

CONGRATULATIONS

Public Works is pleased to announce the promotion of **Harold Clarke** to **Assistant Director of Public Works, Water Pollution Control Division.**

A professional civil engineer, Harry has been Chief Operator at the treatment plant for four years.

As Assistant Director, Harry will be responsible for the entire Public Works Water Pollution Control Division.

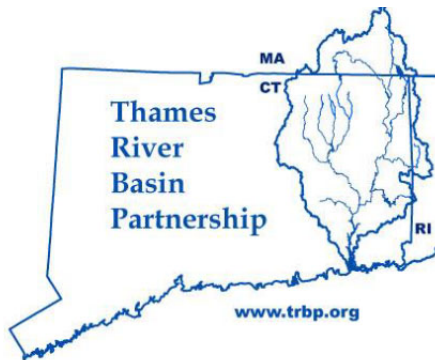
This includes a collection system of 136 miles of sanitary sewer lines, 22 pump stations, 2500 manholes, plus the treatment plant.

Wastewater is delivered through the system to the secondary treatment facility or 'plant' at 170 Gary Court. Nearly a billion gallons of waste water is processed each year. The result: fully clean water, called 'effluent,' is discharged into the Thames River (noted at right). Harry brings deep experience in Plant Operations and Site Planning & Design.

TRI-STATE APPROACH

Groton is a proud partner in the **Thames River Basin Partnership (TRBP)**, a cooperative voluntary effort to share resources and develop a regional approach to protection of the Thames River Watershed. Though Groton Town has only a small portion of Thames River frontage, the watershed extends inland to include portions of Town and all of the western edge of the City.

Meanwhile, the entire watershed reaches into Massachusetts and Rhode Island (as shown) and includes the Five Mile, French, Moosup, Natchaug, Pachaug, Quinebaug, Shetucket, Willimantic, and Yantic Rivers.



The Thames is one of CT's impaired rivers. The TRBP is open to the public and made up of agencies, towns, non-profits, educational institutions, residents, & businesses. It is run by the Eastern CT Conservation District and The Last Green Valley.

Public Notice

The 30-day public comment period for the annual Town Stormwater Management Report or MS4 Review will begin Feb 12. Find it at www.groton-ct.com on our stormwater page and send questions to PWD Project Mgmt. Specialist Michelle Maitland at (860) 448-4544 or mmaitland@groton-ct.gov



SPEAKING OF STORM DRAINS...

Help prevent local flooding by taking care NOT to cover catch basins when clearing your driveway or sidewalk. To go the extra mile, partly clear a nearby drain. But don't overexert yourself - take breaks & know your limits. Complete clearing isn't needed. Once a drain is partially exposed, water flow & gravity do the rest.

DID YOU KNOW?

Anything entering storm drains flows unfiltered directly to lakes, streams, and wetlands. So keep it clean! Consider using plain non-clay kitty litter or light sand for traction.



Dr. Raymond Johnson of Prospect Hill Road called to convey thanks to Dept. Head Greg Hanover on the **"outstanding job"** of **SNOW REMOVAL** by the Roads crew. The kind doctor saw them working all hours in the cold "while I sat safe & warm inside" and he didn't want it to go without mention. Thanks to Raymond for calling!