Comments about Thurston County On-Site Sewage System Management Plan
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- County stopped sending me renewable certificate years ago - Am I suppose to be paying anyway?

- This article is a masterpiece of gobbledygook and confusion. Nowhere does it state WHAT the proposed fee structure is in comparison to what it is now (is there one?) Is it to create a new source of revenue for what? Is the proposed plan to do what? Inspect individual septic systems? Reduce pumping fees? Repair failing systems? What is the current fee system? When you explain it better then I can answer better.

- No one over 75 should have to pay anything - inspection-pumping. We are on fix income, have reverse mortgage - reduce tax (our physical health is poor). Our income is only $2100 a month. It is a $500 cost to have this every 3 years too much

- Septic plan recommendations are 1-not strong enough for reasonable, and 3-just right for public health. The current system is totally unreasonable and a flat rate makes much more sense! I hope this proposal is accepted and implemented right away.

- Where my system is located I have to check it every three years. I pay my septic pumper who in turn pays his taxes. By charging me a fee every year would be double dipping.

- Total bureaucratic nonsense to place more fees on citizens. I am completely against your plan to start charging "fees" for private septic systems. How much more "MONEY" can you extract from people without being considered thieves or dictators? In my opinion, this is only a ploy to begin the process of "forcing" home owners to pipe into the public sewer system, which overcharges and/or to keep raising your "fees" until nobody can afford to live in this county.

- I am retired. I have a septic system that is working fine and has been since way before I owned the property. Are you thinking you need to get involved with systems like mine. I don't. If you start charging fees and making unnecessary inspections and charging fees for professionals to come in where will the money come from? Get a hold of reality and consider everyone in your so called findings. I agree that sensitive areas need to be monitored and if problems are found they need to be addressed. This does not include the entire county. Cool your jets and work on the real problems first. When a system fails it should be brought up to current standards for existing systems. Your current and proposed methods are NOT working for us, you scare us. Help us to keep our systems going with advise, direction and if necessary hold the shovel for us. Our country is setup for WE THE PEOPLE. I have been involved in construction in Thurston and nearby Counties for decades and I long for the early days when the authorities helped with projects rather than hindered with permits and bullshit fees. Get a grip.

- I think the plan is fair and increases the capacity of the Environmental Health Department to help keep septic systems operating and protect the environment as well as public health. I encourage you to pass the new plan.

- This is a ridiculous consideration. If it fails, I am responsible for the clean up as it is on my property. Why would there be a fee for an inspection that will never happen.
I really don't like the idea of a septic police coming on my property. I maintain / pump my system as required. My system was permitted, I pay my taxes, and I believe any new fees should be charged to new systems. This county is getting to be a joke, homeowners and taxpayers are so restricted it feels like we don't own our own property.

The system is inspected when pumped. The fees are rediculous.. To much big government is bad.

People in south thurston should not have to pay for the sewage issues in the Marine Recovery Area. If it's equal then at least every resident should be paying a share.

Joke of a survey, like you care

I am opposed to adding one more intrusive layer of government. There is no disaster happening with septic systems in Thurston County. Septic systems already are monitored with pumpers report, which I already have to pay for, so why do you feel the need to add more hardship to property owners? Property owners get no benefit from this! The biggest problem in Thurston Co. is engineered septic systems, systems you require. Gravity feed systems rarely fail. Tiered charges? You want everyone to subsidize other peoples' overly engineered systems? And you call that fair? There is no health issue. There is no disaster. The water is cleaner than it's been in decades. So, can you explain exactly why you need this nearly $2million annually?

No new monthly or annual fees should be applied, only current time of transfer fees and inspections should be used. Individuals pay $7-12,000 (equivalent to at least $20-$40 per month for 30 years) to install septic systems according to county standards and so they do not have to pay monthly sewage fee's. Its unfair to charge additional taxes when fee's have already been collected. Any fee's needed for county wide projects should be collected from every one and not just people with septic systems. Helping the environment is good but not if it comes from discriminatory tax practices....

