

PUBLIC NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Subject: Odors Related to Creamery Discharge and Spring Flow at Wastewater Treatment Plant

Dear Residents,

The Municipality would like to inform the community about recent odors that may be noticeable in areas near the wastewater treatment facility.

These odors are associated with an increased discharge from a local creamery as well as additional flows from springtime weather into the municipal wastewater system. Creamery waste can contain organic materials such as fats, proteins, and lactose, which, during the treatment process, may produce temporary odors as they break down.

Please be assured that:

- The wastewater treatment plant continues to operate within all regulatory requirements.
- There is no known risk to public health or safety associated with these odors.
- Staff are actively monitoring and adjusting treatment processes to minimize impact.

In addition, the Municipality has initiated a capital improvement project beginning this year that includes the installation of new equipment designed to enhance treatment efficiency and reduce odor generation. This investment reflects our ongoing commitment to improving plant performance and community quality of life.

The Municipality is also working closely with the creamery to optimize discharge practices and reduce odor generation at the source. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has been notified of the situation, and we are actively working with them to ensure continued compliance and to implement appropriate measures to address the issue.

We understand that odors can be a concern and appreciate your patience as we address this issue. Updates will be provided as we are able.

If you have questions or wish to report persistent odor concerns, please contact the Municipal Office at 607-898-3966 or clerk@grotonny.gov

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Nancy Niswender
Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator
Village of Groton