

A vertical wooden post stands in a field of green foliage. At the top of the post is a white sign with black text. Below the sign, a white cylindrical sensor is mounted on the post, pointing horizontally to the left. The background is filled with dense green leaves and branches.

SEWAGE  
SUCTION  
LINE

The Future of Reporting

# Three most commonly asked questions by providers?

1. **What's wrong with the old way?**
2. **So we're supposed to do your job  
and fail systems for you?**
3. **Why do we have to answer these  
questions?!**

Short Answer:

“Because \_\_\_\_\_ County said so.”

Politically Correct Answer:

- Tracking program = Consistent elevated business for providers
- Reduce strain on County staff/budget

AND, Counties want to achieve more than tracking pumping



# Types of Tracking Programs

- **Internal Computer Programs**
  - Excel/Access based (developed “In House”)
  - Records entered by staff and/or online
- **Web Based/Vendor Developed**
  - Allow real-time viewing of permits/pumping
  - Servicing reported online
  - **Most efficient method of tracking**

Developers highlighted: Transcendent, Carmody

# Marathon/Lincoln Counties Sanitary Pumping System



**Main Menu**

**User:** ZADAD1 / **Group:** Conservation, Planning & Zoning  
Tuesday, February 24, 2015

**Notice: (08/04/2014)**

The Date Picker on the "Add Event" page has been updated; just click the text box.

|                        |          |          |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| <b>Enter Permit:</b>   | Marathon | Lincoln  |
| <b>Find Permit:</b>    | Marathon | Lincoln  |
| <b>Search Address:</b> | Marathon | Lincoln  |
| <b>Recent Entries:</b> | Marathon | Lincoln  |
| <b>Account:</b>        | Details  | Password |
| <b>Tools:</b>          | Logout   | Help     |

# Marathon County Website

Developed by County

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>PERMIT:</b>   | #20100025   |   |
| <b>PUMP DATE:</b>  | <input type="text" value="02/24/2015"/>   |   |
| <b>VOLUME:</b>   | <input type="text"/>  | Gallons (Whole numeric value only)                    |
| <b>CONFIRM:</b>  | The tank(s) appear to be in good condition.   | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input type="radio"/> No |
|  | All tank access openings (manholes) were locked or below grade.                                       | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input type="radio"/> No |
|  | Sewage, wastewater or effluents from this POWTS were discharging to or ponding on the ground surface. | <input type="radio"/> Yes<br><input type="radio"/> No |
| <input type="button" value="Cancel"/> <input type="button" value="Reset"/> <input type="button" value="Submit"/> |   |   |

# Paper Cards

- Same general info as Marathon County website
  - Date pumped/inspected
  - Tank condition
  - Locked accesses/openings
  - Discharging to ground surface
  - Providers information

*Return this portion with appropriate signature.*

Owner Name XXXXXXXXXX County ID# 1998 513

Site Address 310 PINE ISLAND LN PIN # 281-2807-135-1021

On (date) \_\_\_\_\_ septic tank(s) on this property was pumped, the filter (if present) was cleaned, and the POWTS was visually inspected.

I confirm that on that date:

The tank(s) appear to be in good condition.  Yes  No

All tank access openings (manholes) were locked or below grade.  Yes  No

Sewage, wastewater or effluents from this POWTS were discharging to or ponding on the ground surface.  Yes  No

Pumper's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ License # \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the Marathon County CPZ Department within 30 days of maintenance.



# Carmody

Septic/Holding Tank Gallons Pumped:

1000

Total Gallons Pumped:

1000

| Last Report Dates |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Inspection:       | <i>None Filed</i> |
| Maintenance:      | <i>None Filed</i> |
| Pump:             | 5/19/2014         |

| Lid Depth                   |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Septic Tank:                |  |
| Lift Tank / Siphon Chamber: |  |
| Aeration Unit:              |  |

## Conventional (Non-Pressurized) Questions

Is Wastewater or effluent ponding on the surface of the ground:

Yes  No

*In use by Bayfield, Door, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, and Wood Counties*

| Septic Tank -   | True                  | False                 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| **System was discharging to ground surface at arrival.    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| **Tank(s) were structurally sound and watertight.         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| **Inlet and outlet baffles present and in good condition. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| **Manhole cover(s)/access was above grade.                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| If true, effective locking device was present.            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| **Risers cracked or shifted.                              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| **Site where septage was disposed?                        | <input type="text"/>  |                       |

**KEY:** Not the amount of questions, but that alerts are generated!

# Truths about Requiring Questions

- No purpose to questions if no alerts/prompts
  - NO staff member can go through all reports
- Honesty of reporting is PARAMOUNT

Questions = Prioritized enforcement & resource preservation!



# IN THE END...

Providers must use the online reporting methods

-OR-

Cease pumping in Counties that require online reporting