



**Failing Septic System Infrastructure Replacement Program  
Residential Application for Repair/Replacement**

*Funded Through Winona County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Allocation*

In July of 2022, Winona County Board confirmed an allocation of \$150,000 toward the repair and replacement of failing residential and commercial septic systems which meet specific standards for this limited-term program (2022-2024).

- Up to 50% of the costs for residential septic repair/replacement project costs may be reimbursed by the County up to a maximum of \$10,000 for households demonstrating that their system is an imminent threat to public health (ITPH) or failing to protect groundwater (aka "failing system").
- Up to 75% of residential septic repair/replacement projects costs may be reimbursed by the County (not to exceed \$15,000) for households qualifying as low income and who can demonstrate that their system is considered an ITPH or failing to protect groundwater (see additional information below).
- This program is not for septic systems associated with new homes (*new construction is ineligible*).

**Applicant Contact Information**

Homeowner Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Homeowner Ranking Criteria</b>									<b>Response</b>																														
<b>Do you qualify as a low-income household?</b>									Yes _____ No _____																														
Applicants will need to provide proof of income level by submitting 2-years of W-2 tax statements, which will be verified by staff, using USDA Rural Development standards for very low-income or low-income thresholds (see below) as one means of qualifying applicants.																																							
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NOTE: Proof of low-income status is not limited to USDA Rural Development income levels. Please submit additional information in support of low-income status if the Rural Development standard is not met.																																							



<p><b>Is liquid wastewater or sewage (effluent) from your septic system surfacing in your yard?</b></p>	<p>Yes _____ No _____</p>
<p><b>Within the last three years, have you had your septic system evaluated by a licensed septic system professional and were informed that your septic system is failing or non-complaint with State standards?</b> Please supply the name and phone number of the contractor who made this determination: _____.</p>	<p>Yes _____ (if yes, fill out contact info on inspector) No _____</p>
<p><b>Is your property within one of the following communities that are identified as having historical septic system issues due to small parcel sizes and other factors?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Arches</li> <li>• Centerville (along County Rd 12)</li> <li>• Dakota</li> <li>• Dresbach</li> <li>• Homer</li> <li>• Minneiska (Winona County portion)</li> <li>• Pickwick</li> <li>• Twin Bluffs (and along Hwy 61)</li> <li>• Witoka</li> </ul>	<p>Yes _____ No _____</p>
<p><b>Is your property within a small watershed, such as Gilmore Creek, that has identified septic systems as a priority for improving water quality?</b> A watershed is an area of land in which all water flows to one point. See maps in notes at end of the application. If you are unsure, staff contact information is below to help.</p>	<p>Yes _____ No _____</p>
<p><b>What other information about your failing septic system do you want to share?</b></p>	

Applications for the septic system repair program will be evaluated monthly, based on review of the information provided herein and availability of funds at the time of submittal. Applicants that don't score at the fundable level will be retained until June 2023 and re-evaluated as funding remains.

**For eligibility questions, map and watershed location questions or to submit applications to Winona County Planning and Environmental Services, please contact:**

Sheila Harmes, Water Planner  
([sharmes@co.winona.mn.us](mailto:sharmes@co.winona.mn.us)) 507-457-6522

