



## What is the Issue?

On April 12 the Village Voters will be asked to approve a bond issue for \$15,230,000. The total Essex Junction Waste Water Treatment Facility refurbishment project cost is \$15,398,000. This would mean a rise in rates for the Essex Junction voter, but the Village would not bear the cost alone; the Towns of Williston and Essex would also share fair portions in order for the Waste Water Treatment Facility to continue to support our dynamic, Vermont communities.



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## The Village of Essex Junction Waste Water Treatment Facility Refurbishment

*An Important Decision for every  
Village Voter*



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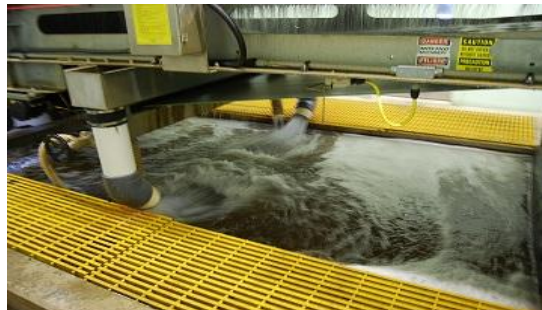
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## An Important Decision

The Essex Junction wastewater facility is owned by the Village of Essex Junction. The original plant was built in 1965 and has undergone several modifications since then to meet the needs of the three communities it serves. Flows to the plant are received from the Village, the Town of Essex, and the Town of Williston. Williston and Essex flows are managed under a contract known as the Tri-Town Agreement. *Much of the process equipment at the wastewater facility is beyond design life and replacement parts are not readily available.* Without a refurbishment, major maintenance projects will be increasingly necessary to meet state and federal permit requirements. Such a refurbishment is unavoidable, and if delayed will come at a much higher price to our community. The estimated *current bond cost* of the refurbishment is \$15,230,000 with the Village of Essex Junction responsible for 36.97 % of the share at \$5,630,531. The Towns of Essex and Williston will be responsible for 33.33% (\$5,076,159) and 29.70 % (\$4,523,310) shares each.

The costs of the project will be paid for by the ratepayers on the system in Essex Junction, Essex Town and Williston through their sewer and wastewater treatment rates. Only homes and businesses connected to the wastewater system will see a rate increase- Essex Junction will face an expected rate increase of \$115-130 per home/ year.

With a favorable bond vote on April 12, 2011 the upgrade will come to a final design beginning in the spring of 2011; bidding and construction will start in the spring of 2012 with completion expected by the end of 2014. There would be no service interruption at the wastewater facility during the upgrade.



## WHY SHOULD I CARE?



The Waste Water Treatment Facility fulfills a very important need for our community. They treat our waste water as an important pollution control and health service for our Village and the region. The plant removes pollutants including phosphorus before they reach Lake Champlain, and they do this work quietly and effectively every day.