

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS  
FEBRUARY 23, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: BRAYMER, Hogan, Magowan, Leggett, McDevitt, Geraci and Dickinson

- I. Committee meeting called to order by Chair
- II. Approval of minutes of prior Committee Meeting
- III. Privilege of the floor and public comment
- IV. Action Agenda/New Business Items:
  1. Request: To request an expanded applicability for the septic funding  
  
Rationale: The increased are of eligibility will include select properties within 100' of Lake George tributaries and septic systems within 500' of Lake George.
  2. Request:  
  
Rationale:
  3. Request:  
  
Rationale:
- V. Discussion Items:
  - 1.
  - 2.
- VI. Referrals/Pending Items:
  - 1.
- VII. Privilege of the floor and public comment
- VIII. Motion to adjourn

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Attachments: 1. Resolution request.  
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# ***RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 20***

## ***MISCELLANEOUS***

***\*Please List All Other Requests Not Covered by Previous Resolution Request Forms Here.  
Please attach any backup information available and be as detailed as possible.***

**DEPARTMENT NAME: Environmental Concerns**

**DATE: February 23, 2023**

- (a) Purpose of Request: **To request an expanded applicability for the septic funding.**
- (b) Details: **The increased area of eligibility will include select properties within 100' of Lake George tributaries and septic systems within 500' of Lake George.**
- (c) Previous Resolution Number:
- (d) Where are the Funds (if required)? List Budget Code, Object Code, Full Title\* and Amount:

**Sample: A.8021 470 Planning & Community Development – Contract**

\* as listed in budget and LOGOS

## **DRAFT Resolution on NYS Septic System Replacement Program**

Whereas the Lake George Park Commission adopted regulations in December of 2022 to implement a comprehensive Septic System Inspection Program for the Lake George watershed.

Whereas the Septic System Inspection Program will be implemented on a five-year rotating cycle starting in 2023. The Septic System Inspection Program will include all septic systems with 500 feet of the Lake George shoreline and 100 feet of its tributaries encompassing close to 3,000 septic systems.

Whereas the Lake George Septic System Inspection Program is estimated to identify a substantial number of failing systems that will need remediation and/or replacement.

Whereas currently the Lake George waterbody is eligible for Counties on its shoreline to receive funding from the NYS Septic System Replacement Fund, which has funds available to assist eligible homeowners with grants to pay a portion of remediation and replacement costs of their systems in need.

Whereas in the Lake George region, homeowners need this financial assistance to help pay for all of the associated costs of a septic system replacement project.

Whereas Warren County has received two rounds of funding to administer this program based on NYS Department of Environmental Conservation allocations to assist homeowners, and more funds are needed from the State to meet the pending applications that Warren County has received from currently eligible homeowners.

Whereas the NYS Septic Replacement Fund Program guidelines provide funding to homeowners who successfully apply to their counties if the septic system being replaced is located within 250 feet of a given water body.

Whereas, on Lake George, due to soil types and terrain that can cause added concerns related to the potential failure of existing septic systems, the Lake George Park Commission has included systems in its Septic System Inspection Program that are within 500 feet of its shorelines.

Whereas Warren County seeks to provide septic replacement funding to those homeowners who have septic systems within 500 feet of Lake George and will be subject to the Lake George Park Commission's Septic System Inspection Program, but are beyond the 250 feet that would make them eligible for the NYS Septic System Replacement Fund.

Therefore, be it resolved that due to the current and anticipated demand from homeowners in Warren County for funds from the NYS Septic System Replacement Fund, Warren County urges the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to increase significantly in 2023 the funding allocations for Warren County.

And be it further resolved that based on the Lake George Park Commission Septic System Inspection Program regulations, and considerations of local soil and terrain conditions of the Lake George region, Warren County urges the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to modify its program guidelines for the Lake George watershed to make septic systems within 500 feet of its shoreline eligible for assistance from the NYS Septic System Replacement Fund.

Direct Clerk of the Board to send to NYS DEC Commissioner, copy to Governor Hochul.