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The Halifax Board of Health is convinced that the major portion of treatment of the effluent in traditional septic systems occurs in the leaching area. Even in Alternative/Innovative systems, the leaching area is more than a disposal area. It is still providing treatment and it is still providing the time and space for the treated effluent to percolate down through the soil. With these environmental protection concerns in mind, be aware of the following when designing septic systems for Halifax:

- The Halifax Board of Health has, for many years, had a policy of requiring maximum feasibility compliance regarding the full amount of square footage for the Soil Absorption System (SAS). When it is not feasible to provide the full square footage, please explain and/or document the reason(s) why.
- If there is a request for a variance in distance to groundwater or a reduction in square footage in the SAS, be advised that the Halifax Board of Health would consider granting a reduction in distance to groundwater before a reduction in square footage of the SAS.
- When seeking ways to provide room for the SAS, be advised that the Halifax Board of Health would consider granting reductions to property lines, rather than a reduction in square footage of the SAS.

Halifax Board of Health

Signed on this day of December 5th, 2007

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