



Town of North Kingstown

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Upgrading Decentralized Wastewater in Coastal Neighborhoods Application

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Please complete all areas of this application in either black or blue ink only. Illegible or incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant. Please submit all supporting documentation as required: failure to do so may result in the application being delayed or denied.

Description and Goals	<p>The Town of North Kingstown was recently awarded a grant from the Southeast New England Program (SNEP), with funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), under the Rhode Island Decentralized Wastewater Improvement Grant program. This program identifies nutrient pollution from traditional septic systems as a significant challenge that continues to threaten coastal ecosystems throughout our region. As septic systems age, they begin to leach into nearby groundwater without proper treatment and contribute to nitrogen and bacterial pollution downstream. All this septic-born nitrogen can travel through groundwater and out to embayments where it can cause harmful algal blooms, low dissolved oxygen, and fish kills.</p> <p>This application is to request funding to upgrade a conventional onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) or cesspool to an RIDEM approved nitrogen reducing wastewater system within the following areas: Hamilton Plat, Mount View, Poplar Point, and Shore Acres neighborhoods. These areas were chosen not only because they are proximate to the coast, but also because they are more densely developed with limited use of innovative, nitrogen reducing systems. The funds will enable the town to offer \$15,000 to individual property owners towards an upgrade to their system on a voluntary basis. The funding will allow us to work with approximately 30 properties.</p> <p>Please see the attached narrative and frequently asked questions documents for more detailed information. Upon completion of this application, if you are approved, the next steps of the process are as follows: Applicant finds RIDEM certified designer/installer, applicant shares design with the town prior to submittal to RIDEM, RIDEM approves the plan, contractor installs the system, town conducts a site visit to confirm completion and town issues reimbursement.</p>
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Eligibility	<p>In order to be eligible to partake in this funding opportunity and receive reimbursement, you must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Be requesting construction/upgrade of OWTS within one of the following areas: Hamilton Plat, Mount View, Poplar Point, and Shore Acres. (To confirm if your property meets this qualification, contact the North Kingstown Planning Department).2) Be upgrading OWTS from a conventional system or cesspool to an RIDEM approved nitrogen reducing wastewater system (See attached informational sheet to confirm).
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Applicant/Property Information	<p>Name _____</p> <p>Street Address _____</p> <p>Phone _____ Email _____</p> <p>Assessor's Plat/Lot Number(s) _____ Phone Number _____</p> <p>Is this a single-family home? If not, how many units _____</p> <p>How many bedrooms does the home have? _____</p> <p>How many people normally reside in the home? _____</p> <p>Briefly describe the home's present septic system and any problems you may be experiencing with the system. _____ _____ _____</p> <p>When was the system installed? _____</p>
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CERTIFICATION	<p>Attest: The information provided on this application is true and accurate. I agree to share a copy of the proposed OWTS plans with the town prior to installation to ensure the system is eligible for this funding. Additionally, upon signing I am aware of and agree to having a site visit to confirm installation of the new nitrogen reducing wastewater system prior to receiving the partial reimbursement.</p> <p>Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____</p>
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