



Grand River Conservation Authority
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Grants available for septic improvements on properties near municipal wells in Waterloo Region

Landowners with property near municipal drinking water wells in Waterloo Region may be eligible for grants to repair or upgrade their septic systems.

They could receive 80 per cent of the cost of the project up to a maximum of \$7,000 for a standard septic system or \$15,000 for an advanced system under the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Early Response Program.

Eligible projects include repair or replacement of a failing septic system.

The program would be of interest to landowners near municipal wells where nitrate levels in groundwater have been identified as an issue during the development of a drinking water source protection plan for Waterloo Region.

That includes the Mannheim, Hespeler, Baden and Wilmot Centre wells. The eligible properties are in the Wellhead Protection Areas for these municipal wells.

The stewardship program is an initiative of the provincial government. It is administered by the Grand River Conservation Authority.

Money is also available under the program for other types of projects that protect water quality.

They include:

- Manure storage – 70 per cent to a maximum of \$50,000
- Drafting nutrient management plans – 75 per cent to a maximum of \$2,000
- Upgrading private wells or decommissioning unused wells – 80 per cent to a maximum of \$4,000.

Funding is limited so not all applications will be approved.

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