

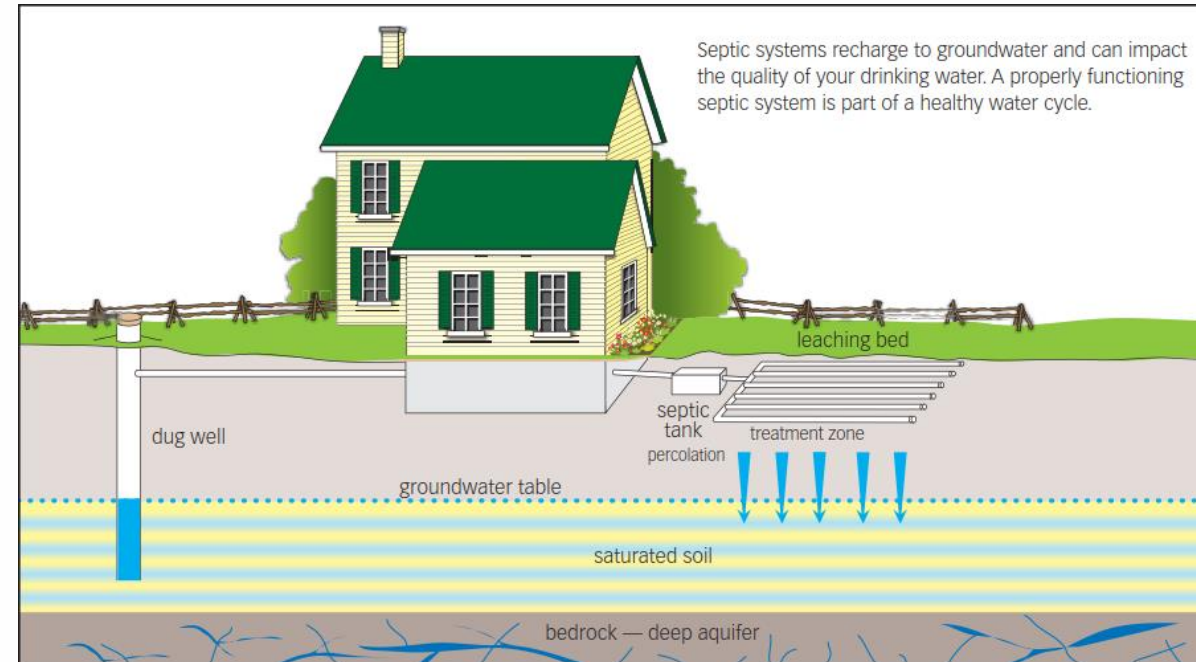
Septic Maintenance Programs

Electoral Area Services Committee

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Background

- Approximately 9,000 septic systems in electoral areas
- Evidence of failure in some areas
- 2016 staff research into other RD practices
- 2018 launch of CVRD's septic education program
 - www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/septic



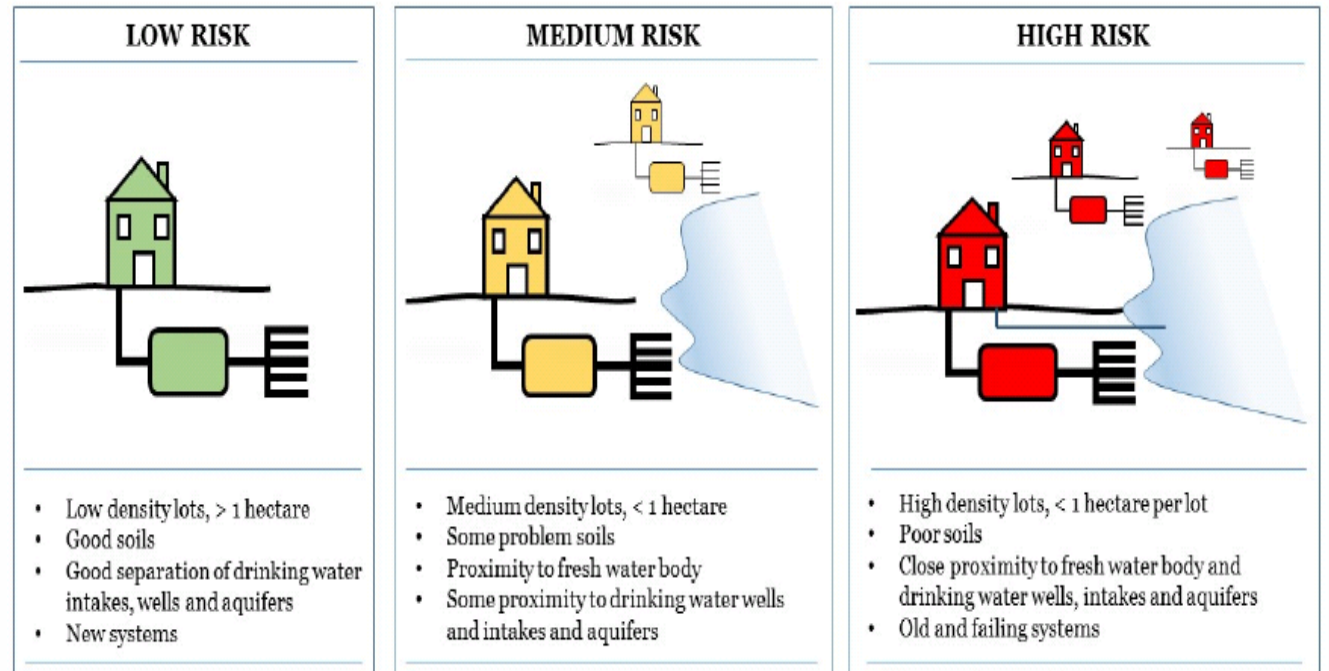
Maintenance Program Options



- Sewerage System Regulation – owner responsible for system maintenance
- Program options to encourage proper maintenance
 1. Mandatory pump-out
 2. Mandatory inspection
 3. Mandatory inspection and maintenance
- Costs range between \$330k & \$1.8million