This is bogus socialistic control. You are continually trying to get paid for looking for problems. You tried this in the 90's.

As a new homeowner in Rochester I find this completely ridiculous. It is already difficult enough with a pocket gophers and other requirements that the county commissioners are starting to try and enact so we need permits to do anything on our property.... even remove a tree that is dangerous to our home. Then there's Orca trying to impress a large fee just to be able to burn yard waste on your property. The septic permit that we had to obtain ( which shouldn't have applied to us anyways because we are not near the coast or any water) just to purchase our home should be sufficient enough to keep an eye on how septic systems are in this county. If anything the county should be charging this fee to residents who decide to not renew their septic permit every four years. If your current on your permit and following the rules and doing everything the county require so far why should there be an additional inspection performed?

notices about inspection and maintenance would be a good thing. Question: when the septic system cleaners come to inspect and/or clean, do they currently transmit a copy of their work/findings to the County?
Systems that have been in use for decades will get necessary repairs & maintenance by home owners as necessary. With all the information necessary online and Environmental Health to help us, let us do it ourselves.

The on site septic systems isn't the main culprit for our puget sound runoff problems. It's the municipal systems that overflow raw sewage into our waterways when we have rain storms and too much runoff that can't be properly treated. Another new fee charged and then mismanaged by the county is not the answer. I am so tired of the government systems interfering with our private business.

I fully support properly maintained septic systems - but need to be shown where the existing program is not working to protect our marine districts.

I own multiple homes in the Nisqually management areas. I have completed the WSU septic real estate course and the County taught self inspection course. In my humble opinion, and it is shared by many septic professionals in the County, the system for non waterfront Whitewater systems is broken. The County mandated requirements are ludicrous. I understand if the systems are within 200-300 feet of the water that they would need more stringent inspections, but anything farther than that should have the same requirements as a sand filter or mound system. The current system is set up solely to create wealth for the septic inspectors. If you create a solid plan that is fair and equitable for all systems more people will follow it.

This is all focusing on water quality related to septic systems. I'm guessing this is related in some way the the Scatter Creek Aquifer Management Project. In almost every water quality study I have read from Thurston County, water quality has improved dramatically in areas where dairy farms were closed or managed more closely. Even though more septic systems and homes were built in my neighborhood, water quality improved over 100% because the dairy farm is no longer there. Here is the link to one of the studies:
http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/ehsc/documents/AppendixOgrandmoundwatersystemplan2012.pdf The management of agriculture waste seems to allow a significant volume of agrowaste. I feel like the homeowner is being targeted and taxed when other sources sewage are potentially being ignored. I think it is good to monitor and manage water quality, but don't blame it all on septic systems. I'm willing to contribute and pay a tax, but don't ignore the other issues that are actually causing more problems than our home septic systems.

I spent thousands of dollars on a new, upgraded system. I know my responsibilities in maintaining this system to protect water quality. However, I also know others living in my area have old systems that have never been inspected so who knows what impacts to water quality are occurring. I have one neighbor using an outhouse. Inspection of old systems needs to be addressed as well as the use of an outhouse.

The plan is very reasonable and recommendations seem well-founded I would really like to see the inspection certification training program expanded to all OSS owners as well as greater outreach to OSS owners, including service reminders, to help ensure that septic are being properly maintained. Perhaps offering reduced fees to inspection-certified owners and/or owners who provide regular maintenance and service records would incentivize good O&M practices.
• For those of us that are senior citizens who are on fixed incomes, it would be helpful for the county to send out an inspector to check our septic systems every three years for compliancy.

• I pay to keep my septic in good working order and I do not want to pay for others who do not service or keep theirs in good working order.

• Stop trying to fix what is not broken by legislating behavior based on pseudo-science!

