

### SOME IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS FOR ADDITIONS/RENOVATIONS, ACCESSORY APARTMENTS AND POOLS.

#### I. ON SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM AND WELLS

##### A. Adequacy of the Lot

Before additions, etc. can be approved, an area to repair or expand your septic system must be shown to exist on the property. If soil testing is determined to be necessary, a separate "site evaluation application" must be submitted. A new septic system may not be required if the existing system is functioning adequately, but you must demonstrate the suitability of the site to support a new replacement system in the future if it becomes necessary.

##### B. Adequacy of septic system

The system must be large enough to support its intended use. Information pertaining to septic system size and type must be provided. Often a change in use can overwhelm an inadequate system. Again, soil testing may be needed to determine whether the site has the capability of supporting the intended use.

##### C. Location

The septic system location must be determined before the application can be reviewed to ensure that the system will not be damaged during construction. Also, the planned addition must meet the required separating distance to your septic system and **not** be located in an area that may be utilized as a septic area in the future.

#### II. POOLS AND HOT TUBS

Pool backwash water must not be discharged into household septic systems and must be disposed of in such a way as to prevent nuisance conditions. Septic systems have not been designed to receive large amounts of water from pools or spas.

#### III. REQUIRED SEPARATING DISTANCES

- Building without footing drain to Septic Tank.....10 Feet
- Building without footing drain to Septic Fields.....15 Feet
- Building with footing drain to Septic & Well.....25 Feet
- Above ground pool to septic system .....10 Feet
- In-ground pool to Septic System & Well .....25 Feet
- Accessory Structures with frost wall and no footing drains.....10 Feet
- Accessory Structures no frost wall (Decks, Sheds etc).....5 Feet



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## **Location / Addition Proposal Sketch**

**Please show the location of the existing building septic tank, leaching field, and well relative to the proposed construction.**