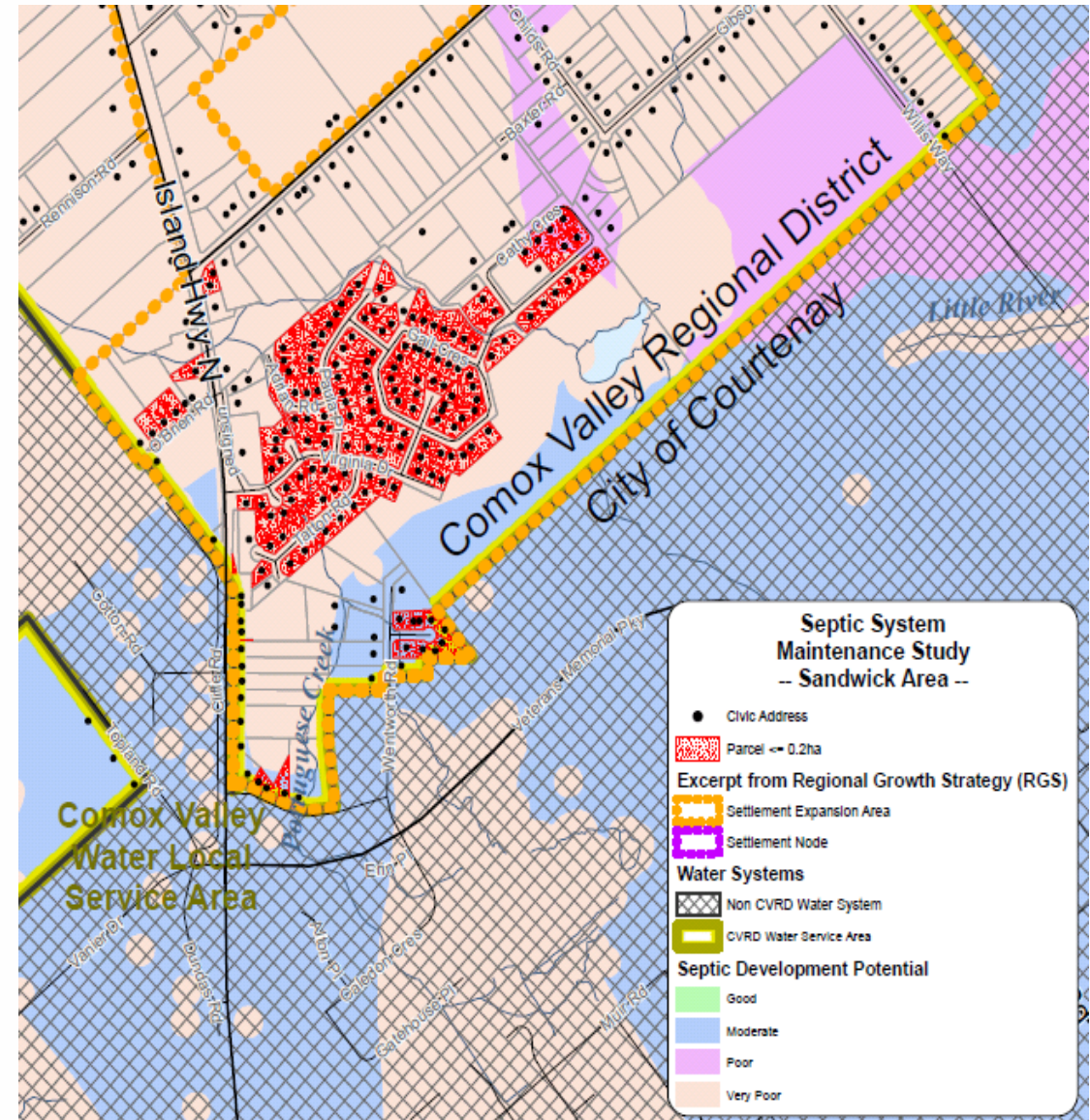
Maintenance Program Considerations

- Public Awareness
- Effectiveness (“one-size fits all”?)
- Understand risks and benefits
- Data collection/management
- Enforcement
- Cost recovery
- Concurrent authority



CVRD Context

- Variability in land use
- Local Authorized Person capacity
- Environmental constraints
- Regional Growth Strategy
 - Core settlement areas



Next Steps

- Continue the septic education program
- Gather additional information
 - Access complete septic filings records from Island Health
 - Additional guidance from the Province on process to gain authority
- Consider COVID-19 impacts prior to advancing program implementation at a later date