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Dear Cortland County Skaneateles Lake Resident,

Your property adjacent to Skaneateles Lake may be eligible for the Septic System Replacement Program sponsored by the NYSDEC and administered by the Cortland County Health Department. The Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017 established the State Septic System Replacement Fund. The purpose of this Fund is to replace existing cesspools and septic systems that are having significant and quantifiable environmental and/or public health impacts to groundwater used for drinking water, or a threatened or impaired waterbody. If eligible, the Program may provide the grant to you on a reimbursement basis. Accordingly, you are initially responsible for the total cost of your septic system project. The Program can reimburse up to 50% of eligible costs, up to a maximum reimbursement of \$10,000.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. The project address must be located within 250 feet of Skaneateles Lake.
2. The septic system must be: in failure, reasonably likely to fail, have component deficiencies, and/or have location deficiencies. Final determination will be made by our office.
3. The project must be "shovel-ready." Once the grant is accepted, the construction of the project must be completed within approximately two months, as weather permits.

Funding is limited, so you are encouraged to act promptly. For an eligibility evaluation, you may fill out the application form found on our website at: <https://www.cortland-co.org/508/Sewage-Systems>.

Please submit all forms to our office at the email provided below or mail to 60 Central Ave, Cortland NY, 13045 with Attention to the Environmental Health Division.

If you have any questions about the Program or how to fill out the form, please email our office at envhealth@cortland-co.org or call 607-753-5035

Sincerely,

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