



BEST PRACTICES:
WASTEWATER TREATMENT INSPECTIONS

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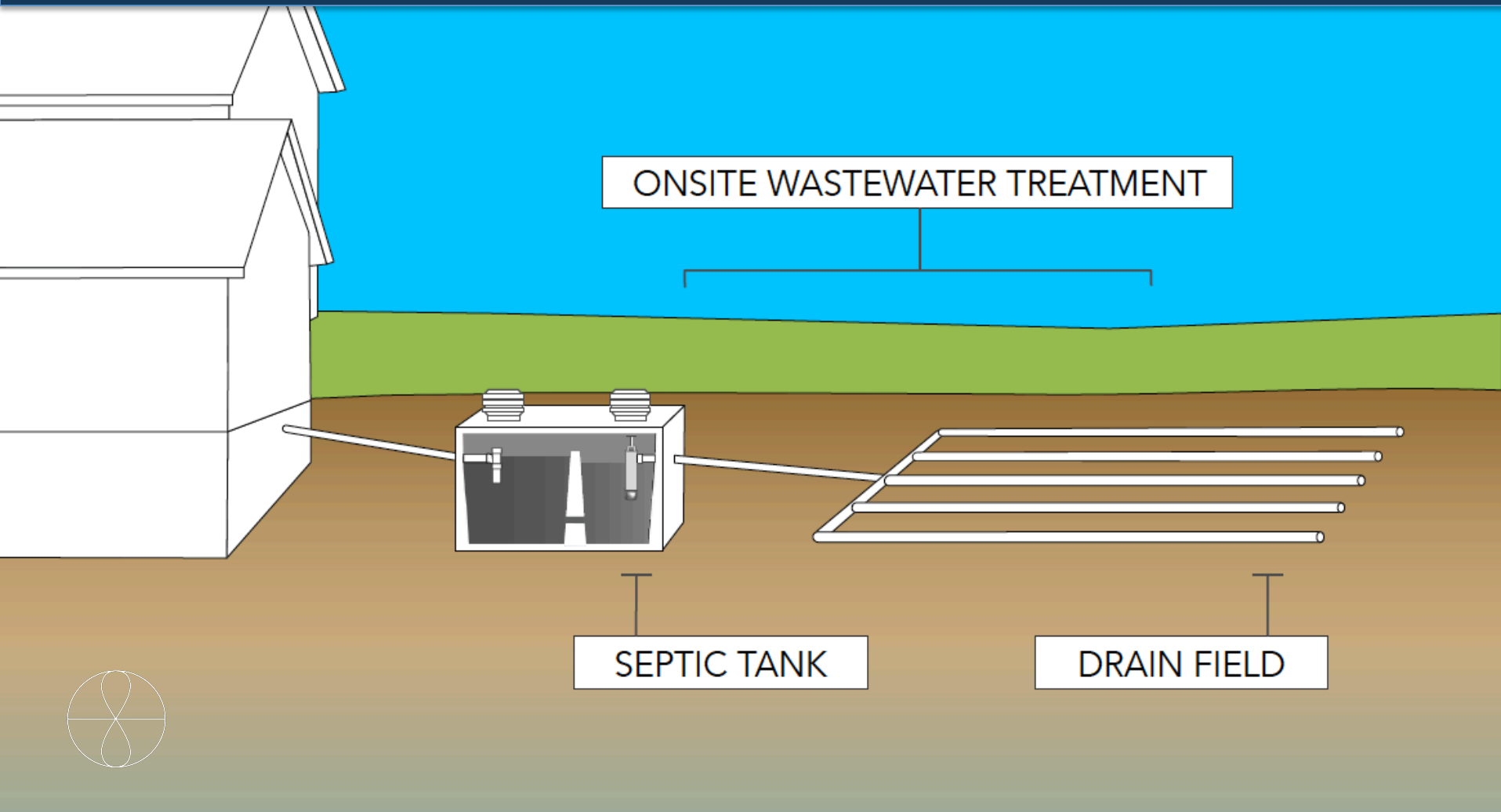
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BEST PRACTICES: WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM INSPECTIONS

1. What is a Wastewater Treatment System?
2. Green Infrastructure
3. Stewardship and Onsite Responsibility
4. Onsite Disposal vs. Onsite Wastewater Treatment
5. Verification of Maintenance and Operation
6. Mandatory and Discretionary Programs
7. Review of Phase 1 and Phase 2
8. OOWA Best Practices: Levels of Inspection
9. Inspector Qualifications
10. Questions and Answers

WHAT IS A WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM?



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Onsite wastewater treatment systems are GREEN infrastructure!

