

April 30, 2024 Update

Westford Wastewater Alternatives Committee

Wastewater Alternatives Committee Town of Westford

Mission Statement

To identify and investigate alternatives to the Maple Shade community wastewater system, and to provide a summary report to the Selectboard for consideration.

Background and Objectives

The Selectboard voted on January 11, 2024, to continue the pause on the Maple Shade final design work and explore alternatives. This new committee, the Wastewater Study Oversight Committee (WSOC), was appointed by both the Town Selectboard and Planning Commission, and will conclude its work upon production of the final report.

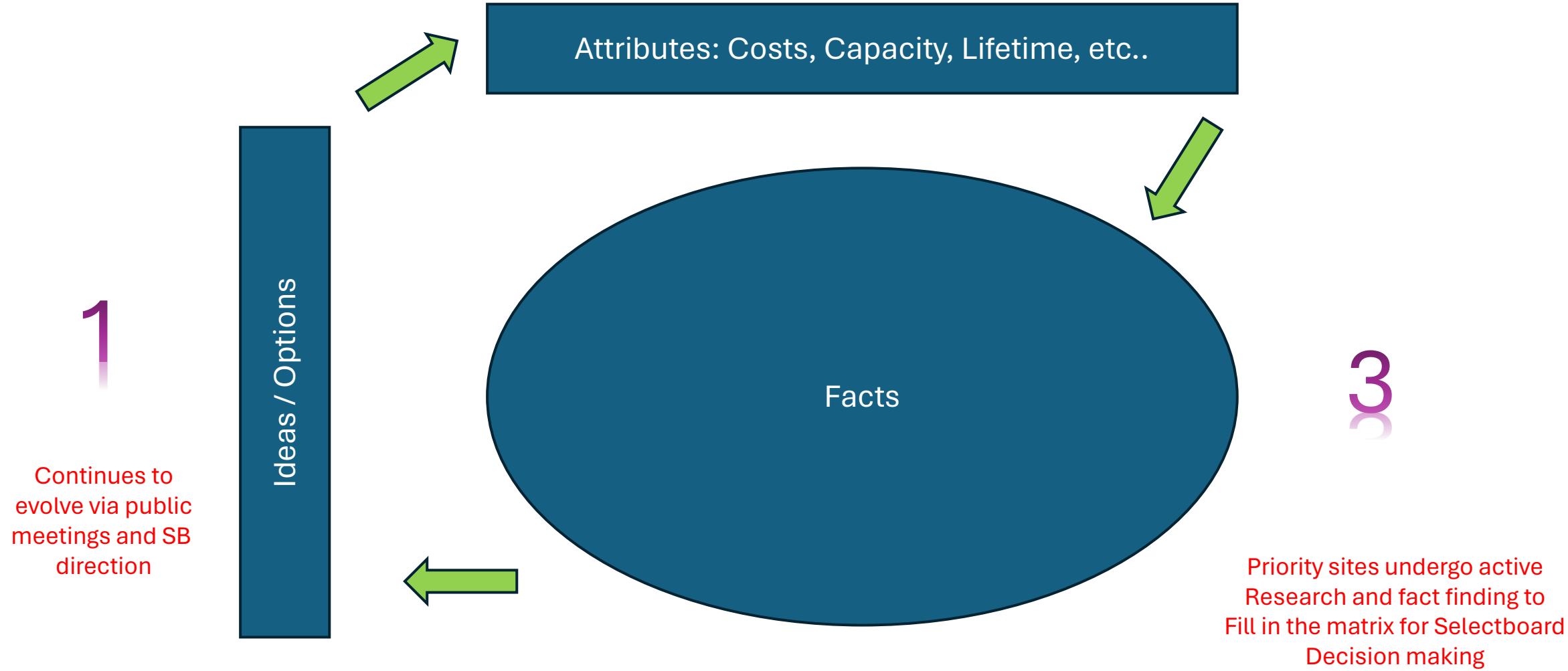
“Wastewater”, for the purposes of this committee, is defined as a collection and treatment system(s) serving only the town office & library (municipal uses); municipal and civic buildings (public, non-profit); or any combination of private, municipal, and civic users. All meetings are open to the public.

The WSOC will seek involvement from the public at each meeting, and report as appropriate to the Planning Commission and Selectboard. The WSOC will present the final report to a joint meeting of the Selectboard and Planning Commission within the next several months.

