NEW YORK STATE

Department of Environmental Conservation

State Septic System Replacement Program (SSRP)

Caroga Lakes Management Committee

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State Septic System Replacement Fund Program (SSRP) – Background

- The Clean Water Infrastructure Act (CWIA) of 2017 (L. 2017, c. 57, Part T) established the State Septic System Replacement Fund (SSRP) to provide funding to counties to help homeowners replace cesspools and repair or replace septic systems to improve water quality.



State Septic System Replacement Fund Program (SSRP) – Background

- The program is a joint effort between DEC, the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), and participating counties.
- EFC provides counties funding for grants to reimburse homeowners and small business owners 50% of eligible project costs up to $10,000.



State Septic System Replacement Fund Program (SSRP) – Background

- Septic systems must be determined to be failing or likely to fail by a County Health Department official or other designated authority.
- Septic systems must be within a Priority Geographic Area – the area within 250 feet of a Priority Waterbody.



SSRP – Program Process

- DEC determines which waterbodies will be designated as a Priority Waterbody utilizing the WI/PWL
  - A list is created based on the most recent eligibility requirements of the program.
  - DEC then coordinates with counties who confirm the number of eligible septics on each waterbody.
  - Participating Counties can choose to remove certain waterbodies from eligibility.
  - Participating Counties are not able to add waterbodies to the list.



SSRP – Eligible Waterbodies in Caroga

Holmes Lake	Fulton	0
Hans Creek, Lower, and tribs	Fulton	3
Tribs to Mayfield Creek	Fulton	0
Jackson Summit/Cameron Reservoirs	Fulton	0
Trib to Mayfield Creek	Fulton	9
Rice, Port Reservoirs	Fulton	0
Sacandaga Park Reservoir	Fulton	0
Mud Lake	Fulton	0
Cayadutta Creek, Lower, and minor tribs	Fulton	73
Knapps Long Lake, Long Pond	Fulton	0
Redlouse Lake	Fulton	0
North Creek, Upper, and tribs	Fulton	2
Bunn Creek, Upper, and tribs	Fulton	43
Kecks Center Creek, Upper, and tribs	Fulton	0
Cork Center Reservoir	Fulton	0
Caroga Creek, Upper, and minor tribs	**Fulton**	**93**
Sprite Creek, Upper, and tribs	**Fulton**	**4**
Vandenburg Pond	Fulton	22
Zimmerman Creek, Upper, and tribs	Fulton	1
St. Johnsville Reservoir	Fulton	0
East Canada Cr, Middle, and minor tribs	Fulton	25
Hillabrandt Vly	**Fulton**	**0**
Nine Corners Lake	**Fulton**	**0**
Broomstick (Goose Egg) Lake	Fulton	0
Stoner Lakes	**Fulton**	**89**
Indian Lake	**Fulton**	**0**
Lake Tribs to Fire Flow	Fulton	0
Stony Brook Lake	Fulton	0
Conglin Lakes	Fulton	0
Dexter, Spectacle and Dry Lakes	Fulton	0
Waters Millpond, Long Lake	Fulton	0
Third, Fourth, Broomstick (Goose Egg) Lk	Fulton	0
House Pond	Fulton	0
Hall/Matthew Creeks and tribs	Fulton	33

SSRP – Program Process

- The program is administered by counties.
  - If a county chooses to not participate for any reason, no funding for that county is allocated, and no waterbodies in that county are eligible.
  - The county fields applications, confirms systems to be failing, and helps process reimbursements.



SSRP – Reimbursement Process

- In for a participating property owner to receive a reimbursement, they must:
    1. Complete a Reimbursement Request form.
    2. Provide applicable design approval.
    3. Provide a description of work completed.
    4. Copy of all invoices of costs.
    5. *If applicable, written authorization for septic contractor performing the work to receive the reimbursement.



SSRP – Funding Round Rollout Process

- The State announces a round of funding for the program through a press release.
- DEC then reaches out to local program contacts of counties across the state with a list of Priority Waterbodies. DEC asks if the county would like to participate in the round of funding.
- EFC then contacts counties choosing to participate and organizes next steps to accept any funding award and sign a participation agreement.
- Once the agreement is signed/updated, the participating county then has access to the funds and can begin processing reimbursements.



SSRP – Program Process

- Currently, Round 4 of the program is in progress with Round 5 in the process of being rolled out.
- In Round 4, 52 of 57 counties elected to participate.
- The Round 4 eligibility criteria for Priority Waterbodies includes:
  - WI/PWL segments with a known public water supply intake
  - WI/PWL segments that are Class A, AA, A-S, AA-S
- DEC reevaluates all waterbodies across the state for eligibility with each new round of funding.



SSRP – Round 5 and Beyond

- Funding has been allocated for all counties choosing to participate in Round 5 of the program.
- An announcement may be made in the coming months regarding additional funding and updates for this program.
- Fulton County chose to participate in Round 5 and was awarded $200,000 in funding.
- A participating County can continue to receive funding in future rounds.



Find More Information

Program Webpage:

https://dec.ny.gov/state-septic-system-replacement-fund-program-ssrp

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