



September 23, 2016

Hon. Kenneth Schmitt,  
Supervisor  
Town of Carmel  
60 McAlpin Ave  
Mahopac, NY 10541

Vincent Sapienza, P.E.  
Acting Commissioner

**Re: Cross River/Croton Falls Septic Reimbursement Program**

Dear Supervisor Schmitt:

Paul V. Rush, P.E.  
Deputy Commissioner  
Bureau of Water Supply  
prush@dep.nyc.gov

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in conjunction with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), has developed a program that will reduce the potential water quality impacts of impaired septic systems and assist eligible residents in your community with the costs of rehabilitating those systems. The program will reimburse eligible property owners who demonstrate financial hardship up to 75% of the costs to rehabilitate select septic systems in the Cross River and Croton Falls Reservoir basins, or to connect those systems to an existing sewage collection system. Owners of failing or likely to fail systems serving single- or two-family residences with a design sewage flow of less than 1,000 gallons per day per family may be eligible to participate in the Program, subject to Program Rules. Additional information about the Program may be found in the enclosed Fact Sheet or by contacting EFC.

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DEP intends to roll out the program in phases with the first phase including those properties located within 50 feet of a watercourse. Owners located within the Phase I area will receive a letter notifying them of the program by September 30, 2016.

We would be happy to meet with you to answer any questions you may have about the program. Please contact me at (914) 773-4460 if you care to discuss the matter further.

Sincerely,

Vincent Giorgio  
Project Manager  
Community Planning





# East of Hudson Septic System Rehabilitation Reimbursement Program

*Cross River/Croton Falls*

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## **The NYC Water Supply System**

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The New York City water supply system provides over one billion gallons of drinking water daily for nearly eight million City residents, as well as visitors, commuters, and approximately one million people living in Westchester, Putnam, and other upstate counties. In all, the New York City Water Supply System provides nearly half the population of New York State with high quality drinking water. In order to reliably deliver a sufficient quantity of high quality drinking water, New York City has established a variety of ongoing water quality protection efforts throughout the upstate watershed areas.

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## **Septic Program Overview**

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The goal of the **East of Hudson Septic System Rehabilitation Reimbursement Program** is to reduce the potential water quality impacts that may arise from failing septic systems in select Watershed Basins. In order to achieve this goal, the New York City Department of Environmental Protections (DEP), working with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), will reimburse eligible property owners up to 75% of the costs to rehabilitate failing septic systems in select program areas, or to connect those systems to an existing sewage collection system.

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## **Am I Eligible to Receive Program Funding?**

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Please contact EFC to determine your eligibility. The following criteria must be met in order to receive funding:

1. Eligibility is limited to failing septic systems serving single family or two family residences, with a design sewage flow of less than 1,000 gallons per day per family;
2. The home must be the applicant's primary residence;
3. Assessed property value of the residence must be at or below the median assessed value of residential homes in the municipality;
4. Annual household income must be 400% or less of the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2) (currently \$97,200 for a family of four); and
5. The property must be located within 200 feet of a watercourse.

If you have had your septic system inspected by a licensed septic contractor and have been advised that your system is not functioning properly, have received a Notice of Violation from your local County Health Department or DEP on or after May 7th, 2014, or if you otherwise believe your system may be in failure, and you meet the criteria listed above, please contact EFC to determine your eligibility.

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