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Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS) 2008



Documenting Small Community Needs

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Overview

- Small Community Background
- CWNS Background
- Why participation in CWNS is important
- Accessing CWNS data
- Entering data in 2008
- Resources

What is a Small Community?

Total Present Resident Population

(present resident population receiving collection and centralized treatment present resident population serviced by onsite wastewater treatment systems present resident population not receiving wastewater treatment) Fewer than 10,000 persons

Issues Facing Small Communities

- Many unsewered areas
- Existing infrastructure old, not maintained
- High per capita, per household costs
- Often low or fixed incomes
- High administrative cost, poor credit risk
- Needs are under-reported, don't get attention

Advantages of CWNS Reporting

- CWNS data is used to assist Congress and States in developing budgets, policy
- Brings attention and credibility to wastewater management issues in small communities
- Provides data for programmatic planning
- Provides consistent documentation for national analysis and policy setting

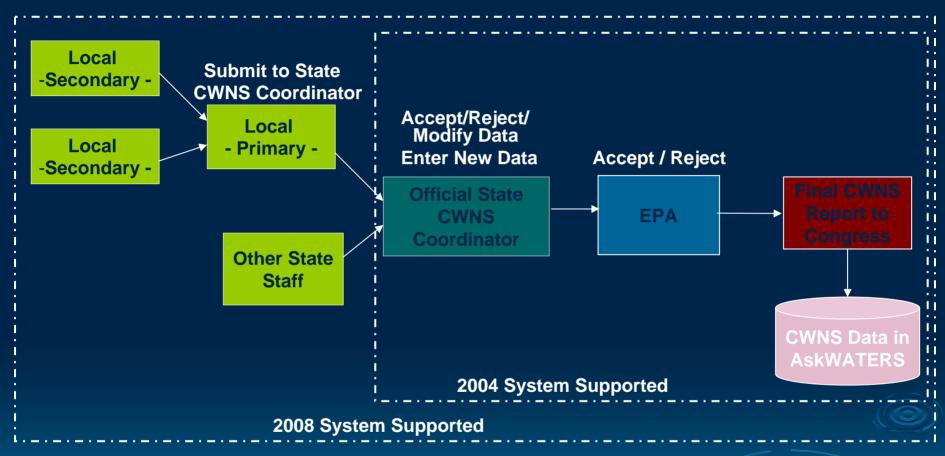
- Assessment of capital needs to meet the Clean Water Act's (CWA) water quality goals
- Need: A capital project, with associated costs, that addresses a water quality or water-related public health problem
- Joint effort by EPA, States, & Local organizations
- Every 4 years as required by CWA Sec 516 (started in 1972)
- Results in Report to Congress

Survey States submit needs data from Jan.- Oct. 2008

Report to Congress

EPA uses survey to complete Report to Congress. Congress uses report to inform policy and SRF allocations.

Survey data becomes publicly available



What data is collected?

- Includes information about:
 - Publicly owned wastewater facilities
 - Stormwater management projects
 - Combined sewer overflow (CSO) control
 - Non-point source pollution control projects
 - Decentralized wastewater treatment systems

What data is collected?

- Information collected includes:
 - Estimated needs (cost and technical information)
 - Location and contact information
 - Permit information and discharge data
 - Solution to the project/ best management practices (BMPs)
 - WWT facility population served, flow, effluent, and unit process data

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- Improve the accuracy of the survey.
 - Five states (PA, MN, WV, NY & IN) reported 33.9% of the small community needs.
 - Small community facilities are a large majority of the total number of publicly owned facilities in each State.
 - 90+% of facilities in four States (IA, KA, NE & WV) serve small communities.
 - 80 -90% of facilities in eight additional States serve small communities
 - Only 36.6% of small communities have documented needs compared to 60.1% of non-small communities

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Why should small communities want to participate?

- Provides the community documentation needed to seek funding (State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans, grants, tax revenue)
- Draws attention to the needs of small communities
- Provides data to use in community planning and reporting efforts

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How is CWNS data available?