• The current system is unfair and unreasonable and I am in complete agreement with the committee's recommendation to repeal the requirement for operational permits, pump reports, etc. While I don't particularly like it, I understand the need to collect some sort of user fee to pay for services related to septic systems. Our operational permit will renew the beginning of January 2016 and I doubt the new plan will be in place by that time. I hope you will consider a user phase-in that would give us credit for $125 we will pay for the three-year permit and not charge us additional fees related to the new plan until 2019.

• After caring for the cost and maintenance of my system for over 40 years, it is abhorrent now, to learn that the county wants to charge a fee under the guise of public health and safety. We all know it is just one more thing the county wants control over so they can bleed homeowners of more of their money. This is not for the benefit of the public and we know that the money will be wasted on unnecessary projects as is too often the case.

• The fee system and the process that is currently in place is the most confusing. The inspection process, what is supposed to happen during the inspection process, whom you are supposed to pay and what amount you are supposed to pay is extremely confusing and changes every time. The inspectors have required me to pay the fee to them but the money is not allocated to my bill at the Olympia Septic Office. The Olympia Septic System Office has been unresponsive to these issues. I current changes to the plan has been ineffective. We need to allow the home owner to inspect and pay for their own septic system, and not have a septic company to receive the payment and do the inspection. I am paying over $ 400 for every inspection.. Why?

• I would like to see more enforcement of repairs and replacement of failing and failed systems. I think there should be stiff penalties and fines for systems that are failing until a system is functional.

• No more fees. I already support the program with existing property taxes. I maintain my system by following the rules for the operational permit.

• I have a VERY LIMITED pension at $1700/month for over 30 years (@private company) & am disabled. Every new charge cuts into my VERY FINITE funds. I haven’t had T.V. since 1992; no computer & grow my food.

• My husband and I already pay $150 every 3 years (or ~$50 a year) just to have our certificate renewed plus we pay ~$150 every 3 years to have our 7 yr. old septic system inspected. We are not near water and have no close neighbors. There only 2 of us living in our house. It would not be fair for us to pay more we believe.

• Right now I pay a lot of $ every 3 yrs to have my system checked by a paid company & have to pay over $100 fee to the county to renew my permit. Thousands of other septic systems are not
required to do this – including my neighbors. All septic owners should pay something to support water quality.

- I enclose the survey as requested but after reading the associated article carefully, I have don’t have the information necessary to answer your questions.

We used to do a check on our systems ourselves, fill out a form, and pay a permit fee every three years. Now we still pay a 3-yr permit fee plus we have to pay a contractor to check the system – a juicy benefit to septic system installers, and increase in cost to property owners.

But I understand that many owners may not have done the check correctly – or at all – and may not have had their tank pumped when they should, so I think that getting a qualified person to do the check was justified. This seems like a pretty good way to catch poorly operating systems and get systems repaired.

This change in monitoring found an underground alteration make to our system by the previous owner that was not disclosed when we bought the property and would never have been discovered by the previous tank inspection. Had there been a proper transfer inspection in 2004, it probably would have been discovered at that time. I am sure that the repair done, due to the contractor inspection, likely made the effluent clearer and will probably extend drainfield life. So I think the contractor inspection was a good monitoring improvement even though I didn’t like having to pay more for it.

The permit fees currently collected should cover the cost for the people needed to send out bills, collect money, send out permits and monitor enforcement on those few problem properties. You say that your goal is to “create (a) funding strategy that is stable, self-sustaining and adequate to fund a viable septic operation and maintenance program.”

I would have to have the following information to make an informed response to the survey:

1. I see that the fee as recommended would be $20 higher than the current permit fee. Why would replacing the permit fee, transfer fee, pump report with a flat annual fee be a better funding choice for septic system owners or the county?
2. Would this replace or be in addition to the septic contractor’s fee?
3. What is the cost of the program and how many properties bear the cost?
4. Why would it be better to tack the fee on property tax rather than getting owners to pay for a 3yr operations permit?
5. Owners should have to prove that their septic system when sold meets county requirements and is as designed – that they haven’t made changes that make it less functional. Why should all taxpayers have to pay more to cover transfer fees when it seems more reasonable for sellers to cover that cost at time of sale?

