

## **Canterwood STEP Association**

**Dear Canterwood STEP Association Member,**

**Since the Fall of 2013, your Board of Directors has been engaged in serious attempts to lower the amount of sewage that we send to the City of Gig Harbor Waste Water Treatment Plant. The plant supervisors have been telling the Board Directors for two years that the STEP Association had to address the amount of ground water intrusion in our system.**

**At this point in time, over 70% of our members have had their septic systems inspected/repaired. It is time to acknowledge the efforts of these members.**

**We recently received the two month bill from the City for sewage for March/April. When we compared it with the bill for January/February, we sent 1278 CCF's less to the City in March and April. This resulted in a savings to the STEP Association of almost \$9500.**

**If you recall, the month of March was the rainiest March on record. Even with record amounts of rain, we lowered the amount of effluent we sent to the City. As we monitor our daily effluent flows, we continue to see a decrease in the volume as more of our members have their septic systems inspected and repaired.**

**We will continue to monitor our volumes over the next four months. If we can maintain the reduced volumes, and we continue saving money, this could translate to a refund and/or a reduction in the bimonthly assessment for members. It is too early to take this action, but we certainly are headed in the right direction.**

**A huge thank you to the 190 members who helped make this possible,**

**Best Wishes,**

**Your board of Directors**