

CHAPA Breakfast Forum

Developing Affordable Housing in Towns Without Public Sewer Systems: The Challenges and Opportunities

The Greater Boston Housing Report Card (2006-2007) found that 42 towns in Greater Boston have no public sewer system and over 30% of the homes in Massachusetts are not served by public sewer. In fact, Greater Boston is more dependent on septic systems than any other large metropolitan area in the country, except Providence, Rhode Island and Birmingham, Alabama.

While septic system regulations are critical to protecting drinking water supplies and wildlife habitat, the Title V requirement of 10,000 square feet of land per bedroom (a one-acre lot for a four-bedroom home) makes sustainable, compact development a challenge. How do towns with limited wastewater infrastructure accommodate their affordable housing needs?

Our moderator and panelists will highlight challenges and strategies for developing affordable housing in towns without sewer systems, offering their thoughts on innovative alternatives and sustainable strategies.

**Monday, June 9th
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
MassHousing
One Beacon Street, 29th Floor
Boston
(Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.)**

Moderator

Bennet Heart, Attorney, Noble and Wickersham

Panelists

Jody Kablack, Director of Planning and Community Development, Town of Sudbury

Joseph Peznola, Principal, Hancock Associates

Russell Tanner, Principal, Tanner Development

Bob Zimmerman, Executive Director, Charles River Watershed Association

Cost: \$15.00 for CHAPA members; \$20 for non-members (includes continental breakfast). Space is limited and you must register by Thursday, June 6. No refunds will be provided to those who register but do not attend the forum.

Registration: You may register online, by phone, fax, or email.

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