



## Mill River Consulting: North Shore's Premier Wastewater Management Company

*An Interview with Dan Ottenheimer, Owner*

**NSL:** How does your consulting company assist homeowners?

**Dan Ottenheimer:** Mill River Consulting is the leading expert in wastewater management and engineering services for clients in Massachusetts, particularly those on the North Shore. We offer a comprehensive suite of services including surveying, permitting, wetlands delineation and assistance with construction projects.

**NSL:** What type of services are on the increase on the North Shore?

**DO:** The North Shore is heavily laden with wetlands, and land that falls under the Conservation Commission jurisdiction. As such, we've been designing quite a few on-site wastewater systems, as well as permitting work. The North Shore is a beautiful area and luckily we have committees that protect the environment. With our assistance and expertise, clients can complete an array of projects that provide a win-win situation for their property and the lands around them.

**NSL:** With Title 5 regulations being passed in 1995, and newly revised in April 2006, how are homeowners affected?

**DO:** With flexible rules that benefit the environment, the Boards of Health and the designers are revising their plans to ensure that septic systems are environmentally safe and of top quality. Recently, the state of Massachusetts approved the 'drip dispersal' technology which has been used successfully in other parts of the country for the past 20 years. This approval is good news for homeowners (and municipalities) who do not want to disturb the integrity of their property or lot. Title 5 and the newly approved technologies will make installation much easier and much more affordable.

**NSL:** What other types of services does your firm offer?

**Surveying:** Our team is highly skilled in working with homeowners on everything from property staking to topographical plans.

**Title 5 Inspections:** Mill River offers both official and informal inspections. Homeowners who might be considering selling their property would benefit from an inspection.

**Stormwater Plans:** We assist clients with drainage and storm water issues for new and existing properties. With the onslaught of record-breaking rain deluging the area in the past year or so, we've seen an increase in the need for these services.

**Wetlands Delineation:** Our wetlands scientists provide delineation and permitting expertise.

**Subdivision Layouts:** We design everything from the parking area to the layout of the neighborhood.

**Dock Permitting :** With so many beautiful waterfront homes on the North Shore, we assist with the necessary permitting of docks.

**Wastewater System Design:** We assist with sewer extensions or on-site (septic) system design and permitting.

*Daniel Ottenheimer is one of the state's leading experts in the field of wastewater management and affiliated services. A former Public Health Director for the City of Gloucester for 10 years and Environmental Engineer with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, he now provides consulting services to residents – as well as municipalities - across Massachusetts, with a strong concentration on the North Shore. He sits on many national and advisory committees and his expertise covers a broad range of areas.*