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Septic System Replacement Grant

Plattsburgh, August 10, 2018. Clinton County has enrolled in the New York State Environmental Facility Corporation's Septic System Replacement Grant program. The Clinton County Health Department (CCHD) is pleased to work with New York State on the implementation of this important effort to safeguard the health of County residents. Clinton County was awarded with \$75,000 for the first funding round for properties in the vicinity of Upper Chateaugay Lake and Lake Champlain. The first round of grant funds expires on March 31, 2019. The program will allow residents to apply for financial assistance to replace their existing failing septic system. Eligible participants may be reimbursed for 50% of their septic system replacement costs, up to \$10,000.

Clinton County residents whose residence is within 250 feet of Upper Chateaugay Lake or Lake Champlain are eligible to receive grant funds. To apply for the funds, please contact the CCHD to obtain a Grant Application for submittal to the CCHD.

Funds for the Program are limited, and the County can only provide grant funding to those septic system projects that will significantly and quantifiably reduce environmental and/or public health impacts from older/failing cesspools or septic systems. If a project is selected for a grant, the County will notify the applicant with an award letter detailing how much the resident can expect to be reimbursed for the project. The County will also notify the applicant if the project does not qualify for a grant.

If an award letter is received, the applicant must confirm acceptance of the award and the terms and conditions by signing and returning the letter to the County. Once the applicant signs and returns the award letter, the applicant may hire a Design Professional and a Contractor for the septic system project. Design plans must be approved by the CCHD and the project must be completed before the applicant can be reimbursed for eligible, documented costs.

The County encourages residents to apply to for this Program. "This is a unique opportunity for cooperation between the state, local government, and property owners, to address a pressing environmental and public health issue in our community, and we hope residents take advantage of it" states Ryan Davies, Director/Engineer for the Department's Division of Environmental Health and Safety. For more information about the program, visit the Environmental Facilities Corporation's website at www.efc.ny.gov/SepticReplacement.

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About the Clinton County Health Department:

The Health Department is an accredited full service department serving the residents of Clinton County. The Health Department's Mission is to improve and protect the health, well-being and environment of the people of Clinton County. Visit www.ClintonHealth.org for more information.

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