

Is the Septic Sludge Lagoon System REALLY the only option for the MRC des Collines? -- April 6, 2011

Q. Why aren't we discussing decentralizing the treatment facility to smaller regional facilities to reduce trucking and mitigate risk and environmental impact? This is the question 100's of residents and property owners are asking. Below are some statistics compiled by a website visitor:

Background:

Total Private Dwellings: MRC des Collines (2006)

The information is from the Quebec Census page for Outaouais, but the most recent is 2006.
http://www.stat.gouv.qc.ca/regions/recens2006_07/population07/tpoplog07_an.htm

La Peche	7 500
Cantley	8 000
Chelsea	6 700
Val des Monts	10 140
Notre Dame de la Salette	775
L' Ange Gardien	4 400
Pontiac	14 600
Total Dwellings	48 155
	(-14 600)

(Pontiac is dealing with their own waste by expanding the facility in Quyon.)

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Potential residences needing septic treatment facility (although some dwellings in Wakefield already have their own sewage treatment facilities and other small towns and villages within the MRC are currently looking at setting up their own sewage treatment facilities which could very likely reduce the number of dwellings using septic tanks)

Obvious Geographic SUB GROUP 1

La Peche	7 500
Cantley	8 000
Chelsea	6 700
Total Households	22 200

Obvious Geographic SUB GROUP 2

Val des Monts	10 140
Notre Dame de la Salette	775
L' Ange Gardien	4 400
Total Households	15 315

Finally, shouldn't we be looking for environmentally friendly, economical and sustainable options that will not release effluent into the Gatineau River? Or any river?

Eco Example: Bear River Nova Scotia Treatment Plant 1990:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGXAGZsWclE>

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