

## What Is the SSCP?

On March 3, 2015 the Augusta Commission approved a voluntary sanitary sewer connection program (SSCP). The purpose of this program is to:

- **PREVENT** many common problems associated with failing Septic Tank Systems (STSs)
- **PROMOTE** the connection to the sanitary sewer system
- **PROTECT** our local waterways and environment

For those properties that qualify, a \$10.00 connection fee will be charged prior to the completion of the connection to the sanitary sewer system. After connection the customer will be billed a monthly sewer charge that will be added to their existing water account.

The maximum monthly sewer bill is recalculated each April based on the average of your December, January and February water consumption. The actual sewer bill will be based on the lesser of actual water consumption or the winter average.

For more information on this program please go to our webpage at [www.augustaga.gov/2075/Sanitary-Sewer-Connection-Program-SSCP](http://www.augustaga.gov/2075/Sanitary-Sewer-Connection-Program-SSCP) or contact a member of our SSCP team at 706-312-4154.

## Connection Benefits

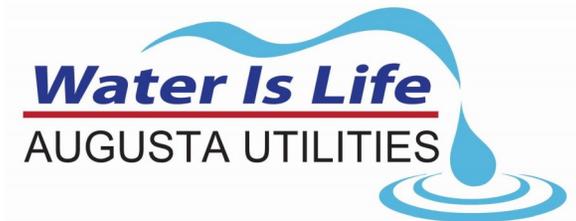
### Why Connect through the SSCP?

- You have only to pay \$10 to connect, saving you initial connection costs
- Cost savings over routine operating cost of an onsite Septic Tank System (STS)
- Cost savings over replacing or updating the STS to meet current standards
- No worries about STS failure
- Reduced occurrence of foul septic odors
- Elimination of dampness and/or seepage from STS
- Reduced risks to public health; fewer disease carrying mosquitoes
- Cleaner waterways & local environment



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## WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU AGREE TO CONNECT

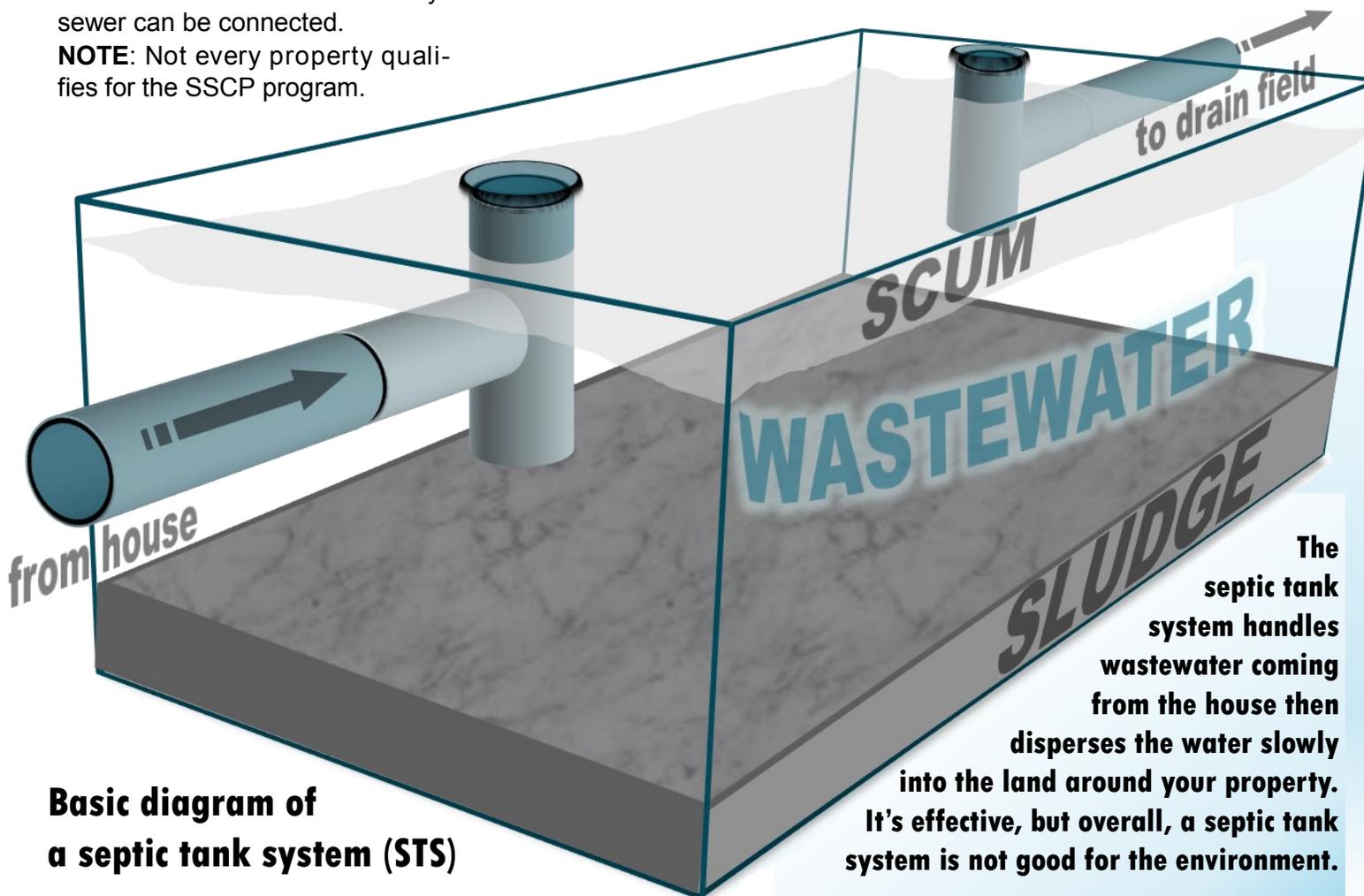
- ◆ We will send the paperwork to the owner to complete and return to the City of Augusta. This paperwork will allow onto the property those who will inspect and do the work.
- ◆ City workers will come to prepare and determine whether or not city sewer can be connected.

**NOTE:** Not every property qualifies for the SSCP program.

- ◆ If the property can be connected and all paperwork is complete and the \$10 fee is paid, the City will obtain legal approvals.
- ◆ Once approved the work to be done will go out to contracted plumbers to bid.
- ◆ The contracted plumber will arrange with the customer to do the work.

### Please Bear in Mind

This process can take months from start to finish. Many things can disqualify a property from the program. So sending back the paperwork does not guarantee acceptance into the program. If you withdraw or are disqualified from participating in the program, your \$10 fee will be returned.



- ◆ The contracted plumber will dig up and break apart the old septic tank and fill it in, install necessary pipes to tie-in to the City sewer system and repair the disturbed lawn.
- ◆ The City will arrange an inspection of the work done and obtain your sign-off that the work was done to your satisfaction.
- ◆ None of the above services to you will cost you anything except the \$10 connection fee.
- ◆ The work is guaranteed for a year after the installation of the sewer connection.

**The septic tank system handles wastewater coming from the house then disperses the water slowly into the land around your property. It's effective, but overall, a septic tank system is not good for the environment.**