



# SSTS Imminent Health Threat Abatement Grant

## Dodge County



### Project Narrative

#### Clean Water Funds: 2012

Clean Water Grant	\$45,490
AgBMP Loans	
Leveraged Funds*	\$0
Total Project Budget	\$45,490

\* Leveraged Funds include required match.

#### Targeted Water:

#### Project Sponsor:

Dodge County Environmental Services

#### Partners:

#### Grant Period:

January 2012—December 2014

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Since 2010 Dodge County has received \$180,000 from the Board of Water and Soil Resources Clean Water Fund grant program to address non-compliant septic systems that are impacting local water resources.

Imminent Health Threat systems are those that are discharging improperly treated human waste onto the ground surface or into surface waters. In addition to the potential water quality impacts, untreated sewage has the potential to introduce bacteria and viruses into the environment. When IHT systems are identified, county staff will work with the homeowners on the process required to bring their systems into compliance with the septic ordinance. Low-income households are eligible for grant assistance from the Clean Water Fund to solve Sub-Surface Treatment Systems identified as Imminent Health Threats because of surface discharge or direct connection to surface waters.

The 2012 grant has been completed allowing 4 more homeowners to replace previously identified imminent health threat (IHT) subsurface sewage treatment systems.

Utilizing these Clean Water Funds, Dodge County has been able to target grants to fix septic systems for low income landowners who do not have the financial capabilities to fix their systems in a timely manner. In most cases, the landowners who receive a grant through this program would not be eligible to receive other types of financial assistance, including loans.

In order to be eligible for the program, landowners in Dodge County must live in a single-family home and meet certain income qualifications. On average, it costs roughly \$12,000 to fix or replace the 15 septic systems with this grant funding and has saved over 2.9 million gallons a day from polluting the environment.