- Small (but flexible) Footprint
- Site Specific Design
- Sustainable and low impact infrastructure
- Decentralized Systems = Decentralized Responsibility
- Reclamation Potential
- Compatibility with local ecological water systems and watersheds

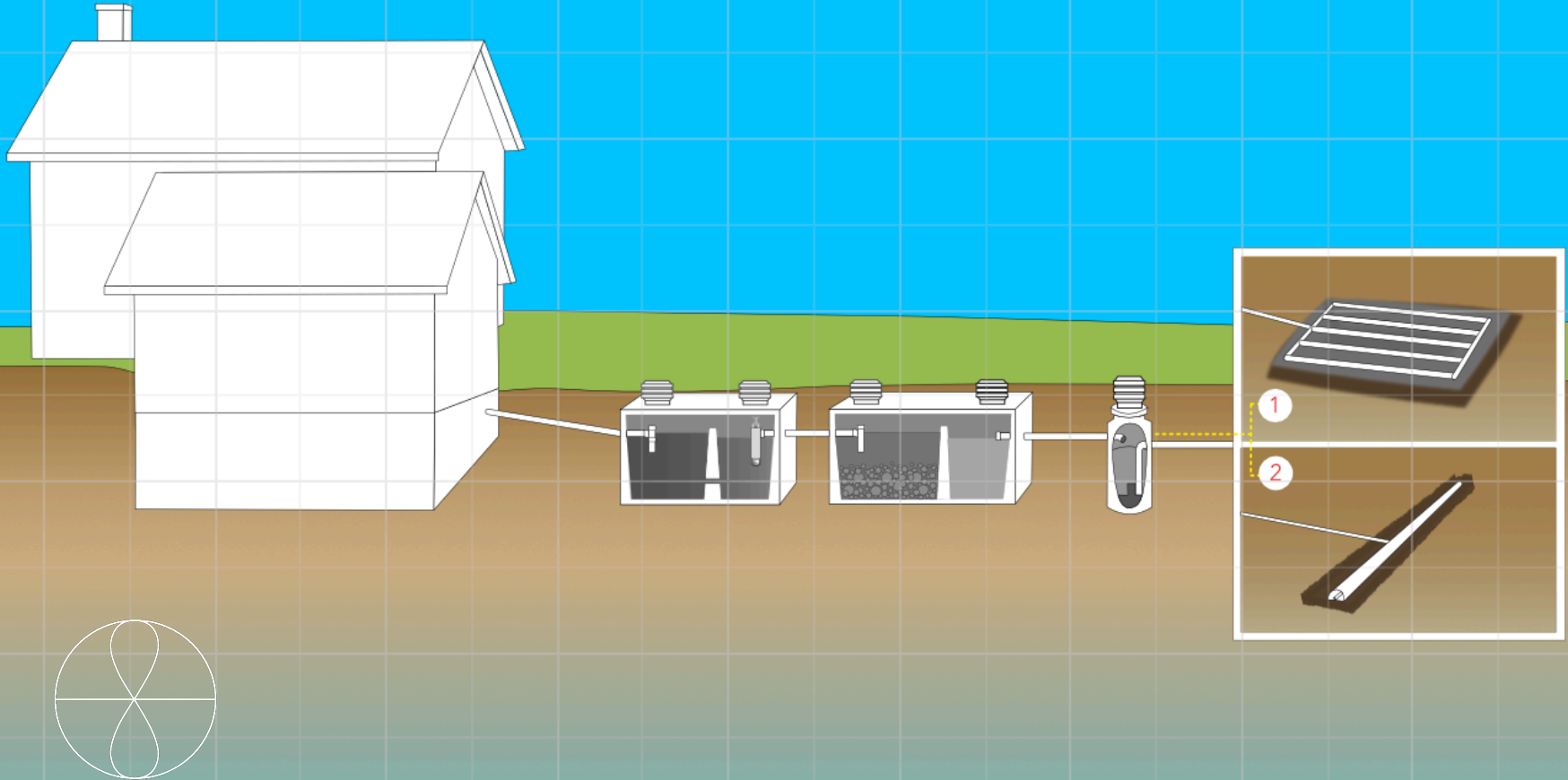
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ONSITE INFRASTRUCTURE ?



