

## The Process:

- ◇ Contact the Ottawa County Health Department (OCHD) at 419-734-6800 to begin verification of income eligibility.
- ◇ Once the income verification is complete OCHD will begin the bid process with registered soil scientists, designers, and contractors in Ottawa County.
- ◇ Upon receipt of bids, a contract will be signed with the contractor and OCHD.
- ◇ The system will then be installed or repaired.
- ◇ The Household Sewage Treatment System will be inspected by OCHD and approval will be given.
- ◇ Payment will be made to the contractor.

***\*Please note this is a basic guide and the actual process is much more detailed.***

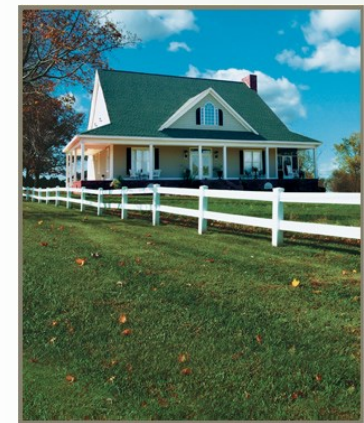


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## Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)

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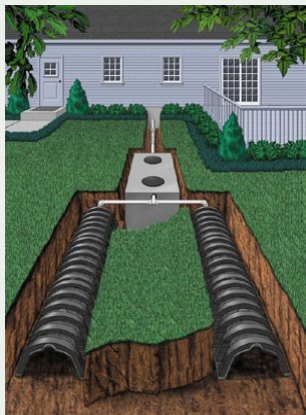
## *Assistance for Household Sewage Treatment Systems*

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## What is it?

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) has appropriated funds in the form of forgiveness of principal to assist with repairs or replacements of failed sewage treatment systems from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF). The OEPA made this program available due to the public health risks that failing Household Sewage Treatment Systems (HSTS) pose. Additionally, it is believed that nutrient enrichment is the primary cause of harmful algal blooms (HABs) in lakes and waters throughout the state.

Any system repaired or replaced with WPCLF money is principal forgiveness, which means there is no repayment of the money to OEPA or any other entity.



## Who Qualifies?

To qualify for WPCLF money, the following must be met:

- ◇ The dwelling and HSTS must be located in Ottawa County.
- ◇ The dwelling must be occupied by the property owner.
- ◇ All occupants (18 and older) of the dwelling must have a combined income level that meets the federal poverty guidelines.

### Federal Poverty Guidelines

Households at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level	
People in Household	Maximum Income
1-4	\$24,600

Households at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level	
People in Household	Maximum Income
1-4	\$49,200

Households at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level	
People in Household	Maximum Income
1-4	\$73,800

The Ottawa County Health Department is asking for your assistance in identifying individuals that may qualify for WPCLF money that will provide 50%, 85%, or 100% of the cost of repairing or replacing the Household Sewage Treatment System.

### What is covered by this program?

Allowable costs for HSTS repair and replacement include:

- Initial pumping of the system
- Soil evaluation
- Design fee
- Site and design review fee
- Installation permit fee
- Cost of HSTS repairs
- Indoor plumbing repairs if needed per Ohio Administrative Code 3701-29 (reviewed on case-by-case basis)
- Cost of installation and materials (estimates required)
- Other costs may be allowed per review

The amount of cost that will be reimbursed is based on income level.

