

Lake George Watershed Coalition

Project Proposal Submission (Completion) Instructions

Applications for review by the committee should contain the following information:

- **Project / Initiative Title**

Homeowner Pump-Out Incentive Program

- **Submitting Organization and Contact(s)**

Lake George Association
Emily DeBolt
(ph) 668-3558
(fax) 668-4702 Email: edebolt@lakegeorgeassociation.org

- **Lake George Watershed Conference priority**

Clarify the project's alignment with the *LGWC – Future Priorities* document; reference the priority advanced by the project.

Wastewater treatment has long been a challenge to lake water quality. A homeowner Pump-Out Incentive address this Future Priority of the LGWC (H-3 – Wastewater Treatment – pg. 36)

- **Project Summary (Benefits) Statement**

Include project concept, goals, objectives, deliverables, as well as expected outcomes; identify any critical environmental issues addressed.

Identify the project's environmental benefits as well as its educational and research benefits; include its impact to the watershed. Denote whether the project uses innovative technologies, if it can serve as a model for other projects and/or whether the project uses proven technologies and resources with previously demonstrated success in past practices.

The goal and concept of this project is to follow the methodology that the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation Department has been using in watersheds such as Glen Lake and Brant Lake.

The objective is to provide homeowners with a discounted pump out rate and offer an inspection at the time of pump out along with some education about a septic system.

The expected outcome is to work with small Homeowner Associations or communities to develop a septic pump-out pilot program. It is anticipated that about 160 septic systems can be pumped out in the selected areas. We expect to clean out the septic systems, educate the homeowners on their septic systems when it is being cleaned and briefly inspect the condition of each system.

This program will address wastewater treatment, which has long been a challenge to the water quality of Lake George. While much work has been focused on stormwater management, not as much has been done with wastewater in recent years. This type of program has been used by Warren County SWCD on several local watersheds and has been very effective.

- **Project Description**

Describe the project, including deliverables, key resources (labor and non-labor), time line and evaluation measures (success criteria); demonstrate project readiness in terms of staff, resources, project schedule, permits and other funding.

The project will utilize septic haulers to pump out septic systems at a discounted bulk rate that will be paid by the homeowner. Homeowner Associations or small communities will be targeted to work with as a group.

The deliverables will be that each system will be pumped out and inspected at the time of pump out. Education materials will be left with the homeowner that will provide information on septic systems and their maintenance.

The LGA will identify Homeowner Associations and communities to work with and can start upon approval of the project. It is anticipated that this pilot project would be completed in 2010 and reach about 160 households.

- **Project Budget**

Provide the project budget information, including major costs (labor and non-labor); identify multi-year funding requirements (e.g. long term O & M) and the potential for phased implementation. Include the % of total budget requested from LGWC and how the local match will be provided.

We are asking for \$15,000 from the LGWC with a funding match coming from the LGA.

The project should be able to reach about 160 households. If successful, it could be expanded to other communities around the lake in future years.

This request from the LGWC represents 50% of the total project cost.
It is 1.7% of the total award of \$900,000.

Also attached is the Project Assessment Worksheet that contains the evaluation criteria (with weightings) for projects.