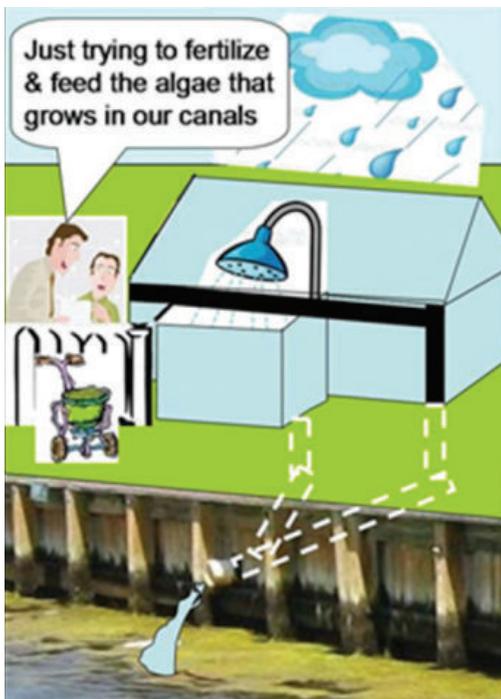


Attention Homeowners in South Bethany With Canal Property

The Future Water Quality of Our Canals is **At Risk.**



As a homeowner residing adjacent to one of our beautiful South Bethany canals, you already know what an important asset this five-mile network of canals is to you and to our town. It is the very reason many of us purchased homes here and why many visitors rent here. It is a winning combination to have recreational use of the canals and our ocean and beaches. Like the condition of our beaches, the future health and well-being of our canal system impacts the property values of all homeowners in South Bethany.

Over the years, the South Bethany Canal Water Quality Committee has been working diligently to improve our canal waters so we can retain this very important asset and perhaps even one day return the canals to their original "fishable and swimmable" state. The Committee understands the importance of improving storm water management efforts that reduce the amount of excess nutrients and harmful bacteria from entering our canals. Working in partnership with the Center for the Inland Bays and DNREC, dedicated South Bethany volunteers have conducted much research, obtained grants, explored options and worked hard to accomplish the improvements that have been implemented along the Route 1 corridor. But, we need your help!

Our canals were once "fishable and swimmable." Today, because of storm water runoff from non-porous surfaces like roofs, driveways, patios and roads; and because of outside showers and downspouts that flow directly into our canals, excess nutrients and fecal coliforms (harmful bacteria) are entering and polluting our canals. This leads to blooms of algae that cause fish to depart and makes our canals unsafe for swimming. Thus our canals are no longer "fishable and swimmable." – 69% of the rainwater that falls in South Bethany lands on homeowners lots.

PLEASE HELP IMPROVE OUR FUTURE CANAL WATER QUALITY.



See if you have a pipe(s) in your bulkhead entering the canal



See if your outside shower and/or down spouts flow directly into the canal

If they do, PLEASE DISCONNECT THESE PIPES.

Need help or have questions? Contact George Junkin at 302-541-5340.

THIS ACTION BENEFITS YOU, YOUR PROPERTY VALUE, AND FUTURE SOUTH BETHANY PROPERTY OWNERS.



**South Bethany
Canal Water Quality
Committee**



***We Want to Thank You for Your Cooperation.
When We All Work Together, We Get Results!***

Visit our websites for more information: www.inlandbays.org
www.southbethany.org/canalwaterqualitypdf.php