

## The Process:

- ◇ Contact the Ottawa County Health Department (419-734-6800) to begin verification of income eligibility.
- ◇ Once the income verification is complete OCHD will begin the bid process with registered 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.***

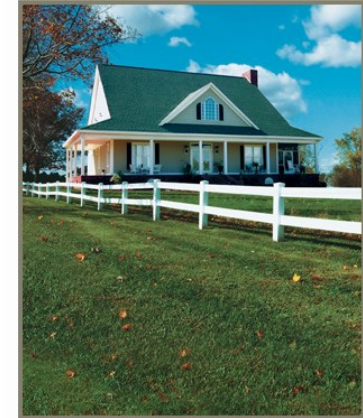


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## Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)

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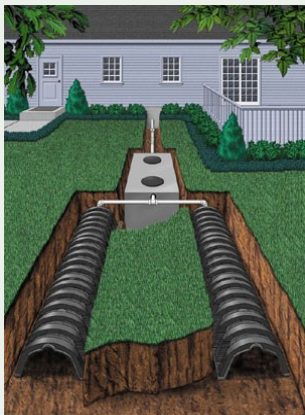
## *Assistance for Household Sewage Treatment Systems*

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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 Ohio EPA made this program available due to the public health risks that failing Household Sewage Treatment Systems (HSTS) pose. Additionally it is believe 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.

## What are Federal Poverty Guidelines?

Below are the income guidelines and the amount of principal forgiveness that have been established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for this program.

- ◇ Income at or below 100% of the poverty level = 100% funding
- ◇ Income at or below 200% of the poverty level = 85% funding
- ◇ Income at or below 300% of the poverty level = 50% funding

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.

OCHD has been awarded \$300,000 through the 2016 OEPA WPCLF in cooperation with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. OCHD is also applying for \$200,000 through the 2017 OEPA WPCLF.