I checked the county Environmental Health webpage and could not find the answers to these questions. Until I know the answers to these questions, I will have to choose the “current system.”

- A defective system anywhere is a problem for us all. If there is a septic on the property the owner should pay. Most any system failure/leak will dump something into the Puget Sound or Chehalis.
• Leave system the way it is currently. If I have a problem with my system, I take care of it. I shouldn't have to pay for others that have septic problems.

• It doesn't seem fair to have a fee attached to owning a septic system—it seems like another way to tax the residents when they already have expenses associated with pumping and maintenance.

• I know you don't care and will do whatever you want without a lawsuit stopping you, but this is just another do-nothing plan on the part of the county to get revenue. The septic pumping people already inspect the tank when they come out. When I see a county employee drop into my tank and take a look when it is pumped, I would consider supporting such a fee. But that will never happen.

• Unfair, unreasonable, already too many fees paid to the county to live here.

• I would appreciate if the county explained why such an effort is needed. It hasn't been demonstrated to the public what the problems and risks associated with septic systems are. What are the statistics on these problems? I would like to see a list of actual cases where septic systems have contaminated ground water in the past 10 years along with specific reasons. Also, please stop charging us fees in addition to the exorbitant property taxes we already pay. These fees and taxes are making it increasingly difficult for people to live in rural areas. The economy is down, unemployment is high, and people are having trouble food on the table for their families. We cannot afford any additional fees. Please find another source of funding.

• This is burdensome and unnecessary. We already have oversight, inspections, and the fees are already high. I have 10 acres of forested land with rain gardens, etc. and I continually see my rates go up for storm water, etc. My septic is in good order. I've already installed risers and inspect it regularly. Please don't make changes for the sake of making changes. Unnecessary. Thanks

• I think this is just another way to generate revenue for the state, at the peoples expense. We keep our septic tank clean. Everyone we know in our area takes good care of their septic system, too. Generating money, at the expense of taxpayers, doesn't mean you are offering a viable solution to any "potential problem." The "Land of the Free" has become the "Land of the Overtaxed." Enough is enough.

• I resent any additional charges or inspections. I take care of my septic and everyone else I know who has one does the same. STOP TAXING AND REGULATING the citizens of what used to be the home of the free. Lets tax all bicycles over 5 speed to use our roads and sidewalks

• The cost of septic inspection and pumping is great enough that responsible septic owners shouldn't be charged a yearly fee. When I've had my system pumped it was recommended that I have it done every 4 - 5 years. A schedule of recommended inspection and pumping should be made for the different types of septic systems available. As long as owners show their compliance with the schedule for their type of system, and have proof they have performed any maintenance to keep their system working properly there should be NO fee paid to the county. Otherwise, you are punishing responsible owners. Those who have septic systems that are not maintained are the owners who should be fined and forced into compliance. I shouldn't have to pay a fee simply for the fact I have a septic system because a city or county sewer system isn't available where I live.
• I do not favor imposing a new annual assessment.

• This is government overreach. The current fees for O&M and time of transfer is enough. The homeowner already does not get anything of value in return for these fees.

• The plan appears to be well thought out and an improvement for maintaining water quality. I applaud the committee's work do this - I have a well & septic system.

• I need to have my septic inspected as often as a house the same as mine. The only different is, there are only two living in my house and four or more in the other house. We both need to have tanks inspected every four years. My tank is good for 6 to 7 years, while their tank is good 4 to 5 years. But I have to have inspected every 4 years. Good money out of my pocket. Houses should be inspected basic on population in the house not bedroom or how you do it. Now it is 4 years, Inspect and pay. Happy to give input: there are other problem areas that need to be look into

• I don't think that systems that aren't proven to be broken and are in areas that aren't having "failing system" problems, should have to pay for government management that isn't needed. I believe that this is a method for government to collect more $$ under the guise of being concerned about the environment - all those "meaningful sounding but not reflective of reality and very general in nature" words provided as justification. If I have a problem, make me fix it. If I don't, leave me alone.