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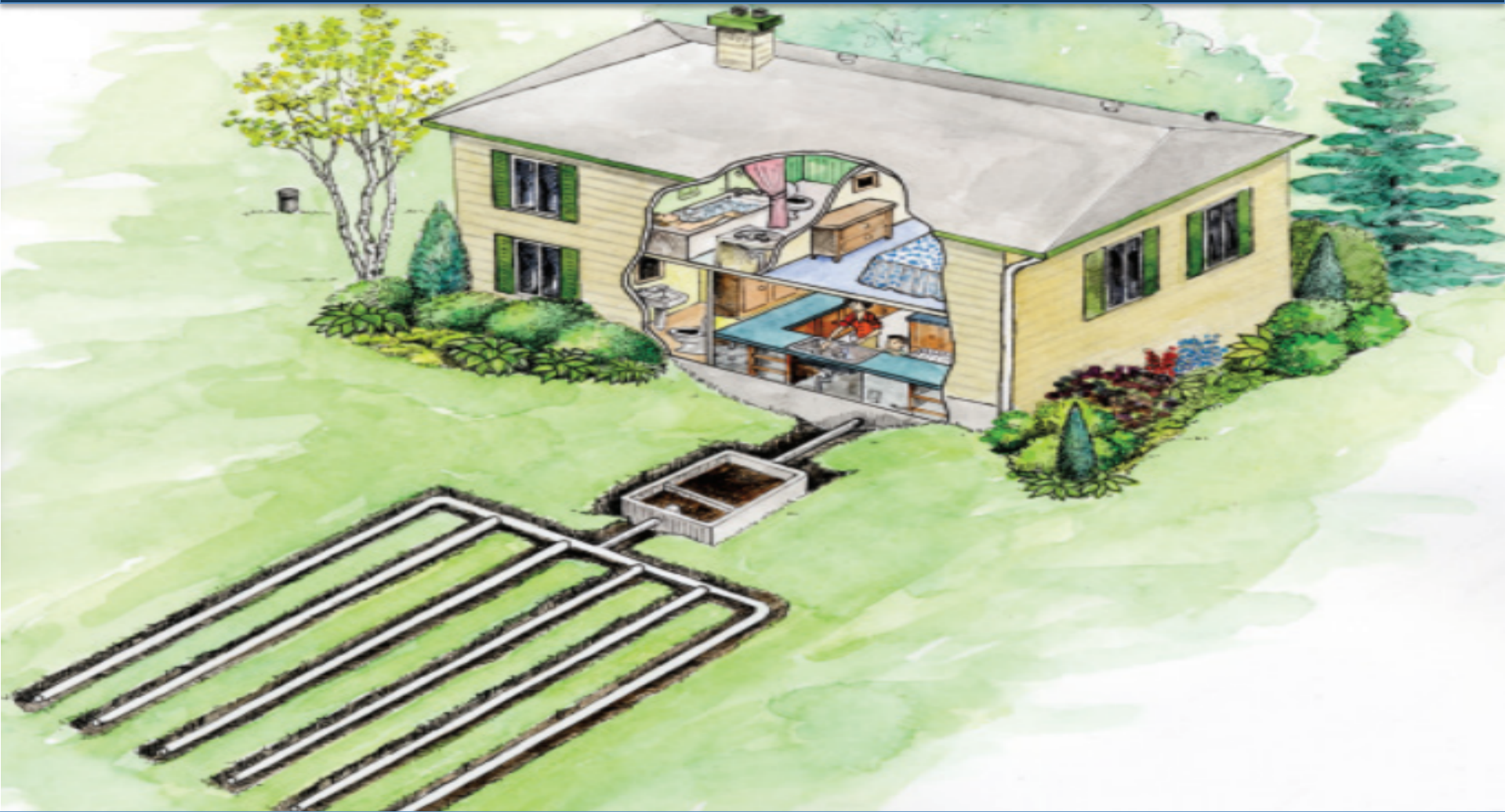


