

Quilcene Wastewater Feasibility Study

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Thank you for your continued interest in the Quilcene Community Septic Feasibility Study, led by the Port of Port Townsend. Project information can be found online at [the Port of Port Townsend's website](#).

As a reminder, the Port of Port Townsend has hired Tetra Tech, Inc., and associated partners to:

- assess community interest in a community septic system
- identify the support and concerns for such a system
- identify the elements that define a community septic system (likely a large on-site septic system, drainfield, and sewage collection system) to a community such as Quilcene
- provide an estimate of what the costs might be
- consider how such a system could be paid for and what individual establishments and structures that tie into a system might have to pay

Update:

In December 2016, Dave Jensen, of Jensen Engineering, Inc., and a member of the Tetra Tech team, assessed prospective drainfield sites in Quilcene. Jensen Engineering explored two locations by digging soil test pits. One of these locations was deemed not feasible for a community septic system due to a high water table. The other location has the type of soils that are feasible for on-site sewage disposal. Dave Jensen also worked with two additional property owners, reviewing existing permit applications they had done on potential drainfield sites on their property.

Tetra Tech is now developing and evaluating alternatives for the collection and on-site treatment systems that would work with the candidate drainfield sites. Tetra Tech is also coordinating with additional property owners who may be interested in hosting components of a community septic system on their land, and who have existing permit applications for potential drainfields on their properties.

Next Steps:

March- April	The team will refine the recommended alternative, developing a site plan and a cost estimate.
April- June	The team will research funding options and financial impacts.
May or June	In addition to ongoing public outreach, the team plans to hold a public open house. The timing has not yet been determined, and depends on the progress of the finance and design alternatives. We will notify the community through the email list, the project website, and the signboard at the community center
July or August	Smaller meeting. The team plans to hold a smaller invited coffee

	chat to discuss next steps and actions.
September-October	The team will write the final report and provide it to the community.

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