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Dear Lake George Landowner,

We are contacting you because according to our records, we have not received a response to our two previous contacts regarding the Town of Lake George Septic Initiative Program. To remind you of the Program, the Town Board instituted a Septic Initiative Program in May 2013 to catalogue, inventory and inspect existing on-site wastewater treatment systems, or septic systems, in the Town which lie within 500 feet of Lake George and within 100 feet of its tributaries. Aged, improper functioning or poorly maintained systems are a concern of the Town to protect the health and safety of Town residents, prevent decline to property values and reduce negative impacts to water quality, which is the base of the local tourism economy.

The Town Board has been fortunate to acquire NYS Department of Environmental Conservation grant funding necessary to assist in the development of an inventory database that will prioritize future actions on this critical issue. You will find within this mailer a Findings Worksheet that will assist you, the property owner, as well as town staff and our grant administrator with identifying the type, location and potential functionality of your existing system. This information will be combined with existing information that has been obtained by staff from files here at the town. If the system is unknown, please check the unknown box. One can either mail the Findings Worksheet back to the Planning Office or drop the form off anytime during business hours.

As part of this inventory process, Town staff from the Planning and Zoning office and/or our grant administrator will then potentially visit each site within the initiative area which may not have information on their current system in order to determine the condition and location of your on-site wastewater system.

Your assistance and participation will greatly benefit the Program as we seek potential grant funding to assist property owners with system maintenance and/or upgrades. At this point in time, the town is in the process of information gathering and will contact you in the near future to potentially set up an inspection as mentioned above; I anticipate scheduling inspections in August for all properties. If any questions or concerns arise as a result of the initiative, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Thank you for your anticipated attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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