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Protecting Maine's Air, Land and Water

Where will the money come from?

Maine

- 161 POTWs.
- 41 Satellite Sewer Systems.
- Wastewater Infrastructure Needs:
= \$1 billion
- \$100 million per year.



Sources of Funding

- CWSRF Loans & Principle Forgiveness
- USDA Rural Development Grant and Loans
- Community Development Block Grants
- State Grants



Most of Maine is a small town

- 14% < 1,000 population
- 47% < 2,500 population
- 61% < 5,000 population

- 70% < MHI \$50,000

- Need grants to keep rates affordable.



Bonding

- State grants through bonds approved by legislature and voters.
- Process is very time consuming.
- Multiple competing needs and budget politics makes outcome uncertain.



Hopes and Dreams



Sustainable Wastewater Funding

Dedicated and sustainable source of funding adequate to meet the long term needs of Maine's wastewater infrastructure.



New Legislation

- *LD 347 - An Act To Provide Sustainable Funding for Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure"*
- Second try. In 2009 a similar bill created three empty funds, but no money.

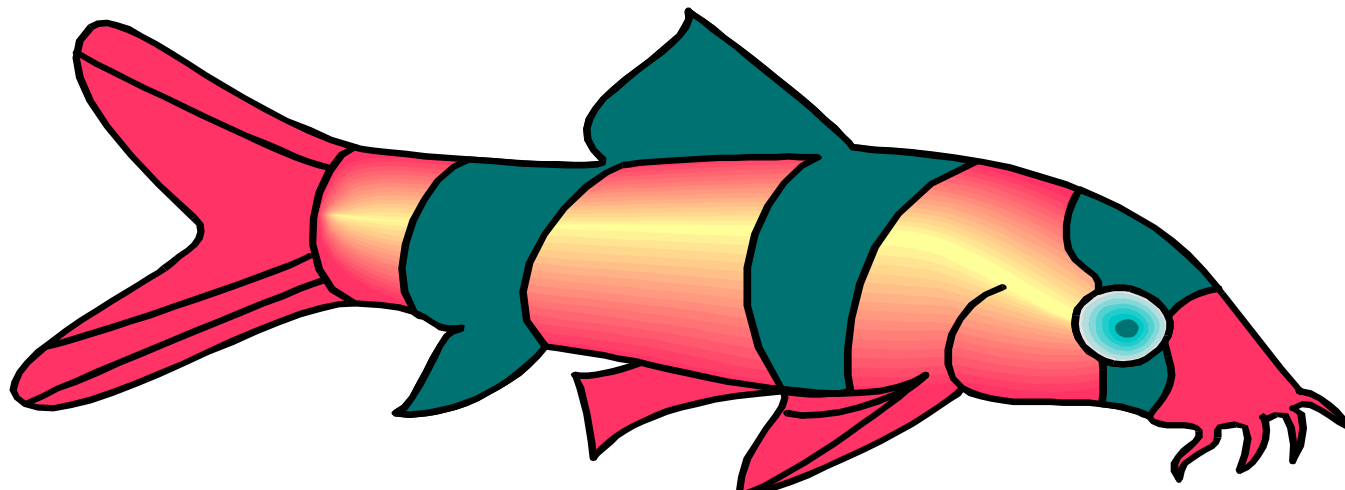


MeWEA

- This process was initiated by, and is being led by, the MeWEA.
- Maine is fortunate to have an engaged and visionary wastewater association.



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Thank you!



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