• Too expensive, too many bureaucrats employed to run the program. I'm retired and can't afford programs like this.

• Even though we are in a "special area" - it is important to us to monitor the septs in our community to prevent the costly requirement to hook up to a sewer system.

• Our septic system (standard gravity) installed 35 years ago is functioning properly and has given us no problems. I do not believe collective punishment of all septic owners is a solution to the problem. Believe me when a septic system fails the owners nose will find it out and take care of the problem, the County says 84 to 95% of systems in the program are in compliance. I would like to see the hard (not theoritical) scientific proof this is the problem.

• Seems like a money grab to me.

• We see no value in this tax on our property. We maintain - don't penalize us for being responsible!!!

• With 53000 on site septic systems in the county at $45 a year = $ 2250000 - $2500000 a year, how will this money be used ???

• I paid for my septic system and all the high priced permits to install it. The permits assured that the system is in good working order per code. I see no need for Thurston County to extort yet more money from us!
• We have to put septic's in to Thurston and state standards. We have to pay taxes on installation cost of product and to maintain. Every time we turn around there is a new fee to be placed on the back of the land owner. Should we talk about gopher fees? Extortion by the county at the highest level. Now septic too?

• I pay for my system to be pumped and inspected it is mine unless you are going to dig up my system and re-landscape my yard I should not have to pay you for anything
• I think it's just a lame excuse to suck more cash out of us

• I left them in the previous question box.

• I pay to have my system inspected every couple years to renew my operational certificate. Furthermore I paid more for the installation of a clean septic system (Glendon). I don't need another fee from environmental health!!

• the property taxes I pay are already outrageous. you want to charge for waste put in a sewer system. I live where I live to get away from the government controlling/charging every aspect of my living. This is just another way to get money from the people since the government has not and cannot budget the money they already collect. Figure out another way and leave my property alone.

• The cost for a certified septic inspection is already too much, and the cost of the operational certificate adds more of a financial burden to the homeowner.

• We pay to have our system up to date and to have it pumped. Is the city going to start paying for that, otherwise how is it fair for you to charge us for our system? It isn't. Just another way for you to get money from homeowners, it is a shame and disgraceful.

• Shouldn't letters be sent to all home owners with septic systems, instead of putting it in the back of a newsletter. Great way to sneak in a new fee.

• This just penalizes all of us who keep our system up.

• Stop trying to control every aspect of people and MY land. Thurston County is crazy and I work for a county agency! JUST STOP. Between the Gopher and all the other stupid crap you do it is enough. Go smell your patchouli and leave us alone!

• I do NOT want to pay to maintain everyone else's system!! Not a fair fee!!

• The only fair plan would allow grandfathering of existing systems. Thank you.
• As if we don't pay enough taxes ..and yes it is just a tax increase. .sick of it

• Just getting the word out why it is important that septic systems a get proper maintenance (which mine does) is enough and fine those that don't.

• Stop ripping off the homeowners! We pay enough for the county government's eco extortion! Furthermore... we know that this is not based in science ... its based in extortion!
• If you're so worried about water quality why are smaller than 5 acre variances being approved? If you're concerned with water conditions you would not willingly just let people put in septic every .75 acres for you can get more revenue you would keep it at the five-acre minimum and everything would be fine like it is right now. You wanted to test my well a while back and I did not approve you to because I think you need to mind your own business everything is fine out here in the scatter Creek area. And I hope you find it in your heart to leave it that way I'm already considering leaving Thurston County because of the high taxes I know something like this will certainly drive me out.

• The current system works just fine. As homeowners I think we pay enough already.

• Current home purchases already require an inspection of the system. Terrible idea to add a yearly fee.

• I do not support new fees for my current septic system.

• This is just another way the county government is bleeding us dry. And on top of that you guys can't even manage the money you already have.

• This proposal seems to be another way for local government to tax people who are already over taxed. It also is clear to me that government should learn to manage the monies that it has and when it can't live with in those means it should make cuts to the fat just like regular citizens. We are fed up with the government inability to manage the peoples tax monies. We do not have bottomless pockets.

