

# Statewide Septic System Remediation Program



**The Grass Is  
Always Greener  
Over The  
Septic Tank**

**- Erma Bombeck**

# About the Program

- Funded by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board through the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. Implementation is in conjunction with Grand River Dam Authority
- Provides funding up to \$15,000 for repair or replacement of failing septic system
- Must be located within 1320' of a stream, river or lake
- Income limitations
  - a) Less than \$50,000 100% grant
  - b) \$50,001 - \$65,000 75% grant
  - c) \$64,001 - \$80,000 50% grant
  - d) \$80,000 - \$150,000 25% grant
- Households making over \$150,000 are not eligible

# Role of Conservation Commission

- Work with GRDA on application approval
- Provide funds to districts for reimbursements
- File reports with OWRB as required
- Answer district questions



# Role of Grand River Dam Authority

- GRDA and OCC have an agreement for GRDA to help implement the program. GRDA will do the following:
  - Confirm applicants meet all requirements
  - Send completed qualifying applications to DEQ and OWRB for soil profile and approval letter for environmental review
  - GRDA and OCC staff (Jeri and Shanon) will be responsible for final application approval
  - Send letter of approvals to applicants and relevant conservation district staff
  - Prepare final reimbursement packet for conservation district to reimburse applicant
  - Work with OCC on any reports due OWRB for project

# Role of Conservation Districts

- Answer homeowner questions
- Accept applications and scan to [jeri.fleming@grda.com](mailto:jeri.fleming@grda.com)
- Send Jeri any documents homeowners bring in.
- Make reimbursement to homeowner after receiving payment packet



# Eligibility Questions

1. Must own and reside full time in the home
2. Septic system must be within 1,320 feet of a stream, river or lake (confirmed by Program staff)
3. Owner must make less than \$150,000 per year
4. Septic tank must be deemed as failing by a certified septic installer or by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
5. Second homes, rental property, new construction or major remodel, or commercial use property are not eligible for this program.

# Google Earth Pro

- [Google Earth](#)
  - Launch Earth
  - Explore Earth
- Download to your computer - [Earth Versions – Google Earth](#)
- Once launched
  - Enter the applicant address (top left corner of screen)
  - Find the house and nearest stream, river or lake
  - Click on the ruler (measuring tool) at the top of the screen
  - Start at the house and measure to nearest waterbody. If under 1320' qualifies, if over it does not.

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