STEWARDSHIP AND ONSITE RESPONSIBILITY

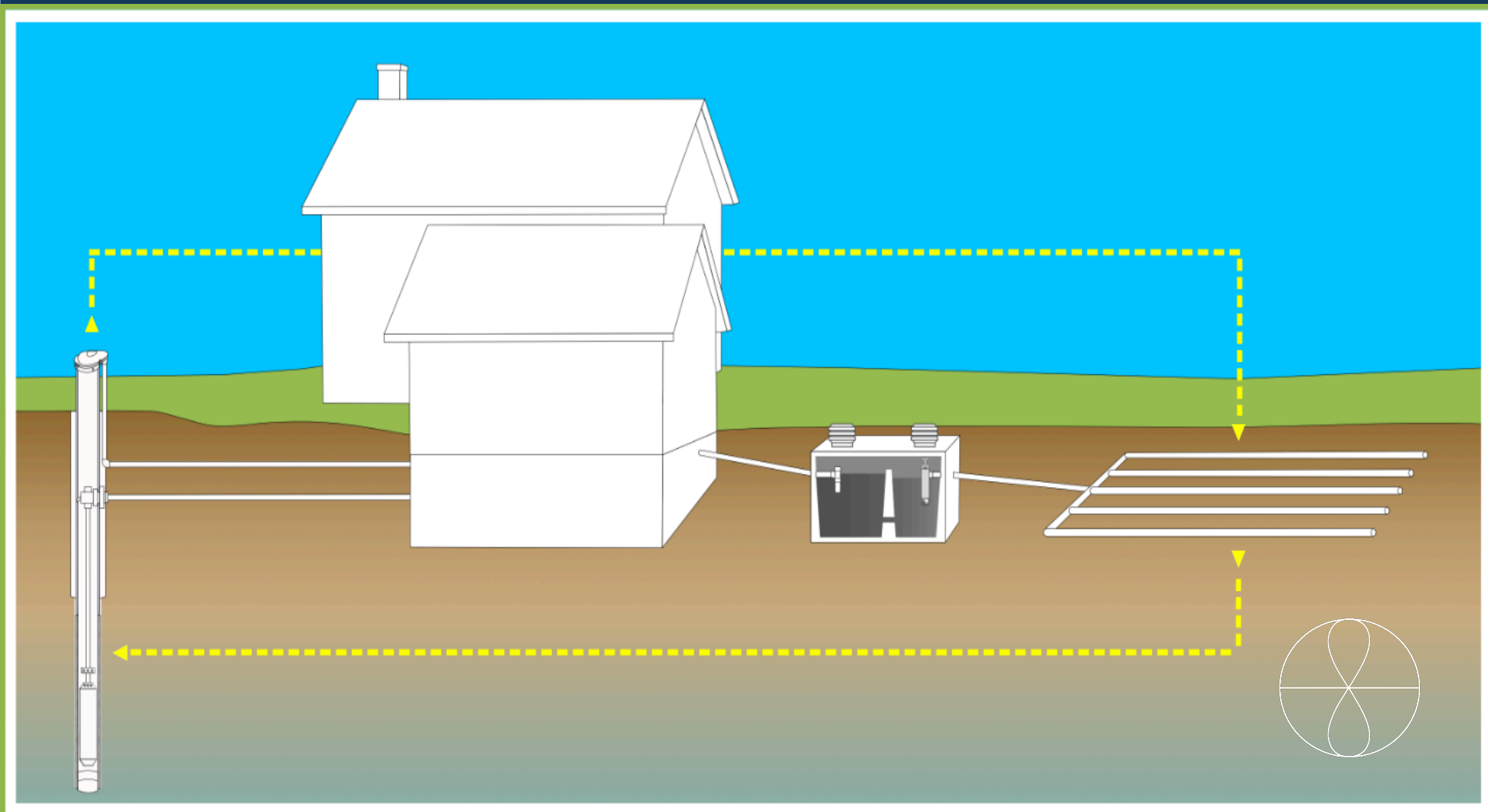
Stewardship and Onsite Responsibility go Hand-in-Hand

- Collective Impact
- Awareness
- Education
- Individual Responsibility

ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL?!



ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT



VERIFICATION OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

Maintenance and Operation are KEY to protecting the environment, public health, and our investments

- Extends the Functional Lifespan of the System
- Generates Awareness and Understanding
- Protects the Value of your System = Protects your Property's Value
- Is the Right Thing to Do

REMEMBER YOUR WHY



IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO...

On-Site Sewage System Maintenance Inspections

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MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS

- What is the Intent?
- What are they really about?
- What are we trying to determine?
- Why do they matter?

REVIEW OF PHASE 1 & PHASE 2

The purpose of the Phase I Maintenance Inspections is to:

- a) Obtain the most recent information on the system, as well as the size of the building and the number of fixtures and bedrooms that it is servicing;
- b) Locate the sewage system's components;
- c) Identify any obvious or outward signs of malfunction or failure; and
- d) Identify systems that are at risk of malfunction or failure.

REVIEW OF PHASE 1 & PHASE 2

Phase II Follow-up Maintenance Inspections:

It may be appropriate to undertake more intensive follow-up maintenance inspections where:

- a) The Phase I maintenance inspection has identified that the septic system is at risk of future malfunction or failure, or
- b) The Phase I inspection detected a malfunction or failure, but did not reveal the reason (e.g., location or nature) of malfunction or failure.

OOWA BEST PRACTICES: LEVELS OF INSPECTION

Inspection Categories	
Inspection Level	General Description
Level 1	Research + Visual + Access Septic Tank + Load Test + Dye Test
Level 2	Research + Visual + Access Septic Tank Research + Visual + Access Septic Tank + Load Test + Dye Test + Sewer Camera
Level 3	Research + Visual + Access Septic Tank + Load Test + Dye Test + Sewer Camera + Soil Inspection + Excavate Cross Section



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QUESTIONS?



Thank You!

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