• I already pay to maintain and keep my septic system in safe and working order. Another regulatory fee is ludicrous! I'll move out of Thurston County if it is enacted and will spread the word that the county is over-regulated.

• Great presentations. Thanks for the handouts!
  • What is exactly is
    ...increase program efficiencies...?
    ...refine criteria used to identify areas...
    ...tier option...

• No change needed

• Please make sure to put the info ppt. presentation online so the public can access it.

• Not wanting any of this. Just another TAX

• Prefer No fees but remedial work is necessary in sensitive areas and no action in how density septic locations. Tiered system would be fairest with consideration of those on low income that cannot afford to pay for remedial work. Homeowner Inspection with operational & Maintenance reporting would help as county has limited resources & funding. Certification classes (check)
• $45.00 per year add to property taxes, but if homeowners are low income/elderly fees should be reduced from $45.00

• Not much to say, except this was a very professional meeting. Well done.

I prefer tiered because of high water tables, older tanks, high risk areas & distances from waterways, & # of people in household all influence need for inspections or repairs. I think very older tanks, high risk areas, tanks in high water tables should be on tiered system
Newer tanks & tanks in rural areas of lower water tables & further distances from waterways should remain under current rates. I do not believe everyone needs inspection that often unless there are larger families.

• I live in a home with a septic system, do not own the home.

• This hearing was just P.R. It was poorly advertised. I never received the newsletter "Talking Trash." Only found out about this hearing by accident. They blamed pollution & alge blooms soley on septic systems. They did not mention fertilizer & farm run off, animal waste from horses, cattle, & industrial pollution. They refused to allow the public to speak.

• FAR TOO HIGH TAXATION/FEE AND NO REPRESNTION. WITH NO IMPROVEMENTS 2.4 MILLION PISSED AWAY

• The county should focus current resources on policing out of date pumping/inspections and set up $ penalty when out of date. I do not support more funding for this department. Despite your chart showing cost-comparisons before & after new fees, reality for many of us is: We don't plan to sell, so our current cost is really $45 over 10 years vs. $440 under new plan. A 10x increase is not something we want to see.

• How can this be justified when less than 1% of septic systems fail, out of 53,000. Only 150-200 repair permits are issued.

• I have several properties. One rental has this requirement (renewable operational certificate). I like not having a 3 year permit. Paying fees on property tax is better than getting bills.

• (name), President of the Summit Lake Comm Assoc. pls contact regarding a presentation @ our monthly meeting. (e-mail)

• The county has allowed all the developments (housing) go in, now it's affecting ground water. How is that our problem? I didn't want to lose all the farm lands to houses the county allowed it, not my problem
• Homeowners with modern, "better" systems pay huge fees for monitoring & operation, where older systems on the water pay little but present the highest risk to water quality. Why is homeowner expense based on system complexity and NOT risk?

• Your not letting everyone no most everyone has heard about this thru word of mouth if you did better at letting it be known you wouldn't have a building big enough to hold the people
Your saying you see improvement in water quality in shellfish area why not keep doing whats going on now instead of finding another way to more money out of us. We are already having trouble selling our place’s because people hearer how bad Thurston County is about controlling and charging residence people are starting to look outside of county to buy I have heard several times I don’t want to buy in Thurston County They will screw me over

Why now...we have took care of our system all its life do not need your help if fee’s (tax) in goes up from here!!!