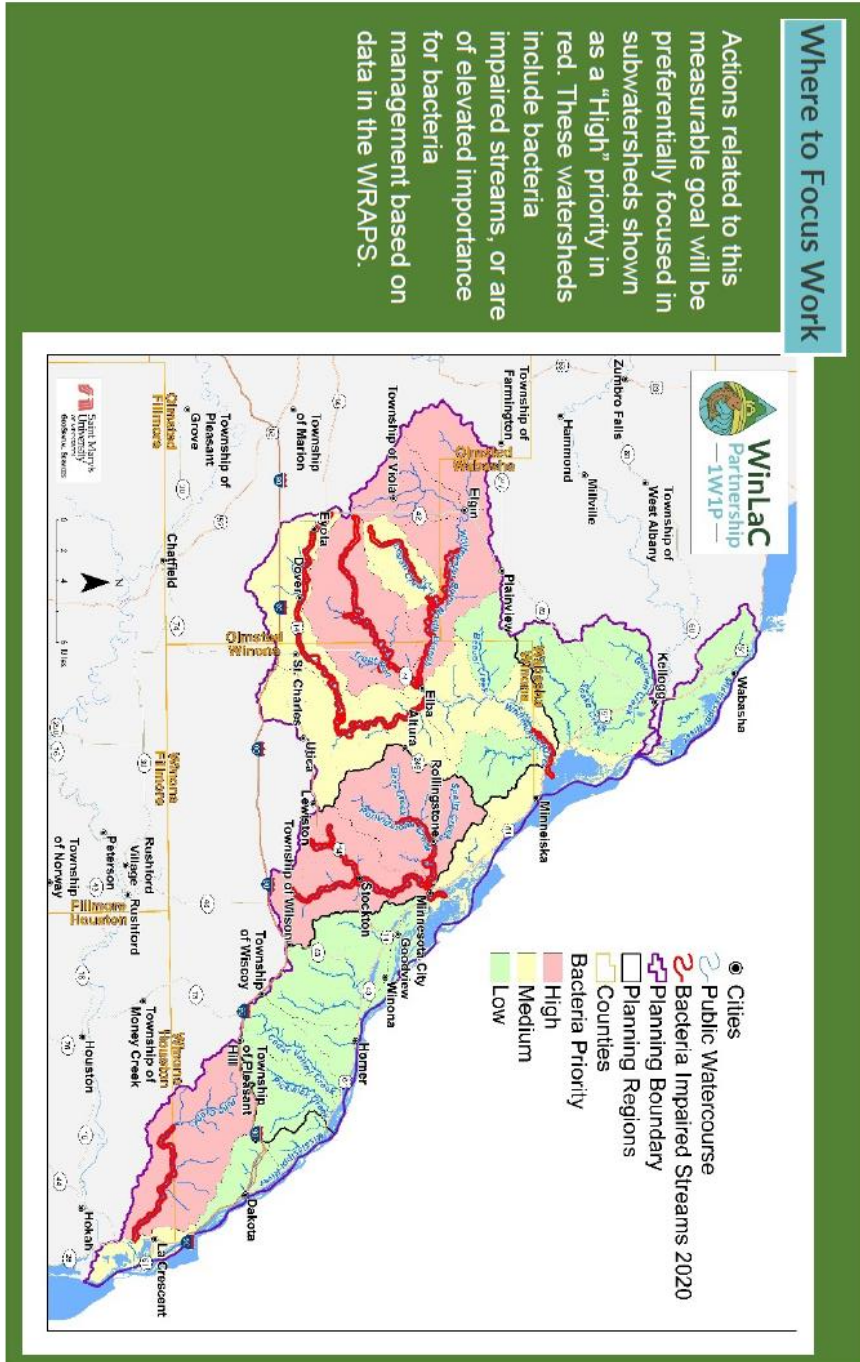
OR

Lew Overhaug, Senior Planner  
([loverhaug@co.winona.mn.us](mailto:loverhaug@co.winona.mn.us)) 507-457-6336.

**Note:**

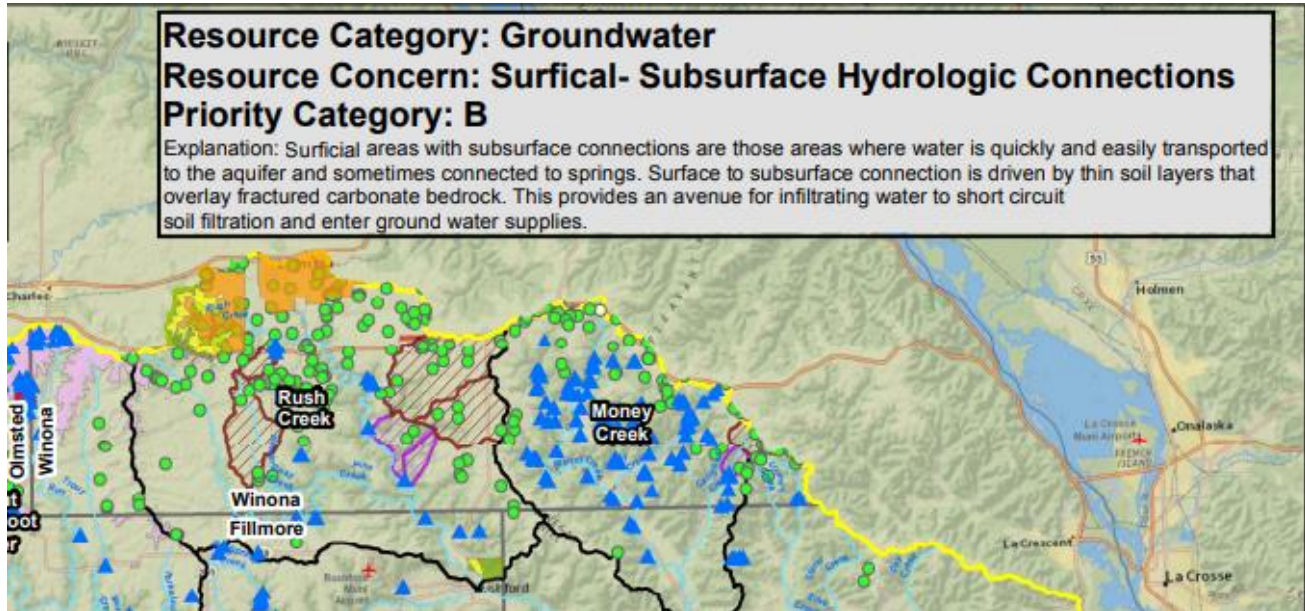
The following two maps will be used by Winona County Planning and Environmental Services staff to review your application, based on prioritized areas in the County. If you are having trouble finding your property, give us a call.

Map #1 (WinLaC Watershed Bacteria) identifies high priority areas of the WinLaC watershed that are vulnerable to excessive bacteria (E. coli) in nearby streams. In Winona County, failing septic systems in high priority areas can contribute excessive bacteria to the environment.



Map #2: Root Watershed Area of Winona County

This map shows the known locations where groundwater may be easily impacted by activities on the surface. These areas are characterized by the locations of springs, sinkholes, stream sinks/sieves, and tile drain outlets. A septic system that is considered an *Imminent Threat to Public Health* or is failing to protect groundwater near these features needs to be repaired or replaced.



Map key:

