



2013 Low-Income SSTS Upgrades *Dodge County*



Project Narrative

Clean Water Funds: 2013

Clean Water Grant	\$20,902
AgBMP Loans	
Leveraged Funds*	\$0
Total Project Budget	\$20,902

* Leveraged Funds include required match.

Targeted Water:

Project Sponsor:

Dodge County Environmental Services

Partners:

Grant Period:

September 2012—June, 2014

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Dodge County has received money from the Clean Water Fund since 2010 to help upgrade failing and imminent health threat septic systems.

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 2013 grant has been completed allowing 2 more homeowners to replace previously identified imminent health threat (IHT) subsurface sewage treatment systems. Since 2010 Dodge County has helped 18 homeowners replace their septic systems. These funds have helped 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 own their home and meet certain income qualifications. With these grants homeowners received approximately half the cost to fix or replace the 18 septic systems .