- Report to Congress (www.epa.gov/cwns)
- Ask WATERS allows data to be queried on various scales:
 - National
 - State
 - County
 - Watershed
 - Congressional District
 - Facility/ Project

http://www.epa.gov/waters/tools/ask_waters/index.html

Simple Query Questions

EPA Program Management Questions

Question	Associated Programs (Click on link to see Report Description)		
What TMDLs are associated with PCS facilities?	Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) / NTTS / 303(d)		
What causes of impairments for an impaired water have been de-listed and what were their reasons for de-listing?	Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) / NTTS / 303(d)		
How many CWNS 2000 facilities and projects have needs and in what categories are their needs?	Clean Watersheds Needs Survey / CWNS 2000		
What CWNS 2000 facilities and projects have needs documented to federal standards?	Clean Watersheds Needs Survey / CWNS 2000		
What are the current and projected flows for publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities?	Clean Watersheds Needs Survey / CWNS 2000		
How many people are served by publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities?	Clean Watersheds Needs Survey / CWNS 2000		
What are the federal needs and flow measures for CWNS 2000 facilities?	Clean Watersheds Needs Survey / CWNS 2000		
What are the federal needs and population data for CWNS 2000 facilities?	Clean Watersheds Needs Survey / CWNS 2000		
What are the federal needs, flow measures, and population data for CWNS 2000 facilities?	Clean Watersheds Needs Survey / CWNS 2000		
What are the discharge methods and locations for CWNS 2000 facilities and projects?	Clean Watersheds Needs Survey / CWNS 2000		
What are the names and locations of publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities currently in operation?	Clean Watersheds Needs Survey / CWNS 2000		
Analytical/Statistical Questions			
Question	Associated Programs (Click on link to see Report Description)		
What CWNS 2000 facilities and projects, with needs documented to federal standards, are located on impaired waters?	Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) / NTTS / 303(d), Clean Watersheds Needs Survey / CWNS 2000		
How many and what categories of CWNS 2000 facilities and projects,	Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) / NTTS / 303(d),		

Clean Watersheds Needs Survey / CWNS 2000

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) / NTTS / 303(d)

How many and what categories of CWNS 2000 facilities and projects, documented to federal standards, are located on impaired waters?

What are the recorded waste load allocations for approved/established TMDLs?

Ask WATERS

Enter Report Selection Criteria for: What are the federal needs and population data for WATERS CWNS 2000 facilities?		
Return to Ask WATERS Question List		
Geographic Location Criteria		
EPA Region: No Region Selected State: No State Selected AK - Alaska AL - Alabama AR - Arkansas AS - American Samoa Watershed (Hydrologic Unit Code) - Click Map or List to Select Code Display only		
County Name - Click List to Select County		
(Display only)		
Congressional District - Click List to Select Congressional District		
(Display only) Run Report Reset		

Programmatic Search Criteria

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V: Combined Sewer Overflow	🔲 VI: Stormwater N		
□ VIII: Confined Animals (Point Source)	🔲 IX: Mining (Point	EPA Home Privacy and Security Notice Contact Us	
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Run Report

Ask WATERS Results

National Report

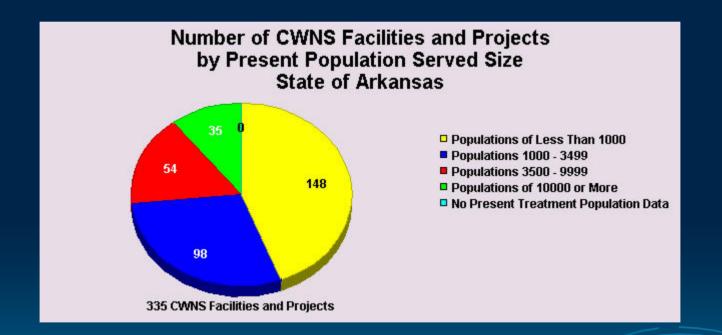
Sum of Populations Served by Population Type

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Detailed Listing of Populations Served by CWNS Facilities

How many CWNS 2000 facilities and projects have needs and in what categories are their needs?



Click on any pie wedge to see a detailed list of facilities/projects.

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Collecting and Entering Small Community Data

Eligibility

- To be eligible for CWNS, needs must be:
 - Capital costs
 - Fall within CWNS categories
 - Meet CWNS documentation criteria
- No longer limited to SRF eligibility criteria.

Changes for 2008

- The population criteria for Small Communities has increased from fewer than 3,500 persons to fewer than 10,000 persons.
- A Small Community form pre-populated with 2004 data is available in the data entry system.
- A new approved Small Community form will be available.
- Decentralized Wastewater Treatment is its own needs category.
- Fax function receives faxed forms and automatically associates them with facilities/projects in the system.



