

Definitions: Isle of Wight County Septic Pump-Out Program

(See Article 6, Section 6006 of the local Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Ordinance)

AOSE: An abbreviation for Authorized Onsite Soil Evaluator, an individual certified by the Virginia Department of Health. An AOSE is someone who has demonstrated knowledge, skills, and abilities in the practice of siting and designing on-site septic systems. An AOSE may be from the private sector or be employed by the Virginia Department of Health.

Authorized Inspector: This may include a licensed professional engineer, an Authorized Onsite Soil Evaluator, or a person hired or contracted by the County or State to inspect on-site septic systems.

Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area (CBPA): Any land designated by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Part III of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management Regulations, 9 VAC 10-20 et seq., and Section 10.1-2107 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended). The Chesapeake Bay watershed covers half of Isle of Wight County, Virginia and generally includes all parcels to the east of Route 258. A map that precisely shows the extent of the watershed is available in the Department of Planning and Zoning.

County: Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

Malfunctioning system: Any septic system that is overflowing, clogged, or otherwise creating a threat to the public health, safety and general welfare, as regulated by the Virginia Department of Health. Includes any on-site system that is not performing as specified, as determined by an authorized inspector.

Septic Effluent Filter: A plastic device installed in the outflow pipe from the septic tank. The device filters solid material from the effluent while sustaining adequate flow to the drainfield. The outflow filter must meet standards set by the Sewage Handling and Disposal Regulations (12 VAC 5-610-10 et seq.) administered by the Virginia Department of Health.

Septic system: Any private on-site sewage treatment and disposal system not requiring a VPDES permit.

Septic system, active: Any one-site septic system contained within the Chesapeake Bay watershed that is currently in use for any affected property.

Septic system, inactive: Any on-site septic system that has been abandoned or is no longer in service. The functional status of any given system must be documented by the Virginia Department of Health or any licensed sewage handler.

Sewage handler: Any person, contractor or corporation allowed to operate under a permit issued by the Virginia Department of Health to pump-out sewage treatment systems.

Violator: Any person who: (1) violates any provision of this program or (2) violates or fails, neglects, or refuses to obey any Board of Supervisors' or the Zoning Administrator's final notice, order, rule, regulation, or variance or permit condition authorized under this program.

Zoning administrator: The person, or authorized designee, responsible for administering and enforcing the Septic Pump-Out Program.