

Social Impacts

1. Will the new water treatment plant contribute to noise and light pollution for the neighbors surrounding the Stearns Meadow property?

Abutter impacts will be a significant part of the site configuration as design progresses. Strategic site configuration and screening via plantings will be used to minimize noise and light pollution. The majority of activity on the site will be conducted during normal business hours.

2. What is the plan for stormwater management?

The project will comply with State and Local stormwater regulations, including the preference for low impact development stormwater management. Stormwater design will be subject to approval of the Town's Planning Board.

3. Will the new residuals lagoons contribute to an increase in the mosquito population?

The residuals lagoons and stormwater retention ponds are much smaller than the Tack Factory Pond and the Reservoir adjacent to the Stearns Meadow site. The lagoons are not expected to change the existing mosquito population in the area.

4. How will increased traffic on Route 3A due to the new water treatment plant be mitigated?

Throughout the design process, the design team will work closely with Scituate's Planning Board and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) to minimize the effect of the increased traffic on Route 3A. The safety of all residents and vehicles remains the highest importance. Additional information on traffic safety will be provided prior to the July 13th public meeting.

5. Will there be plantings used to shield the neighbors from the activity at the new water treatment plant?

Plantings and other shielding techniques will be incorporated into the design. These will be detailed and reviewed with the Planning Board as part of the future permitting efforts.