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North Stamford Concerned Citizens for the Environment

North Stamford Drinking Water Contamination Board of Finance factsheet



Scofieldtown landfill storm drain releasing into Poorhouse Brook. NSCCE 2009

Even after months of activity, there remains a potentially massive liability that is unexplored and unquantified.

The recent TRC study of the Scofieldtown Road Landfill suggested that dangerous pesticide contamination is not emanating from the former dump – that another source or sources are to blame.

Earlier this year, area residents located an undisclosed dump site behind Scofield Manor. Scattered among several empty chemical drums was a 1950s-era vehicle owned by “Sunset Home,” half-buried in an embankment next to a wetlands area. Several cans and bags of banned pesticides were found in a shed that had not been maintained or inspected in over two decades. There has been no comprehensive study of soil contamination at Scofield Manor, including septic fields currently in use or now abandoned, despite repeated anecdotal reports of granular chlorine and pesticides that were used by the truckload. A resident noticed that Scofield Manor’s drinking water well, not used for decades, still appears to be cross-connected to Aquarion’s water mains, and not abandoned as required by state health codes.

North Stamford represents roughly \$5 billion of Stamford’s \$24 billion Grand List. Failure to address this public health issue could cause irreparable harm to the ability of residents to sell, and prospective home owners to buy property with confidence. This in turn could have a severe impact on the Grand List, and the City’s ability to collect needed revenues.

North Stamford Concerned Citizens for the Environment (NSCCE) strongly urges the Stamford Board of Finance to understand public health dangers that are posed by this problem. It is not sufficient to remove a barrel here, and apply a band-aid there. We urge the Board of Finance to find the political will to solve this problem in a comprehensive manner, once and for all.

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