The Matrix in 3 Steps -

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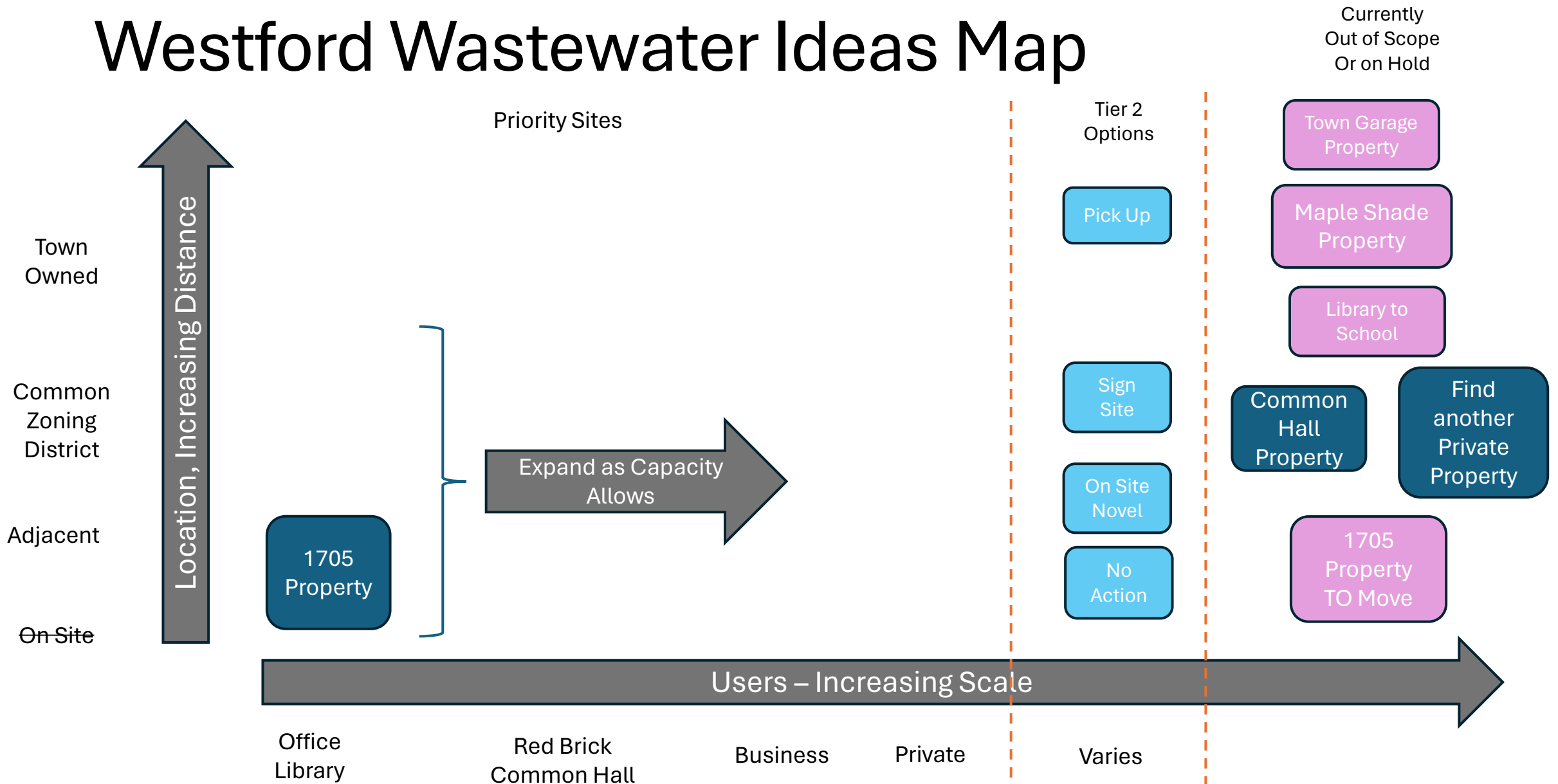
- Phase 1:
Identify CORE facts, issues and agree
- Phase 2:
Deeper dive
More subjective community impacts



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Continues to evolve via public meetings and SB direction

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Priority sites undergo active Research and fact finding to Fill in the matrix for Selectboard Decision making

Westford Wastewater Ideas Map



Note: Actual Demands (gpd) will be based on State of Vermont Regulations at time of permitting

Information Gathering Status

Process Steps

Option	Access Agreement	Engineering Verified Soil Capacity Data Source	Site Visit	Report Complete (Capacity and Considerations)
1705 Property	Access Agreement Signed	Engineer engaged	TBD	TBD
Common Hall Property *	Initial discussions positive	TBD – only prelim estimate exists	TBD	TBD
Other Private Properties *	1 Letter Sent Other options TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

* Both Options on Hold per 4/25 Select board meeting

Note: Information vetted by Selectboard appointed Wastewater Alternatives Committee as of 4/23/2024 – subject to change a new information is verified

The Matrix – Phase 1



All options must meet modern environmental standards

Option	Site Soil Capacity (GPD)	Estimated (Capex, Opex)	User Scale (Town, Civic, Beyond)	Considerations
1705 Property				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Property Purchase• Prior use pros and cons• Permit-ability comments at SB meetings• River Conservancy ?• ...

Next Steps

- Focus on 1705 Property Fact finding for Phase 1 Matrix
 - Professional Engineer Engaged
- Public communication
 - Newsletter
 - Front Porch Forum
 - Town Website

The Matrix – Phase 2

Option	Cap Ex	Life	O&M	Time to complete	Funding Sources	Contingencies

No Alternatives have advanced to Phase 2 research.