Creative Engineering for Onsite Coastal Properties

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THE BACKGROUND-WHY?

- ▶ Vacation Rentals
- ► Wide fluctuation in flow
- Limited land availability
- ► Challenging soils
- Seasonal high-water table



SOLUTIONS

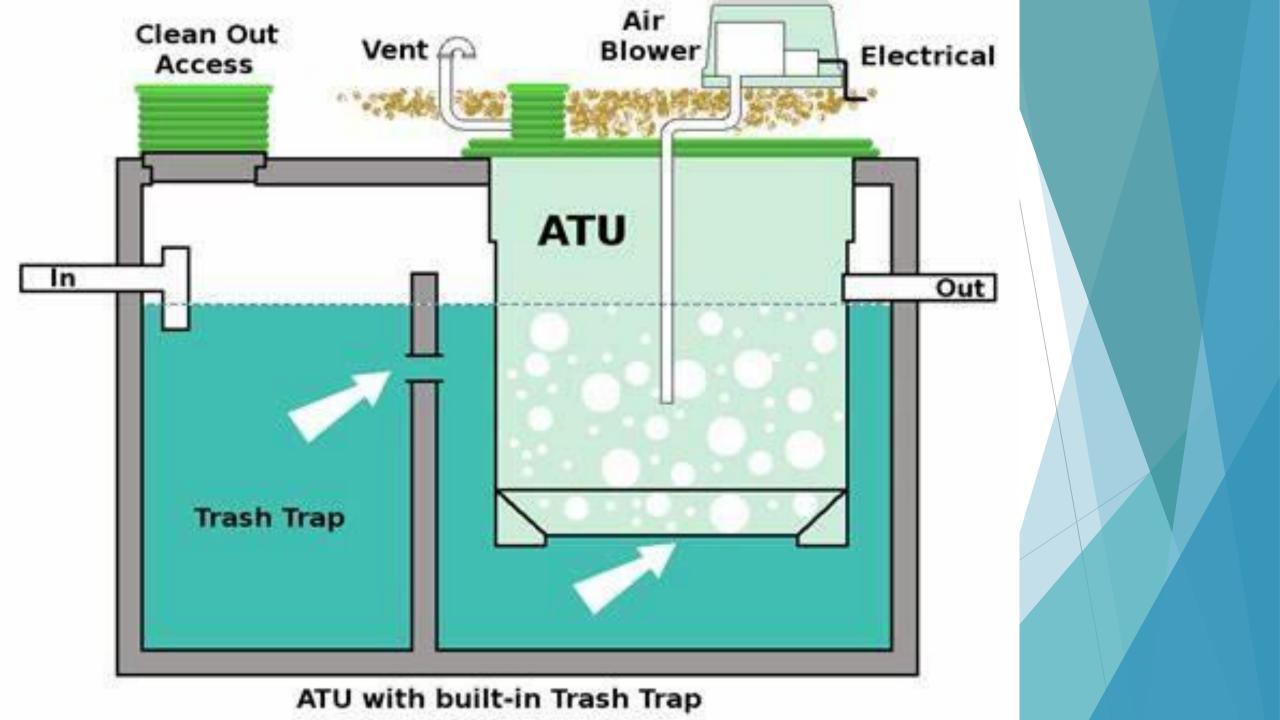
- ► Leveraging regulations
- Utilizing different types of technology
- ► Treatment products
- Disposal products
- ► Good engineering practice

USEFUL TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES

- ► ATU -- Aerobic Treatment Unit
- ► Recirculating Media Filter
- ▶ Other treatment technologies



RECIRCULATING MEDIA FILTER



USEFUL DISPOSAL TECHNOLOGIES

- ► Prefabricated, Permeable, Block Panel System
- ► Inground Sand Filter
- Geosynthetic Aggregate Technology
- ▶ Chambers
- ► LPP in Bed System
- Sand Lined Trench
- Subsurface Drip System





SAND-LINED TRENCH

BED SYSTEM



GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICE

- ► Good engineering practice can help overcome the challenges presented at the coast
- Examples include stacking treatment pods on top of tanks and creating structures to hide wastewater construction
- Incorporate an Engineered Flow Reduction into design



EXAMPLE 1COASTAL SINGLEFAMILY DWELLING

Emerald Isle, North Carolina



WHY WAS IT DIFFICULT?

