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Ohio EPA Awards Stimulus Funds for Home Septic System Improvements

More than \$3.3 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and Ohio EPA's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) will go to counties, cities and villages across Ohio to allow homeowners to repair or replace failing home septic systems. Ohio EPA and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) are working with U.S. EPA to distribute the funds.

Ohio EPA administers the funding, and awards ARRA assistance to counties and municipalities who then assist local homeowners. ODH facilitates and assists local health districts which in turn work with local residents to determine eligibility and installation requirements.

Counties, cities or villages that applied for and received ARRA subsidies through a WPCLF low-interest loan agreement to finance 75 percent of each homeowner's failing home septic systems include:

- Adams County - \$54,740 to improve 14 septic systems affecting 5,600 gallons per day;
- Ashtabula County – \$59,925 to improve five septic systems affecting 2,000 gallons per day;
- Athens County - \$30,961 to improve five septic systems affecting 2,000 gallons per day;
- Brown County – \$130,601 to improve 10 septic systems affecting 4,000 gallons per day;
- Carroll County - \$88,131 to improve 15 septic systems affecting 6,000 gallons per day;
- Clark County – \$5,793 to improve one septic system affecting 400 gallons per day;
- Columbiana County - \$236,844 to improve 31 septic systems affecting 12,400 gallons per day;
- Defiance County - \$28,239 to improve three septic systems affecting 1,200 gallons per day
- Fairfield County - \$142,228 to improve 14 septic system affecting 5,600 gallons per day;
- Fayette County - \$28,206 to improve six septic systems affecting 2,400 gallons per day;
- Fulton County – \$7,765 to improve one septic system affecting 400 gallons per day;
- Geauga County - \$135,208 to improve 11 septic systems affecting 4,400 gallons per day;
- Hamilton County - \$392,891 to improve 29 septic systems affecting 11,600 gallons per day;
- Henry County - \$9,375 to improve one septic system affecting 400 gallons per day;
- Highland County - \$18,750 to improve one septic system affecting 400 gallons per day;
- Hocking County – \$57,516 to improve 11 septic systems affecting 4,400 gallons per day;
- Holmes County – \$4,571 to improve one septic system affecting 400 gallons per day;
- Jackson County – \$94,102 to improve 12 septic systems affecting 4,800 gallons per day;
- Lake County - \$89,729 to improve 10 septic systems affecting 4,000 gallons per day
- Lorain County – \$56,145 to improve nine septic systems affecting 3,600 gallons per day;
- Madison County - \$23,625 to improve six septic systems affecting 2,400 gallons per day
- Mahoning County – \$136,984 to improve 12 septic systems affecting 4,800 gallons per day;
- Marion County – \$43,088 to improve five septic systems affecting 2,000 gallons per day;

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- Meigs County – \$49,787 to improve 10 septic systems affecting 4,000 gallons per day;
- Mercer County – \$7,446 to improve one septic system affecting 400 gallons per day;
- Montgomery County – \$25,069 to improve four septic systems affecting 1,600 gallons per day;
- Moreland Hills - \$63,919 to improve six septic systems affecting 2,400 gallons per day;
- Morgan County - \$97,252 to improve 24 septic systems affecting 9,600 gallons per day
- Morrow County – \$28,492 to improve five septic systems affecting 2,000 gallons per day;
- Muskingum County - \$45,666 to improve 11 septic systems affecting 4,400 gallons per day
- Noble County - \$37,535 to improve 11 septic systems affecting 4,400 gallons per day:
- North Royalton - \$23,940 to improve two septic systems affecting 800 gallons per day;
- Paulding County - \$20,552 to improve three septic systems affecting 1,200 gallons per day;
- Pike County – \$82,781 to improve 23 septic systems affecting 9,200 gallons per day;
- Richland County - \$53,325 to improve six septic systems affecting 2,400 gallons per day;
- Ross County - \$16,214 to improve five septic systems affecting 2,000 gallons per day;
- Sandusky County – \$41,279 to improve three septic systems affecting 1,200 gallons per day;
- Scioto County – \$202,311 improve 41 septic systems affecting 16,400 gallons per day;
- Seneca County – \$39,463 to improve five septic systems affecting 2,000 gallons per day;
- Stark County - \$89,761 to improve 13 septic systems affecting 5,200 gallons per day
- Summit County – \$114,378 to improve 14 septic systems affecting 5,600 gallons per day;
- Trumbull County – \$292,151 to improve 26 septic systems affecting 10,400 gallons per day;
- Van Wert County – \$11,445 to improve one septic system affecting 400 gallons per day;
- Vinton County - \$92,593 to improve 11 septic systems affecting 4,400 gallons per day; and
- Washington County - \$85,360 to improve 25 septic systems affecting 10,000 gallons per day.

Qualifying applicants had to submit a project nomination form to Ohio EPA, estimating the number of systems to be repaired or replaced, costs per upgrade, a map of the general locations for upgrades and the local entity that will oversee the work. Local matches are to be provided by homeowners receiving federal subsidies.

For more information about the program, please visit the ODH Web site, www.odh.ohio.gov/ASSETS/0BE3E96EDAE34872BD930AB4FA4CBD40/upevents.pdf

Ohio EPA's stimulus funding Web site: www.epa.ohio.gov/arra.aspx or contact your local health department.

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Editor's Note: The information in this news release supercedes information released in a September 28, 2009, Ohio EPA/ODH news release. The data in the original news release was based on the best estimates from counties at that time for the number of qualifying households they hoped would be able to benefit from the program.

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