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TO: All Media Sources
FROM: Theresa Moore, Supervising Public Health Educator/Public Information Officer
RE: Septic System Replacement Program
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Attached please find a news release for Septic System Replacement Program for Canacadea Creek in Alfred and Almond areas. This provides information regarding the grant available to replace failing septic systems in order to reduce the impact of sewage on groundwater and surface water.

Please release this information as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. If you have any questions or need more information, please send the request in writing to me at mastinc@alleganyco.com or by fax at 585-268-9264.

News Release: Septic System Replacement Program

We still have money available for 50 percent reimbursement for eligible septic system replacements. Properties located on Canacadea Creek in the Alfred or Almond area are in a priority geographic area where there is a *critical* need to reduce the impact of sewage on groundwater and surface water. If you own property in this area, you may be eligible for a grant to assist with the cost of replacing a cesspool or repairing, replacing, or upgrading your septic system!

The Program provides grants to cover up to 50 percent of the eligible costs of eligible septic system projects, up to \$10,000 per project.

For an application, please choose one of the following:

- Go to <https://www.alleganyco.com/departments/health/environmental-health/> and click on individual sewage treatment systems.
- Use the QR Code located below to access the website.
- Or Call 585-268-9250, press option 1 for environmental health.

The application must contain sufficient information about the condition of your septic system and the scope and cost of the proposed repair or replacement to enable the County to determine whether your project qualifies for a grant and assess how much you're eligible for. Please read the application carefully and be sure to provide all the requested information. Failing to do so could result in a delay or denial of funding from this program.

Funds for the Program are limited, and the County can provide grants only to those septic system projects that will significantly and quantifiably reduce environmental and/or public health impacts from cesspools or septic systems. If your project is selected for a grant, the County will notify you of your award and how much you can expect to be reimbursed for your project. The County will also notify you if your project does not qualify for a grant.

If you receive an award letter, you must confirm acceptance of the award and the terms and conditions by signing and returning the letter to the County. Once you sign and return the award letter, you may hire a design professional and a contractor for your septic system project. After you have completed your project, you will be reimbursed up to your grant award, for eligible, documented costs incurred to complete your project.

The County encourages you to apply to 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 you will take advantage of it.

For more information about the program, visit the County's web site at <http://www.alleganyco.com/departments/health/environmental-health/>, or the Environmental Facilities Corporation's website at www.efc.ny.gov/SepticReplacement.



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