

CCOM *Save Montauk's Waters* Campaign Event

Septic Upgrades and Clean Water in Montauk: What Homeowners Need to Know

Date: Friday, April 17, 2026

Time: 2:30-4:30 PM

Montauk Library ([map](#)) and Virtual | Open to the Public

Join us for an important conversation about protecting the health of Montauk's waters. A leading contributor to water quality impairments in Montauk is nitrogen pollution from on-site septic systems: Today, more than 70% of homes in Suffolk County rely on outdated septic systems or cesspools never designed to remove nitrogen, making them a major source of local water quality decline. Fortunately, multiple dedicated programs are now in place to support homeowners in upgrading their systems.

This meeting will explore why upgrading to a nitrogen-treating septic system matters, how newly increased available funding from multiple funding programs make this an especially good time to upgrade, and what the replacement process looks like from start to finish.

Short presentations will be followed by a moderated discussion and Q&A with experts and representatives from the community, local government, science, and environmental organizations. Topics will include:

- How septic systems affect water quality in Montauk
- Available state, county, and town funding to substantially reduce replacement costs
- What homeowners can expect during application, permitting, and installation
- Homeowner experiences replacing septic systems

This event is designed to help homeowners understand the importance of septic upgrades to the health of our local waterbodies and clarify the upgrade process. All are encouraged to attend, including those who are not actively upgrading their septic system but are interested in learning more or hearing common questions and concerns discussed by experienced homeowners and experts.

We hope you'll join the conversation and become part of the solution!