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**Enhance your Tank Scheme**

Replacing septic tanks and package treatment plants with more modern systems can reduce the amount of phosphorus entering watercourses. Natural England therefore accept PTP replacements as a type of nutrient mitigation solution (subject to them meeting certain criteria)[[1]](#footnote-1).

Earlier this month we launched our Enhance your Tank scheme. This allows people with a septic tank or Package treatment plant to submit an expression of interest in replacing their systems through a site matching service (which would link them with a developer needing mitigation solutions) or, if funding becomes available, a replacement grant scheme. Further information can be found here: <https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/planning/planning-for-nature-recovery/nutrient-neutrality/call-for-sites>. Submitting a system for consideration does not commit the owner or the authority to take any further action at this stage.

**PTP Guidance Note**

There has been a slight amendment to the PTP Guidance Note we recently produced (page 13). On review, the monitoring and management requirements were too onerous and were unlikely to be needed in most cases. This is a live document and will be reviewed periodically. The latest version of the Guidance Note can be found here:

[Microsoft Word - Guidance note on the Use of Package Treatment Plants 28.5.24 Final (lakedistrict.gov.uk)](https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0021/515136/Guidance-note-on-the-Use-of-Package-Treatment-Plants-V3-4.6.24.pdf)

**Mitigation Solutions Report**

The Mitigation Solutions Report has also recently been published and is available at [http://nutrientneutralitynw.co.uk](http://nutrientneutralitynw.co.uk/). The report identifies a range of potential mitigation solutions to offset new developments affected by nutrient neutrality.

Please note that the report does not take into account proposed United Utilities improvements at wastewater treatment works. An update to the report is being commissioned to provide the latest evidence of need.

**Contacts**

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1. [Nutrient Neutrality and Mitigation: A summary guide and frequently asked questions - NE776 (naturalengland.org.uk)](https://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/6248597523005440) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)