

## The Process:

- ◇ Contact the Putnam County Health Department to begin verification of income eligibility.
- ◇ Once the income verification is complete. The PCHD will begin the bid process with registered contractors in Putnam County.
- ◇ Upon receipt of bids, a contract will be signed with the contractor and the Putnam County Health Department.
- ◇ The system will be repaired or installed.
- ◇ The HSTS will be inspected and approval given.
- ◇ Payment will be made to the contractor.

**\*\*\* This is a basic guideline, please note that the process is much more in depth and detailed \*\*\***



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PUTNAM COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## *Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)*

### *Assistance for Household Sewage Treatment Systems*



Environmental Health  
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## What is it?



The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) has appropriated funds since 2010 in the form of forgiveness of principal to assist with repairs or replacements of failed sewage treatment systems from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF). Since 2009, over 16 Billion Dollars have been available to assist homeowners. Ohio EPA decided to make this available due to the public health risks that failing Household Sewage Treatment Systems (HSTS) pose. Additionally it is believed that nutrient enrichment is the primary cause of harmful algal blooms (HABs) in lakes and waters of the State.

Any system repaired or replaced with WPCLF money is principal forgiveness, meaning that there is no repayment of the money to OEPA or any other entity.

## Who Qualifies?

To qualify for WPCLF money the following must be met:

- ~ The dwelling and HSTS must be located in Putnam County.
- ~ The dwelling must be occupied by the property owner.
- ~ All occupants (18 and older) of the dwelling must have a combined income level that meets the federal poverty guidelines.

## What are Federal Poverty Guidelines?

Below are the income guidelines and the amount of principal forgiveness that have established by the US Department of Health and Human Services for this program.

- \* Income at or below 100% of the poverty level= 100% funding
- \* Income at or below 200% of the poverty level = 85% funding
- \* Income at or below 300% of the poverty level = 50% funding.

The Putnam County Health Department (PCHD) is asking for your assistance in identifying individuals that may qualify for WPCLF money that will provide 50%, 85% or 100% of the cost of repairing or replacing the Household Sewage Treatment System. PCHD has been awarded \$100,000 through the 2015 OEPA WPCLF in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Health. Priority will be given to failing systems in the Auglaize watershed, however all Putnam County applicants will be considered for funding. PCHD was also awarded \$300,000 through the 2016 OEPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund.

