



As discussed at the November 2023 Public Information Session, this survey is being sent to owners of properties located within the Candlewood Lake neighborhoods in Brookfield, CT. The purpose of the survey is to conclude the Sanitary Sewer Extension Study conducted by CDM Smith by gauging public interest in potential sanitary sewer extension project(s) to any of these neighborhoods. This is a requirement of the recently concluded study, which was funded in part by a CT DEEP¹ grant. We would appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey, which should require less than 15 minutes.

You may complete this survey via this postcard and return to the WPCA by regular mail OR you can complete the survey online at <https://brookfieldwpca.org/survey>.

When answering these survey questions please keep in mind the following:

Before any such project moves forward the WPCA will look at additional financing options, such as grant funding, to potentially reduce project costs. The WPCA typically offers an option for 20-year low-interest loan financing for property benefit assessments.

Property Address (required): _____

Optional: Please leave your contact information (phone number and/or email)* to allow follow up communications from the WPCA if there is any question about your responses. _____

**CDM Smith will not use specific names or addresses in their published final report.*

This property address is in (select one):

- ☐ Arrowhead
- ☐ Candlewood Shores
- ☐ Candlewood Orchards
- ☐ Hickory Hills
- ☐ Candlewood Lake Club
- ☐ Pleasant Rise/Woodview Drive area
- ☐ Candlewood Lake Road
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Not sure

Please provide the following information about your current septic system, if known:

When was your current septic system installed (select one):

- ☐ Constructed or fully replaced* between 2000-present
- ☐ Constructed or fully replaced* between 1980-1999
- ☐ Constructed or fully replaced* between 1960-1979
- ☐ Constructed or fully replaced* in 1959 or earlier
- ☐ I do not know the age of my system

¹Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP)

Regarding the construction of your system, do you have any of these special conditions (select all that apply):

- ☐ Cesspool/holding tank without leachfield
- ☐ Septic system (built when the home was built)
- ☐ Septic system (Replaced or improved since the original construction)
- ☐ Two systems (one for bathroom/kitchen and another for laundry, for example)
- ☐ Mounded leachfield
- ☐ Engineered system
- ☐ Public Health Code exception (distance to well, system undersized for number of bedrooms, separation distance to groundwater or rock, for example)
- ☐ Any portion of system not on your property
- ☐ Other special condition:

☐ I am not aware of any special conditions

** "Fully replaced" means replacement of septic tank and leaching field (stone, piping, etc). Minor repairs or tank-only replacement are not considered "fully replaced" for this survey. Of note, typical septic system life is in the range of 30-40 years, and replacement costs typically range between \$25,000 and \$50,000 depending on site constraints and system complexity.*

Are you interested in sanitary sewer service to your property?

- ☐ Theoretically in favor if the project could be done at no or nominal cost.
- ☐ In favor if the installation fee was no more than the cost of replacing the septic system at the end of its life, payable over 20 years. This would be a permanent solution.
- ☐ In favor based on the current engineering estimate of up to \$50,000 average per property (depending on grants available, minimum 20% anticipated. Project cost could be paid by owners over 20 years.)
- ☐ Not in favor
- ☐ Unsure

If you are in favor of sanitary sewer service, please select a reason below (select all that apply):

- ☐ My septic system is failing.
- ☐ I am concerned about the amount of failing septic systems in my community.
- ☐ I think installation of sewers will have a positive effect on the environment and/or property values.
- ☐ Other:

If you are against sanitary sewer service, please select a reason below (select all that apply):

- ☐ Initial capital net costs (range of up to \$50,000 average per property) are prohibitive even if the cost is spread over 20 years.
- ☐ Construction is too disruptive to the community.
- ☐ Not necessary—I have a new/well-functioning septic system.
- ☐ Other:

If you checked Unsure above, what information would you like to have?

Is there any other information you would like to share regarding this study?

