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Lake Oscawana Septic System Replacement Fund Program

The Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017 established the "State Septic System Replacement Fund" (Fund) and allocated \$75 million to support a multi-year program. This grant program provides funding for the replacement of cesspools and septic systems that are having significant and quantifiable environmental and/or public health impacts to groundwater used for drinking water, or a threatened or impaired water body.

Putnam County has entered into a contract with the NYSEFC to participate in this program by providing grants from the Fund to reimburse selected property owners for a portion of the cost of replacing failing septic systems and installing more environmentally effective systems. Those property owners can be reimbursed for up to 50% of the eligible costs incurred for septic system projects up to \$10,000.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Department of Health (DOH) identified Lake Oscawana as one of the priority geographic areas based on statutory criteria, including the presence of known water quality impairment, and the ability for septic system projects to mitigate water quality impairments.

An overall funding commitment will be identified on a pro-rata basis for the first year of the program, with \$15 million available in the first year of a 5-year program. For this round of funding, Putnam County is eligible for \$75,000 in reimbursement.

The County will contact by mail eligible property owners on how to apply for a septic system replacement fund grant.