# Wastewater Timeline

The Village of Cumberland is preparing to complete the final piece of their Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) – a plan that will guide wastewater management and required improvements for decades to come. It's been in the making for some time – see the below progress on wastewater planning in the Village.

**2016** — LWMP Gets Started

**2018** — Referendum Held for Wastewater Upgrades

**2019–2020** — Stage 2 LWMP submitted to province

**2019–2020** — Design +Funding Applications for Upgrades

**2021** — Wastewater Upgrades Project Starts

**2021** — AAP for Addt'l Funding for Wastewater Upgrades

**2024** — Stage 3 LWMP gets underway – to be complete by end of 2024.

**2025** — Wastewater Upgrades Complete

# About Wastewater Planning

A Liquid Waste Management Plan is a major planning exercise for a local government. To learn more about the LWMP and next steps for the Village, here are some Frequently Asked Questions.

## What is a LWMP and why is it needed?

Liquid Waste Management Plans allow municipalities to develop community-specific solutions for wastewater management that meet or exceed existing regulations. They are one of two regulatory pathways to authorize wastewater treatment systems and allow some flexibility in matching regulatory requirements to each municipality's situation.

## What happens in Stage 3 of the LWMP?

Stage 3, the final stage of the LWMP, largely focuses on 'wrapping up' the intensive planning work of earlier stages: reporting back to the community about the plan ahead, completing the environmental impact study, and completing the operational certificate process for wastewater management into the future.

The work will also involve evaluating options/ measures for stormwater management and the storm/sanitary sewer separation program, developing operational and environmental monitoring plans, and summarizing the LWMP process, financing and implementation schedule.

## What is the Wastewater Upgrades Project?

The Wastewater Upgrades Project will improve treatment provided by the current wastewater lagoon system. It is required to meet provincial treatment requirements and fulfill environmental goals to release safe water into Maple Lake Creek and Trent River. It will improve screening, add extra aeration and disinfection, among other improvements.

The project is a result of the Stage 1 and 2 Liquid Waste Management Plan process, and reflects community input to develop a sustainable treatment system in a region with unique challenges which include high winter wet weather flows, extremely dry summer conditions and a sensitive downstream habitat.

Work began in 2022 and is estimated to be complete in 2025.

For more information: **Cumberland.ca/wastewaterupgrades**

## How do I get involved?

**Share your Input Online:** An online engagement page has been created for this stage of the LWMP. Residents can find the latest information and share comments/questions:
**engagecomoxvalley.ca/cumberland-lwmp**