# BAT SEPTIC SYSTEMS AS A NUTRIENT TRADING TOOL



### RecoSept<sup>TM</sup> System (Patented)





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## TN Removal Through the Stages of an OSDS (Septic) System

	Annual Ibs. TN	1			Annual lbs. TN at	t		Annual Lbs. TN			
	at Beginning		%		at Beg. Edge	%		at End of	%	Annual Ibs. TN at	Annual lbs. TN
	of OSDS		Removed		of Drain Field	Removed		Drain Field	Removed	Edge of Stream	Removed
0.1.000			00/		20.6	2001			100/ 500/		
Std. OSDS	28.6	(a)	0%		28.6	20%	(c)	22.9	10%-50%	11.4 - 20.6	8 - 17.2
Avg. MDE-Apprvd.	28.6	(a)	70%	(b)	8.6	20%	(c)	6.9	10%-50%	3.4 - 6.2	22.4 - 25.2
BAT System											
Conclusion:	An MDE approved BAT system removes 8 - 14.4 lbs. more TN per year than a standard OSDS										

(b) Average of four top performing MDE approved BAT systems (5/15/2016 Bay Restoration Fund Ranking Documentation)

© Per OWTS Expert Panel - 20% TN reduction occurs within a conventional gravity flow drainfield



### BAT System Cost/Ib N Reduction

10-year average cost of
MDE-approved BAT system

\$13,500

■ TN Reduction Range

8 lbs. – 14.4 lbs.

\$/Ib. Reduction in TN

\$94 - \$169



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- Deep trading market potential



### **BAT System Trading Potential Perspective**

- 420,000 standard OSDS in Maryland
- 52,000 standard OSDS in the Critical Area
- 2.4 MM lbs. N credits needed to meet all MS4 requirements
- Retrofitting ~ 50% of Maryland's existing OSDS to BAT systems would meet the entire MS-4 offset
- Retrofitting all of the CA OSDS would offset almost one-third of the required off-set



### Keys for Success

- ☐ Homeowners/businesses need to be incentivized to retrofit their existing system:
  - System benefits to homeowner + N credits > Cost of system
- Aggregators to bundle
- Streamlined permitting process