Standard Needs and Costs Documentation

- Small communities are encouraged, but not required, to provide states with documentation to support their needs or costs.
- Possible documents include:
 - Signed health department statement
 - Application for funding
 - Capital Improvement Report
 - Preliminary engineering study or Plan of Study
 - General Plan or Facilities Plan

Simplified Methodology for Small Communities

- <u>Water Quality Needs</u> are documented by:
 - Written explanation of need
 - Certified by the signature of a local official representing the community.
 - A local official can be an elected official (e.g., mayor) or other qualified official (e.g., public works manager).

Simplified Methodology for Small Communities

- <u>Costs</u> are documented by written explanation of costs
- And certification by one of the following:
 - A professional engineer (PE) signs a cost certification
 - A local government official signs a cost certification and a State Professional Engineer (PE) certifies the cost as reasonable after reviewing the estimate.
- If no cost certification signature is provided, cost curves generate estimated costs (if possible).

Special Circumstances for Very Small Communities

- For communities with populations of 3,500 or less and under extraordinary circumstances:
 - A state registered engineer or circuit rider may sign the cost or need justification with pre-approval from EPA.
 - States should send written statements to EPA HQ with the each community's details and why local signatures are not available.
 - States should wait until EPA HQ approves the request before entering needs or cost information into the database.

Small Community Surveys

- Both Standard and Simplified Information is generally gathered through a state issued survey.
- Two types of surveys:
 - EPA-approved Small Community Survey
 - State data collection form

EPA-Approved Small Community Survey

- Blank form (will be available in January at <u>www.epa.gov/cwns</u>)
- Customized form (available in CWNS data entry system beginning Jan. 22)
- Completed forms are submitted by fax, digitized, and provided electronically to the state coordinator.

Cover Letter

- Added by state coordinators
- Include contact information for state coordinator, state deadline for submitting needs, and reasons that your state's communities should respond:

Examples from 2004

- "The results of this data will be sent to U.S. EPA where your response can help return your tax dollars to the State of Ohio! Demonstrating your wastewater infrastructure, storm water and nonpoint source pollution abatement needs will help determine the level of funds made available to communities in Ohio through programs such as the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, and help keep that program's interest rates low."
- *"Even if you no longer have need for water quality improvements locally, your response is vital to ensuring that all communities are represented in the overall needs of Ohio's communities."*
- "This information will help New Jersey to secure federal grants to fund the needs of New Jersey communities. Please try to fill out this survey form as completely as possible and return it to New Jersey State DEP."

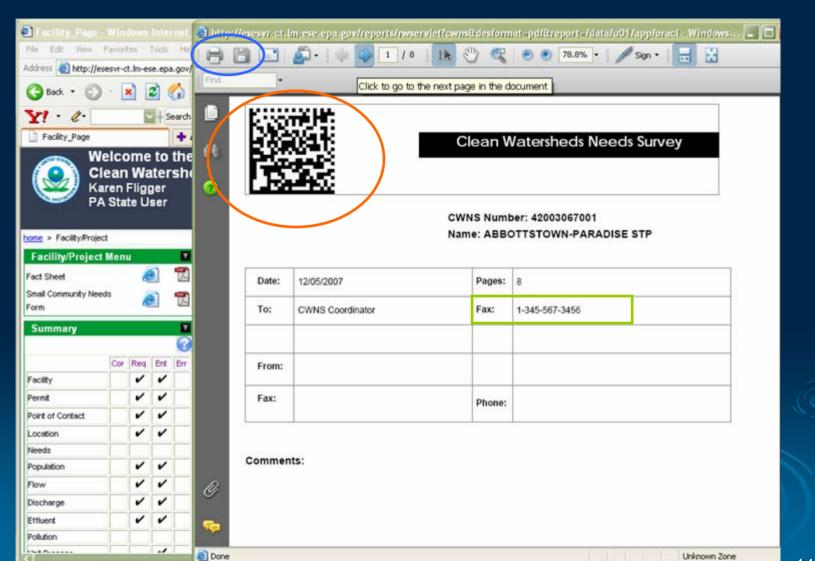
Customized Small Community Forms

- Available for all existing CWNS facilities with populations <10,000 persons.
- Most recent data in system is used to populate form.

