

## **GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST LOW INCOME PROPERTY OWNERS WITH REPLACING FAILING/NON-COMPLIANT SEPTIC SYSTEMS**

Wadena County has grant funding available to pay for part of the cost to replace failing or non-compliant septic systems for people who meet USDA low income guidelines and who own and occupy their property.

Grant awards are not intended to pay the whole cost of a system but to help take some of the burden away. The Region 5 Development Commission also has a low interest revolving loan fund that has been used repeatedly in the past to assist low income property owners with the balance of the installation if they are unable to obtain other funding.

Grant funding is provided by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and the amount awarded varies from year to year; therefore, grant amounts and number of grant awards will also vary from year to year.



Applications for a Low Income Septic System Replacement Grant can be obtained from the Wadena County Planning & Zoning Office. Applications are submitted to the Planning & Zoning Department and must include the completed County application, two comparable quotes from two State Licensed Installers, a copy of the applicant's most recent tax return, or other proof of income if a tax return is not filed, and information stating how the balance of the cost of the system will be paid. Property taxes on the property in question must be current. Once this application is received, it is reviewed by an Advisory Committee appointed by the County Board of Commissioners and a recommendation for award provided on which the County Board will act. If an award is made, payment from the County in the amount of the award is provided directly to the licensed installer, not to the property owner.

For more information on this grant, you may contact the Wadena County Planning & Zoning Department at (218) 631-7604. For information on the Region 5 Development Commission low interest revolving loan fund, you may contact Stephanie Barney at (218) 894-3233, ext. 6, or at (218) 371-5968.

