

Repairs / Replacement of Septic Systems

Funding:

- Maximum grant: 50 per cent up to \$2,000
- Total maximum available funding for this project category is limited to \$20,000 per year and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the date a complete application is received by the Program.

Project Description:

Repair or replacement of faulty septic systems; projects must be located within 50 metres of a waterbody or within a City of Ottawa Wellhead Protection Area with a vulnerability score of 10. A Waterbody includes:

1. Watercourse (a naturally occurring drainage channel which includes rivers, streams and creeks);
2. Municipal and private drains (excluding roadside ditches); or
3. Lakes.

Project Details:

- The existing system must be located within 50 metres of a water body or within a City of Ottawa Wellhead Protection Area with a vulnerability score of 10 under the local Source Protection Plan (as per the Clean Water Act, 2006). See the link below to map of the Wellhead Protection Areas.
- Repair or replacement of faulty Class 4 (e.g. household tank and/or treatment trench) and Class 5 (holding tank) private systems.
- Replacement of Class 1, 2, or 3 systems if they are upgraded to a Class 4 or 5 system.
- Projects must be constructed in accordance with the Sewage System Permit issued by the Ottawa Septic System Office for Part 8 of the Ontario Building Code; copies of the Sewage System Permit and Completion Certificate will be required if project is approved.
- If using a contractor or company, they must be certified holding a valid Building Code Identification Number under the Ontario Building Code.
- Applications for repairs/replacements of septic systems may be approved by Conservation Authority staff providing that all criteria under the Applicant Guide and Project Guidelines are met. Approval by the review committee is not required in all cases, however, CA staff may seek review committee approval as needed.

NOTE: Each applicant is responsible for ensuring that the project meets all legal requirements, including City by-laws, provincial and federal acts/regulations, and Conservation Authority permits/approvals.

Eligible Costs:

- Permits and approvals
- Purchased materials and supplies
- Contract labour and professional fees
- Reasonable in-kind contributions for applicant's labour (\$20/hr) and equipment (\$50/hr) associated with the implementation of the proposed project

The Program reserves the right to limit the eligible amount for in-kind contributions based on the proposed project. Applicants must provide a detailed written accounting of all in-kind contributions when the application is submitted. In-kind costs associated with completing the application, project planning, supervision, or administration, are not eligible for funding.

Ineligible Costs:

- Regular septic system maintenance (e.g. routine pump outs)
- Replacement or expansion due to reconstruction or renovations
- Taxes

Other Complementary Grants Available:

- Well decommissioning
- Watercourse buffers

WHPA Maps of Wellhead Protection Areas

Our [interactive map](#) outlines the locations of Wellhead Protection Areas in the City of Ottawa.