

Town of North Smithfield

Office of the Town Administrator

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NORTH SMITHFIELD - Sewer District Phase 1A and 1B users may obtain a low-interest loan in order to tie in to the sewer project. North Smithfield is the first town in the state to offer its residents this program.

Available through the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency, the Sewer Tie-In Loan Fund (STILF) allows residents to borrow up to \$10,000 to tie in at a very low 2 percent interest rate for up to five years. The money may be used for a connection by either gravity or low-pressure, including the grinder pump or for the cost to properly abandon the existing septic system.

To apply, visit www.nsmithfieldri.org and click on Forms, Permits and Applications located on the left-hand side of the screen. Next click on Sewer Dept. Forms, Permits and Applications and then click on download Tie-In Fund Pre-Approval Application form and the Sewer System Connection/Expansion/Modification Permit.

The next step is to complete these forms with the drain layer/master plumber hired. Once they are complete they may be submitted to the town administrator's office. Once the application is completed, it will be sent to the tax assessor and tax collector to ensure taxes are not owed by the applicant. The tax collector will then send the application to the sewer administrator. If all is in order, the sewer administrator will notify the drain layer that the application has been approved and will issue a permit number.

The Sewer Administrator will also send the completed Tie-In Fund Pre-Approval back to you along with an application from the state. It is the applicant's responsibility to get these two documents to the Rhode Island Housing sewer tie-in fund program. Loan money will not be received without taking this step.

Call Jim Wilcox, sewer administrator, at 767-2200, ext. 305 during town hall business hours with any questions. His office is located at 1 Main St., Slatersville, RI.

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