

## **Walsh Wastewater Plan Raises Alarm Over Drinking Water and Costs**

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Dear Editor,

The wastewater plan presented for the Walsh development relies on a study that prioritizes protecting Provincetown's water supply while disregarding the private wells of Truro's own residents. Locating a treatment plant at Truro Central School, the town will effectively dump thousands of gallons of wastewater each day into groundwater that flows directly toward existing homes and western beaches.

Beyond the immediate risks of nitrogen, PFAS, and pharmaceuticals entering our drinking water, there is a staggering lack of transparency regarding the fiscal impact of such a project.

We have no clear indication of the total capital costs or the long-term tax burden this will place on Truro taxpayers. Moving forward without a concrete financial plan—or a strategy for securing future pristine water sources and then disposing of its wastewater—is fiscally irresponsible.

The town must pause and hold public hearings to address these foundational questions of water quality and taxpayer cost. We deserve information, not just empty complaints about misinformation. We deserve to know exactly what this will cost us—both in our wallets and at our taps—before any further action is taken.

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