Comments under the survey question: The charge structure that seems most fair to me is:

- Systems that have been in use for decades will get necessary repairs & maintenance by home owners as necessary. With all the information necessary online and Environmental Health to help us, let us do it ourselves.
- None. It is my property and not a public system.
- None at all.
- To much
- No fees would be even better
- None
- Too expensive
- Only fees on sale and transfer, not ongoing
- None, the County is looking for a way to pay staff to control your life.
- None
- Once the system is paid for, I disagree that additional fees should be charged.
- No annual fee
- It is not clear from the plan that the flat fee would replace or be in addition to the current property tax district fee shown as SHELLFISH PROTECTION HENDERSON on my property tax report?
- We pay to install and maintain our systems, no county intervention is necessary

We live in a two adult household, my neighbor is a single adult household with no children. Both households are quite careful about use and maintenance of our septic system. Based on our recent 3 year survey, we should each be good for at least one (3 years) or two (6 years) more cycles before pumping would be needed based on sludge/silt accumulation. With a $66/year fee, doing it under existing plan would cost less than half of the county fee based system. The certificate inspections
just started, what causes a jump to a new system that is significantly more expensive for homeowners

- What about fees for dairy farms and other agriculture waste.
- No Charge for septic
- There should be no charge because your whole plan is ridiculous!
- For those responsible homeowners who for years have been responsible for their systems, no fee at all should be charged
- Charge per # residents in house & INCOME LEVEL
- None of the above.
- None
- I don't think I should have to pay for the SSM Plan. We already pay too much in taxes and fees. An additional fee would be burdensome for many families.
- We do not need more oversight, fees, or burden. The water quality has greatly improved (oyster farms in Henderson Inlet, etc.)
- None
- None of the above. We shouldn't be charged on top of having regular pumping and maintenance. We take care of our septic tank.
- none- unless county cleans out our septic (the people who come up with this)
- You should only have to pay a fee if you don't comply with having your system inspected. It's unfair for septic owner to pay the county fee and to have to pay to have their system inspected. You should be fined for negligence not for having a septic system.
- None unless a new system is installed or old system replaced
- The current fees for O&M and time of transfer is enough. The homeowner already does not get anything in return for these fees.
- Either fee is too much if you also do not offer low cost financing to ALL property owners to make the necessary upgrades. Collecting the fees solves your problem at the county level but does nothing for the property owner. It is half of the solution. Again as a governmental agency you only look after your own self-interest. "We got outs, so stick to the public."
• County mandated compliance, County pays all fees. We pay over $4000 a year in property taxes on a small house on 5 acres on a fixed income.

• NO FEES

• No county fee

• No charge!

• None. I bought this place, pay Taxes on My land every year, shouldn't have to pay another fee. I am required to have it drained and checked, I'm already responsible for the upkeep, an additional fee isn't required.

• None! We payed to put it in. Pay to maintain it! This is just another way for Thurston county to earn more of our money!

• No new fees, find the money in existing revenue.

• I feel this really s not necessary and do not see the need for this program at all. Maybe if you have high risk areas that you need to keep an eye on then come up with a plan for that but in 35 years of owning 4 different properties, we have never had an issue with a septic system.

• No fee. No new taxes!!

• The renewable operating certificate should be free to residents of Thurston County. Mine is $150

• None at all

• no fee

• This is similar to the county inspection fee when you sell your home, about $250 and no inspected anything just more money to the county for nothing.

• no fee unless a problem is found

• no fee
• We pay for the permit... I do not want to pay more. It is why I moved out of the city limits. My house is gated for a reason.

• should be user only

• No fee system or at the very least grandfathering of existing systems

• none.
• No fee at all. More money grabbing by the county with no benefit.

• Stop making us pay rent on our septic tanks! The only charge should be included in the purchase price...nothing else!

• None

• You're not going to do anything other than collect money so just stay out of it you've already approved my septic system and I don't need your interference it functions fine

• current fee. no annual fee. permitting fees charged

• none pay for use of service that are asked for not to monitor for problems that don't exist or ask me to fund the protect the sound when I don't contribute to the problem

• The current system where I pay to dump, pay to install, and pay additional property taxes for having a septic system on my land.

• NONE

• No fee at all

• None

• Any system to require monitoring. Thanks!

• None

• Good as is

• We already pay pumper to inspect. That I'm already paying for

• No charge

• No fee!

• None

• Fees are not necessary septic systems are the responsibility of the individual home owners

• Pay based on risk