

ONSITE SYSTEM REMEDIATION PROJECT

James River Watershed Management Plan-Demonstration Project Grant

Owner Participation Application

Please read the entire application before filling out any information.

The goal of this project is to improve and protect water quality while assisting area residents in remediating their failing onsite septic systems. By participating in and qualifying for all necessary requirements in this program, you may be eligible to receive some financial assistance, based on income, not to exceed \$18,000 to help cover the cost of remediation, repair or replacement of a failing septic system (as long as funding is available) in this project/program. For more information regarding potential grant amounts available, refer to the attached Income Guidelines sheet.

The homeowner will be responsible for:

- Hiring a qualified licensed installer and if needed, a soil scientist (may be hired by installer).
- Meeting all regulatory requirements
- Providing a copy of all required paperwork including paid invoice for the service completed to OWW **before** requesting reimbursement.
- Agree to provide qualified operation and maintenance of the system during the project period, by contracting with a qualified maintenance provider to handle these responsibilities. Maintenance is crucial to the proper functioning and the longevity of the onsite wastewater system. **It is the intent of this project that the systems put in place during this project are maintained in perpetuity.**
- Supply documents needed to establish ownership of property and proof of identity, (such as property tax receipt, deed, and a valid driver's license or state ID.)

OWW will not be held responsible for any warranties or failures of the system including but not limited to design, installation and/or maintenance.

Your participation in this project will help improve the water quality of your region. For example, a study funded by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in 2001 uncovered evidence of discharges of septic tank effluent into Table Rock Lake. Further, EPA in a water quality report to Congress stated, "Improperly constructed and poorly maintained septic systems are believed to cause substantial and widespread nutrient and microbial contamination to ground water." As area resident owners, OWW believes that all residents are responsible for keeping our water resources, which are so vital to the economic viability of this region, as clean as possible.

Applicants must fill out the application form entirely. Applications will be processed in the order they are received and must be approved by OWW. Approval is subject to available funds and other project requirements. Return completed applications to: Ozarks Water Watch, P.O. Box 636, Kimberling City, MO 65686.

OWW will review your application to determine if you meet minimum eligibility requirements (e.g. you must own the property, your current system must be failing, etc.). Once your eligibility has been established, you will be contacted.

Do NOT replace your failed septic system before your application is approved by OWW!

Successful applications will be judged based on several criteria, including:

- Location (within the Crane Creek or Lower James River watershed in Missouri)
- Completion of all requirements of the project
- Obtaining a final invoice for the installation services provided for reimbursement purposes. This invoice must be signed by the homeowner and installer and state the date of completion.

The project will be financed through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources 319 Grant Program. By submitting an application, the applicant is under no obligation to participate in the project. Approval of an application alone does not guarantee reimbursement. Applicant must complete ALL requirements before receiving reimbursement.

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Application Form

Owner Name: _____

Owner Property Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Contact Telephone Number: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email Address: _____

Yrs at this location: _____ Occupied _____ months per year.

Description of Current System Components

Describe the current system used at your site. Year Installed _____ Type of system _____

Size of tank: _____ Circle one: Concrete Metal Other _____

Type of lateral field: Convention Gravity Leach Field Low Pressure Pipe Drip Irrigation Other _____

(If it is unknown, simply write "unknown".)

Please attach pictures, sketches or maps showing the location of the system and pertinent devices (e.g. house, septic tanks, laterals, well, pond, sinkhole, stream etc.).

When was the last time you had your septic tank pumped? What other maintenance has been performed on your system in the past 5 years?

Description of failure

Describe the extent of failure. Be specific. Please include photos if available. (May be submitted electronically)

Describe your property (location of property; township, range, section etc., acreage or lot size, soil conditions, elevation if known, slope of land around any inhabited buildings, proximity to neighbors). Location of water sources (lake, streams, drinking water wells, etc.)

X _____
Applicant Signature

X _____
Date

Upon receipt of your application, a representative from OWW will contact you. Thank you for your interest in the Onsite System Remediation Project.

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