Investing in Wastewater Infrastructure Matters

South Essex Sewerage District provides an essential North Shore service

SESD
Wastewater Treatment
For a Cleaner Environment

Every day, SESD collects and treats wastewater from homes and businesses across the North Shore. This essential service protects public health and keeps pollutants out of local waterways. When wastewater is properly treated, harmful contaminants are removed before water is safely returned to the environment.

SESD is facing rising operating costs and urgent challenges: critical infrastructure and equipment are aging and must be replaced.

Despite a long history of fiscal responsibility and operational efficiency, addressing SESD's urgent needs will exceed budget constraints. Special legislation is required so that SESD can make strategic investments to avoid costly emergency repairs and maintain dependable wastewater treatment services.

Investing in wastewater infrastructure isn't just about pipes and equipment. It's about healthy communities, clean water, and everything that makes the North Shore a great place to live, work, and play.

Infrastructure most people never see

Like roads and bridges, wastewater infrastructure requires ongoing maintenance and replacement. Many of SESD's major components installed from the 1970s to the 1990s are approaching the end of their service life or have become obsolete. Unlike transportation infrastructure, when a wastewater treatment plant fails, there is no detour. SESD cannot offer a temporary replacement service or shut down operations without risking public health and environmental harm.

Show your support for reliable wastewater treatment

- Visit www.sesd.com to learn more about what we do and sign up for a public tour
- Stay in touch with us on social media
- Talk to your family, friends, and neighbors about the work SESD is doing to protect where we live, work, and play
- Encourage the kids in your life to Join Pippen and the Pipe Patrol to protect our waters
- Contact your local leaders to share your support for investing in SESD's future

About SESD

SESD provides sewer conveyance and wastewater treatment services to Beverly, Danvers, Marblehead, Peabody, Salem, and portions of Middleton and Wenham, serving approximately 190,000 residents. Its mission is to protect public health and local waterways by ensuring wastewater is properly collected, treated, and safely returned to the environment, particularly safeguarding the water quality of Salem Sound.

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