Customized Form

Welcome to the EPA Portal **Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS)** Karen Fligger PA State User EPA Portal Home Support Help Logour home > Facility/Project Facility: 42003067001 - ABBOTTSTOWN-PARADISE STP Facility Location Needs Population & Flow Discharge & Effluent Pollution Unit Process Utility Management 不 Facility/Project Menu **e**) Fact Sheet ð Small Community Needs Form Facility Information 不 Summary \bigcirc Name: ABBOTTSTOWN-PARADISE STP Description: Err Reg Ent Cor **CWNS Number:** 42003067001 1 1 Facility System Name: 1 Permit 1 * Owner: Public Military 1 Point of Contact 1 * TMDL: No 1 1 Location Source Water Needs No Protection: 1 1 Population 1 Flow 1 1 1 Discharge Facility Type 1 1 Effluent Change Type Present Projected Pollution 1 Treatment Plant 1 No Change 1 Unit Process 1 No Change Collection: Separate Sewers v Utility Management Permits Show Only Cost Curve Errors view all comments | view sewershed State: Ronald Mease 05/27/2004 NPDES Permit Number Type Use Data Reviewer: Amaka Oji 09/23/2004 1 PAG082368 Discharge untitled - Paint

Fax Cover Sheet (.pdf)



Data Currently in System

CWNS Number: 42003067001

Name: ABBOTTSTOWN-PARADISE STP

Data Last Updated: May 27, 2004

Step 1: Verify and Update the Accuracy of Basic Facility Information

Facility/ Project Name	ABBOTTSTOWN-PARADISE	STP			
The facility is part of the following system					
Organization responsible for facility/ project	ABBOTTSTOWN-PARADISE	USA			
Point of Contact					
Role/ Title					
Address					
City		State	PA	Zip Code	
Phone		Fax			
Email					
County					
Permit Number(s)	PA0082368				

Facility/ Project Type

For a complete list of "Facility/Project Types" and "Changes Needed" visit http://www.epa.gov/cwns/cwns2008.htm

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Infiltration from Groundwater					
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CWNS	Number: 42003067001	
Name:	ABBOTTSTOWN-PARADISE STP	

Data Last Updated: May 27, 2004

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The facility is part of the following system	
Organization responsible for facility/ project	ABBOTTSTOWN-PARADISE USA
Point of Contact	Karen Fligger
Role/ Title	
Address	
City	State PA Zip Code
Phone	Fax
Email	
County	
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Wet Weather flow (Peak)			

Confirmation of Data for Existing Needs & Costs

Does your community have any new needs as of January 1, 2008?

No No	Return this signed form to via fax to 1-345-567-3456 CWNS Coordinator contact information is available at	or mail to your State CWNS Coordinator. http://www.epa.gov/cwns/whereyoulive.htm
Yes	Describe new needs by completing Step 3.	

Confirmation of Accuracy of Facility Fact Sheet

Completing the signature box below confirms that this data and any corrections are accurate

SIGNATURE BOX #1
Signature
As the local official representing this community, I agree that the water quality needs and technical information described herein is accurate for this community. Note: A local official can be an elected official (e.g., mayor) or other qualified official (e.g., public works manager).
Name:
Title:
Date:
Signature:

Adding New Needs & Costs

Step 3: New Needs and Costs Information

If you do not have sufficient documentation (as described in Step 3), complete the following tables and questions document new capital needs and costs in your community. Identify any water quality or public healthbased capital needs not already described in Step 2. Needs must exist as of January 1, 2008. They can include estimates for new infrastructure, sustaining current infrastructure, and/or meeting future growth needs (through December 31, 2027).

To complete:

- NEEDS: Identify the category(ies) of needs applicable for your community. Definitions of each the needs
 categories are available at http://www.epa.gov/cwns/cwns2008.htm
- REASON: Mark the reason (public health problem [PH], water quality problem [WQ], or both).
- DESCRIPTION: Describe the needs and project benefits in as much detail as possible:
 - Provide units if applicable) (e.g., length of sewer, capacity of pump, NPS or stormwater best management practices, etc).
 - Include discharge BOD limits and nutrient removal practices for Secondary and Advance Treatment needs
 - Include a description of the environmental benefits of the project/facility
 - Identify the target implementation year and projected end year of needs
- COSTS: If available, provide cost information for each need. Indicate the source (document name) and the base month and year of the cost information. Attach a copy of the source document. If no cost information is available, indicate NA in cost column.
- Add additional pages, if necessary.

