH
Stormwater and Wastewater Survey

*Your Input Is Critical To The
 Success of the Project!*



Town of Atlantic Beach
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 Attn: Marc Schulze

Dear Atlantic Beach Residents and Property Owners:

Atlantic Beach has embarked on an aggressive course of action to address our stormwater and wastewater needs. As you know, too many areas of our community following periods of significant rainfall are plagued by standing stormwater and failing septic tank systems. Our Town staff and our town engineer, W.K. Dickson & Co., Inc., are working closely together to identify the problem areas, the causes of the problems and solutions to address the problems.

Unfortunately any improvements to address these problems will likely have significant costs associated with them. Finding a fair and equitable means to pay for these improvements is as critical an issue as identifying the solutions.

To identify the stormwater and wastewater needs and obtain everyone's input on how we should pay for any improvements (if we choose to implement any of the solutions in the future) **the Town needs your help!** Attached to my letter is a questionnaire that should not take more than 5 minutes to complete. Please complete the questionnaire and return it to Town Hall at your earliest convenience but no later than October 15th. We want and need to hear from everyone.

On Saturday October 28, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at the Dunes Club in Atlantic Beach we will conduct a public meeting to present the preliminary findings from this effort. At that meeting we will also want to hear your thoughts about the Town's stormwater and wastewater needs. We will send in mid-October a second meeting notice to each of you to encourage as many people as possible to participate.

Thank you for your help; we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Joyce "Tootsie" Vinson
 Mayor, Atlantic Beach

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The Town of Atlantic Beach would like your input on stormwater and wastewater. Our purpose is to obtain information regarding your observations, concerns and preferences. Please take a few minutes to indicate your answers and comments where needed. Then drop the survey by Town Hall or in the nearest mail box at your convenience. Postage is paid; no stamp is necessary. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Phone #: _____

1. How long have you owned or lived at this location?

2. Are you a year-round resident? Yes No

3. If you are not a year-round resident, how many days during the last 12 months have you been able to observe the stormwater runoff conditions and septic tank performance conditions around your property?
_____ days

4. Have you ever experienced flooding on your property during a (non-Hurricane) storm?
 Yes No

If yes, check all situations that apply and note the frequency by choosing the appropriate letter from legend.

Legend	
A	Never experienced
B	Less than once per year
C	Once per year
D	2-3 times per year
E	More than 3 times per year
F	Every time it rains

- Water in storage building _____
- Water on air condition units _____
- Water in crawl space _____
- Water up to, or in the living space _____
- Yard flooding from stream/ditch _____
- Yard flooding from street runoff _____
- Yard flooding from adjacent property _____

5. If flooding occurred, please list the approximate date(s), location, and indicate depth of flooding.

Date _____

Location _____

Depth of water _____

Date _____

Location _____

Depth of water _____

6. Have you ever noticed flooded streets in your neighborhood?
 Yes No

7. If you noticed flooded streets, please provide the approximate date(s), location, and depth of flooding.

Date _____

Location _____

Depth of water _____

Date _____

Location _____

Depth of water _____

8. Are there any other problems with the storm drainage system (i.e. pipes, drains, streams, or ditches) on your property or in your neighborhood?
 Yes No

If yes, check all situations that apply.

- Corroded pipes
- Sink holes
- Pipe blockage
- Stream or ditch blockage
- Drains in need of repair
- Other _____

9. Do you have any photographs, videotape, or other records of flooding problems that occurred on your property or in your neighborhood?

- Yes No Photos Video
- Written Other

10. If the Town needs to expend money on stormwater improvements, the Town will aggressively pursue grants as much as possible. However, if the grants are not available or insufficient to pay for the needed improvements, how would you prefer the Town to pay for the improvements?

- Monthly stormwater bill (like your water bill)
- Property taxes (which are deductible on federal and state income taxes)
- Improvement assessment (on an acreage, or frontage foot basis)
- All of the above
- Other, suggestion is _____

11. My opinion of the existing method of treating and disposing of wastewater using septic tanks at Atlantic Beach is as follows:

- Septic tanks are adequate, and we do not need a central wastewater system.
- Septic tanks are not adequate, and we need a central wastewater system.
- Septic tanks are not adequate, but we do not need a central wastewater system.
- Even though septic tanks are adequate, we need a central wastewater system.

12. How old is the septic tank system on your property?
_____ years

13. When was the last time your existing septic tank system was pumped out? _____

14. How often do you have your septic tank pumped out? _____

15. Are you in favor of the Town constructing a central wastewater system?
 Yes No

16. Are you in favor of the Town requiring everyone to connect to the system if a central wastewater system is available?
 Yes No

17. If the Town needs to expend money on a central wastewater system, the Town will aggressively pursue grants to pay for the capital improvements. However, if the grants are not available or insufficient to pay for the needed capital improvements, how would you prefer the Town to pay for the capital improvements?

- Through a one-time upfront charge paid by each property owner and monthly bills for service.
- Through a one-time up front charge paid over 5 to 6 years by each property owner and monthly bills for service.
- Through a monthly bill after connecting to the system.
- Property taxes (which are deductible on federal and state income taxes).

18. Thank you for helping to make Atlantic Beach a better place to live.

Other comments including water quality concerns: _____