- Existing dwelling
- ▶ 6-bedroom house
- ► Limited space
- Existing pool

WHAT DID WE DO?

- ▶ Used the limited land available with prefabricated, permeable, block panel system to reduce drain field area by half
- ▶ Utilized regulations that "grandfathered" the site to be repair exempt









EXAMPLE 2-COASTAL SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

Emerald Isle, North Carolina

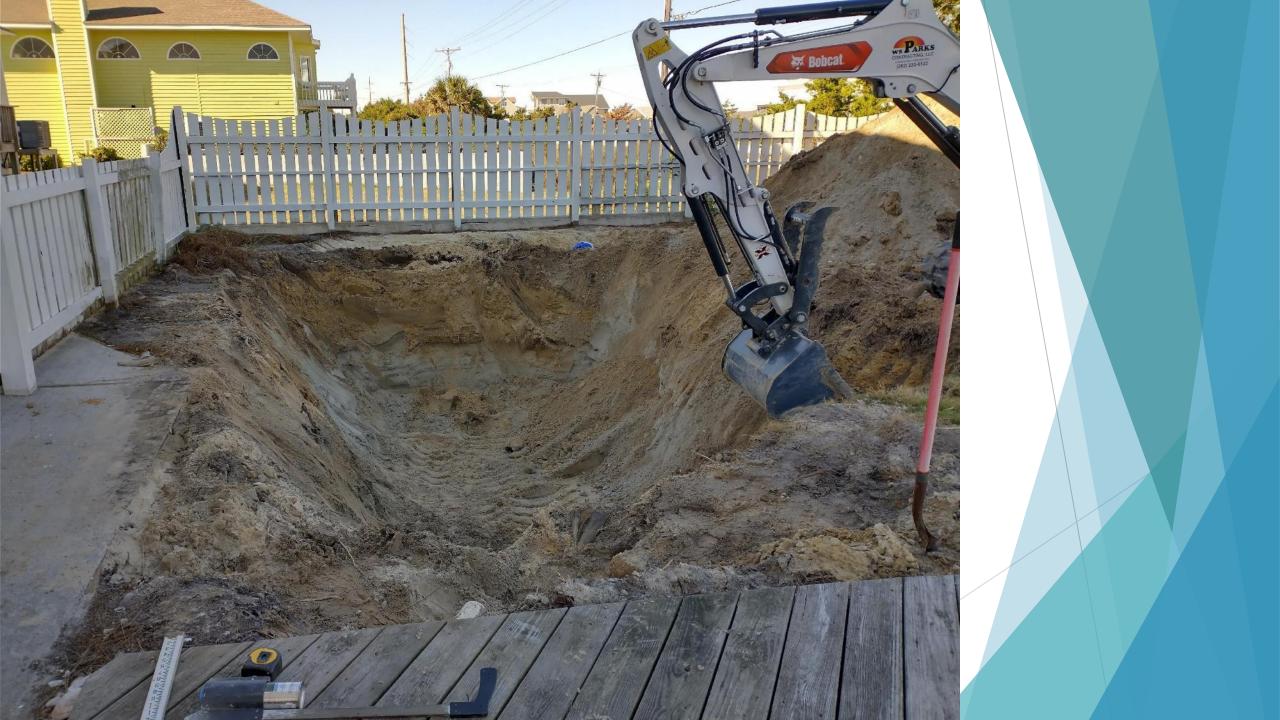


WHY WAS IT DIFFICULT?

- Proposed 8-bedroom dwelling
- ► Limited space
- Existing pool

WHAT DID WE DO?

- ► Leveraged regulations
- Stacked pods,
- ▶ Used TS-II pretreatment





COASTAL GROCERY STORE

Topsail Beach, North Carolina





WHY WAS IT DIFFICULT?

- ► Retail Convenience Store & Apartments
- ► Large Total Flow

WHAT DID WE DO?

- ► Incorporated a flow reduction into design
- ▶ Used LPP in a bed system to maximize area







ON-GOING COASTAL RESORT PROJECT

Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina



WHAT IS THE GOAL?

- Repair an existing system
- ► Reduce drain field area required







QUESTIONS?

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