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SIMPLE STEPS: BIG BENEFITS

PROJECT BULLETIN

Just because you don't see it doesn't mean there's not a problem.

When we experience heavy rains or snowmelts, the Oneida County Sewer District (OCSD) sanitary sewer system becomes overwhelmed with clean stormwater, which causes overflows into the Mohawk River. In some cases, residents can even experience backups into their homes or overflows onto the street.

There are three things that must be done to fix this problem: fix aging and failing pipes, upgrade treatment and pumping facilities, and remove stormwater and other materials from the sanitary sewers. These repairs are funded through sewer rates and surcharges.

The OCSD is comprised of 15 municipalities. While all 15 municipalities are connected to the OCSD's Water Pollution Control Plant, each also has ownership of its own municipal sewer system; therefore, the residential rates differ. Rates are driven by multiple factors, including municipality size, environmental management, consent order requirements, and aging infrastructure.

Where are you located?

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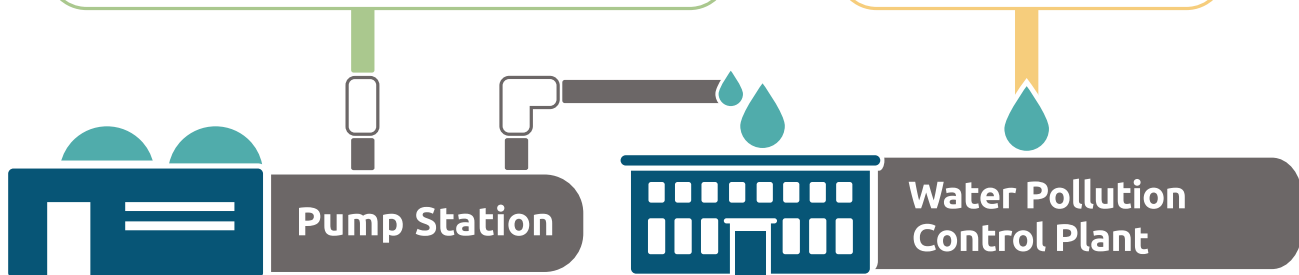
Towns and Villages within the Sauquoit Creek Basin

- Town of New Hartford
- Town of Paris
- Town of Whitestown
- Village of Clayville
- Village of New Hartford
- Village of New York Mills
- Village of Oriskany
- Village of Whitesboro
- Village of Yorkville

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Outside the Sauquoit Creek Basin

- City of Utica
- Town of Frankfort
- Town of Marcy
- Town of Schuyler
- Village of Holland Patent



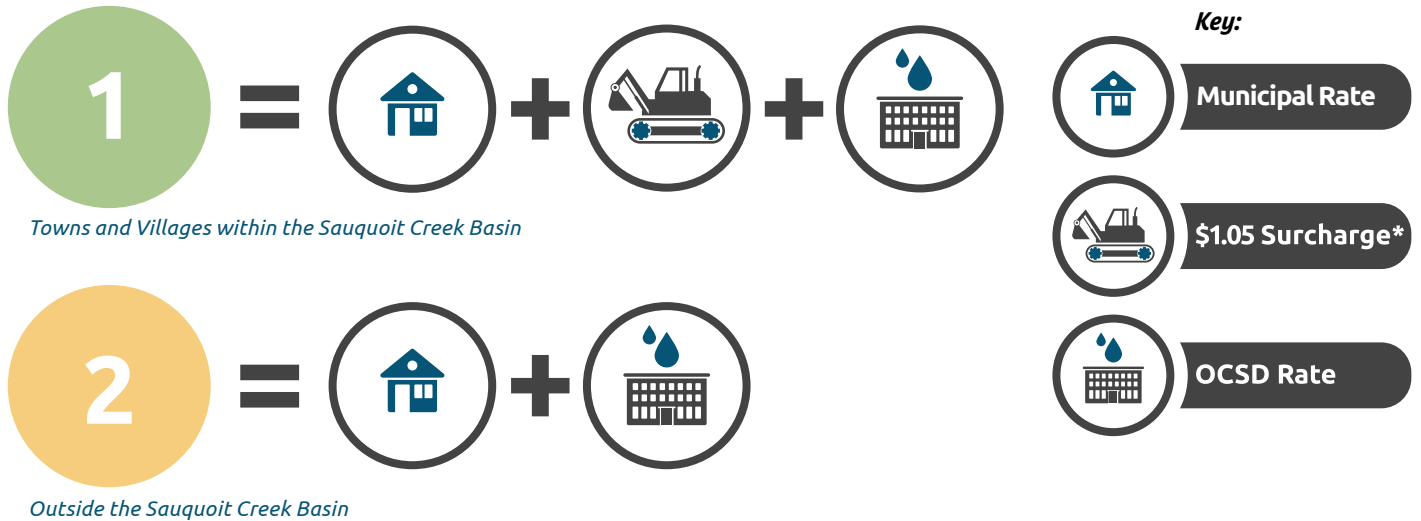
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An Initiative of the Oneida County Sewer District

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What rates do you pay?



The sewer rates you pay help to:

- Keep sewage from leaking out of broken sewer pipes into the ground;
- Avoid sewer collapses and sewage backups which lead to service disruptions and expensive cleanups;
- Prevent active pollution of the Mohawk River by keeping clean water from entering the sanitary sewer system through aged pipes;
- Increase system capacity to enable room for development and growth, and prevent overflows into the Mohawk River;
- Prevent economic development moratoriums and hefty NYSDEC fines.

**The OCSD Project Steering Committee approved a resolution in 2009 to support the implementation of \$1.05 surcharge per 1,000 gallons of water used to fund initial sewer repairs in the Sauquoit Creek Basin communities.*

