



Kensico Septic Rehabilitation Reimbursement Program

The NYC Water Supply System

The New York City water supply system provides over one billion gallons of drinking water daily for nearly eight million City residents, as well as visitors, commuters, and approximately one million people living in Westchester, Putnam, and other upstate counties. The Kensico Reservoir, located in Westchester County, is the terminal reservoir for the City's Catskill/Delaware water supply system, meaning it is the last impoundment prior to entering the City's distribution system. Given the importance of the Kensico Reservoir to the City's Water Supply System, the Reservoir and its Watershed Basin are included in several Federally-mandated water quality protection initiatives.

Septic Program Overview

The goal of the Kensico Septic System Rehabilitation Reimbursement Program is to reduce the potential water quality impacts that may arise from failing septic systems in the Kensico Watershed Basin. In order to achieve this goal, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), working with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), will reimburse eligible property owners up to 50% of the costs to rehabilitate failing septic systems in the Kensico Watershed or to connect those systems to an existing sewage collection system.

How Do I Participate?

Owners of failing septic systems serving single family or two family residences, with a design sewage flow of less than 1,000 gallons per day per family and located within the New York State portion of the Kensico Watershed, are eligible for Program funding, subject to Program rules and restrictions.

If you have had your septic system inspected by a Westchester County licensed septic contractor and have been advised that your system is not functioning properly, have received a Notice of Violation from the Westchester County Health Department on or after May 7th, 2014, or if you otherwise believe your system may be in failure, contact EFC to determine your eligibility for reimbursement under the Program.

If eligible, you will receive a Program information packet that describes the following Program steps:

- Entering into the Program Agreement
- Obtaining a licensed contractor to complete the needed repairs
- Submitting a design proposal and/or scope of work to EFC for pre-approval
- Obtaining a preliminary reimbursement estimate from EFC
- Completing the rehabilitation and submitting an application for reimbursement

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