NEEDS	REASON	DESCRIPTION	COSTS
Secondary Treatment	PH		
(including sludge handling/disposal)	WQ		
Advanced Wastewater Treatment	PH WQ		
Infiltration/Inflow	PH		
Correction	WQ		



Estimating Sewer Replacement/Rehabilitation Costs

OPTIONAL COST CALCULATION FOR SEWER REPLACEMENT/ REHABILITATION COSTS

Note: This section of the Small Community Survey is OPTIONAL. If you did not provide cost information for **Sewer Replacement/ Rehabilitation needs** identified in the previous table, this information will allow your state and EPA to better estimate costs associated with your needs.

Provide the current sewer length and estimated replacement rates for sewers in your community. Note: the maximum replacement rate allowable <u>without supporting</u> documentation is 10% over 20 years (0.5% per year).

Sewer Diameter	Length (feet)	Rehabilitation Rate (in % over next 20 years)	Replacement Rate (in % over next 20 years)	Comments
≤8 "				
9"-15"				
16"-21"				
≥22"				

Confirmation of New Needs & Costs

SIGNATURE BOX #2	
Needs Certification	
As the local official representing this community, I agree that the water quality needs a described herein is accurate for this community. Note: A local official can be an elected other qualified official (e.g., public works manager).	
Name:	
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Signature: D	ate:
Cost Certification	
 A professional engineer (PE) signs the cost certification below. A local government official signs the cost certification below and a State Profe certifies the cost as reasonable after reviewing the estimate. No cost certification signature is provided; cost curves will be used, if possible costs. To use cost curves for sewer replacement/ rehabilitation costs, comple Calculation for Sewer Replacement Costs box above. I certify that to the best of my knowledge the cost of the community's clean water need accurate. 	, to generate estimated te the Alternative Cost
Name:	
Title:	
Professional Engineer (PE): Yes No	
Signature:	Date:
TO BE COMPLETED BY STATE	
State Professional Engineer (PE) (Signature):	Date:
Only needed if cost certification signature is not from a professional engineer (PE) Note to State: State engineers should not calculate community's costs, only valid	

State Survey

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Authorized Official	Carolyn Leet			
Title:	Mayor			
Street, PO Bax:	R.R. 2, Box 270			
City:	Ewing			
Zip Code:	41039			
Contact Person:	Mark Feibes, PE			
Telephone:	859-233-3111			
Fax:	859-259-2717			
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- Must be pre-approved by EPA region/HQ prior to use.
- States should not begin data entry until the survey is approved.

State Survey Requirements

- State forms are acceptable for documenting need if they contain certain minimum elements, such as:
 - Description of Needs & Project Benefits
 - Time Horizon of Needs
 - Contact Information
 - Population Estimates
 - A local government official's signature certifies that the community has the water quality needs described in the form.

State Survey Requirements

- Cost Justification Population <10,000:
 - Costs by engineer or engineer circuit rider.
 - Other acceptable documentation types not available.
 - State project staff signature.

Lessons Learned in 2004

- Communication is key
 - Between state agencies
 - Between state and local agencies
 - Between states and EPA
- Contact EPA as you are developing your methodology.
 - EPA will provide methodology review at states request from June-December 2007 and February-April 2008.
 - http://www.epa.gov/cwns/method.htm

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Resources

Important Dates

- August 2007-December 2007 and February-April 2008:
 - Web seminars about the new documentation rules and review processes.
 - Program specific data collection and submission guidance materials available.
- <u>June-December, 2007</u>: EPA will conduct pre-survey review of State's needs documentation methodologies.
- January 16-18, 2008: CWNS 2008 Kickoff Meeting for state coordinators
- January 22–October 27, 2008: Official CWNS 2008 data entry period
 - Video training modules available for all CWNS system users.
- February April 2008: Web seminars for Local Users

Next Web Seminars

- December 18: Cost Curve Overview
- January 29: Documenting NPS Needs

http://www.epa.gov/cwns

- List of CWNS state & regional coordinators (Where You Live)
- News about CWNS 2008
 - Web seminar schedule, "Questions and Answers," and links to recorded sessions
 - Resources (including Small Community Best Practices Guide)
 - Links to contact information for state & regional NPS, Onsite, and Stormwater Coordinators
- Access to CWNS data and Reports to Congress



http://www.epa.gov/cwns/

- Information on local data entry
- Approved Small Community form and supplemental resources
- Local Users Manual

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