



Visual inspection of septic systems and summary characterization of riverbank strips for 2023

During the summer of 2023, a program of visual inspections of septic systems and summary characterization of riverbank strips will be deployed by the Municipality of Harrington.

Environmental officers will carry out these inventories. They will crisscross the territory of the municipality until the end of August 2023 to meet you and collect certain information and to take photos of the land, septic systems and riverbank strips.

This project, coordinated by the Red, Petite Nation and Salmon River Watershed Organization (OBV RPNS), is intended to complement the work of the municipality which aims to apply the R.R.Q., Q-2, r.22. that is, the Regulation respecting the disposal and treatment of wastewater for isolated dwellings (R.R.Q., Q-2, r. 22).

The project aims to:

- o Promote the development of local and regional expertise for the monitoring and characterization of individual septic systems;
- o Provide support for the characterization and collection of information on individual septic systems targeted by the participating municipality.

Wastewater treatment is a fundamental element to consider in order to minimize phosphorus inputs into a watershed. An adequate and compliant wastewater treatment system for isolated residences (septic system) can effectively treat bacteria and partly the phosphorus present in wastewater.

As for riverbank vegetation, it contributes to the maintenance and protection of aquatic ecosystems by slowing soil erosion, keeping water temperature stable, retaining contaminants transported by runoff water and providing food and habitat to a diversity of aquatic and terrestrial organisms. It is therefore essential to preserve the natural state of the riparian strips.