



Dear Banklick Creek Watershed Resident,

Thank you for your interest in the Banklick Watershed Council's Septic System Grant. Banklick Creek is polluted with significant amounts of silt, agricultural waste (manure run-off), and sewage. To help reduce water pollution, the Banklick Creek Watershed Council has grant funds available to repair failing septic systems or connect to sewers (if available) in your area.

The purpose of this grant is to help Banklick Creek Watershed residents (like yourself) replace straight pipes and failing septic systems, especially those that have a strong impact on Banklick Creek and its tributaries.

This project is voluntary; if you wish to participate, your property will be evaluated according to criteria below. If your property qualifies for funding, this grant will cover a majority of the costs for the repair **except: a repair site evaluation fee of \$300 by the Northern Kentucky Health Department and, if selected for repair, a permit fee of \$370. Please refer to the application instructions for more detail on how and when fees will be collected. Residents who qualify generally receive grant funds to cover 90% of the costs of repair up to a maximum of \$8000 per property.**

The criteria for selection are as follows:

- Must be an existing home within the Banklick Creek Watershed
- Must have an active sewage problem
- Must have impact on a waterway within the Banklick Creek Watershed; higher priority will be given to those with direct impact

The initial application selection and grant award period occurred during 2010-2011. The most recent funding can also be used to connect residents to existing municipal sewers, if present in the area. (This option is new and will require additional coordination with Sanitation District No. 1, so please let us know early-on if you are interested.) Future funding of additional Septic System Grants will be evaluated on an as-needed basis as funding allows. If you would like to participate in this program, please review the attached instructions and return the application form.

If you have any questions concerning this program, please contact Nicole Clements, Watershed Coordinator, at admin@banklick.org or by phone at 859-667-2269.



How to apply for the Septic System Repair Grant

Thank you for your interest in this grant program, which is designed to improve water quality in Banklick Creek by assisting with septic system repairs. If you own and live in a home with a septic problem, and your home is within the Banklick Watershed, you may qualify for this grant. Here are the guidelines to follow if you would like to apply.

Step 1: Submit the Enclosed Application Form

- Mail completed Septic System Repair Grant application to Nicole Clements, Banklick Watershed Council, admin@banklick.org or 15 Silver Ave, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017
- The initial Septic System Repair Grant application is **Free**. The Banklick Watershed Council will contact you to assist you with completing the next steps in the process.

Step 2: Site Evaluation by Northern Kentucky Health Department

- Contact the Northern Kentucky Health Department Onsite Septic Division at 859-341-4151. They will need to complete a Site Evaluation Report and Ranking Form. The non-refundable fee for the site evaluation is **\$300**. Please be advised that paying for the site evaluation does not guarantee eligibility for receiving grant funding. Be sure to write on the top of your [site evaluation application](#) that you are applying for a Banklick Watershed Council Septic System Repair Grant.
- The Health Department Inspector will visit your home to evaluate your septic situation, available repair area, soil suitability, topography, etc. Then the inspector will send you a completed **Site Evaluation Report**.
- The Inspector will also rank your existing system for water pollution impact on nearby streams, and then return the form to the Banklick Watershed Council, who will then use this information to rank Septic System Repair Grant applications.

Step 3: Get Bids from At Least Two Certified Septic Installers

- Contact several Kentucky Certified Septic System Installers, give them copies of the Site Evaluation Report, have them visit your house and prepare bids that show what they will do and how much it will cost. The lowest bid will be used to calculate your grant award (we can pay 90% up to \$8,000).
- Send the following to Nicole Clements, admin@banklick.org or 15 Silver Ave, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017:
 - Completed Site Evaluation Report and Ranking Form
 - Copy of AT LEAST TWO Kentucky Certified Septic System Installer Bids

Step 4: Installer Obtains Septic Permit and Repairs Your Septic System

You will be contacted if your system is selected. Your installer will have to obtain a Septic Installation permit from the Northern Kentucky Health Department at a cost of **\$370** (which you are responsible to pay for) before beginning repairs to your system. When the repair work has been completed and all inspections are completed and approved, the Banklick Watershed Council will send the grant funds directly to the Certified Installer.

This program, funded by a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency through Kentucky Division of Water, focuses on water quality improvements in the Banklick Creek Watershed. To be eligible for grants, homeowners must reside within the Banklick Creek Watershed in Kenton or Boone Counties. (Revised 1/2024)



Banklick Septic System Repair Grant Application

Owner's Name _____

Occupant's Name (if different) _____

Location of Property _____

City

Zip

Email _____ Phone No. _____

Income <\$25,000 \$25,000-\$40,000 \$40,000-\$75,000 >\$75,000

I am interested in: _____ Septic repair/replacement
_____ Sewer lateral and septic decommissioning (sewers must be nearby)

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**The following is optional information you may include to further qualify for this grant.**

Number of bedrooms in home \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people living in home \_\_\_\_\_

Existing System: Type of Tank \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Tank (gallons) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Leach Field \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of leach line (feet) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last Pump/Inspection of Tank \_\_\_\_\_

Is there an overflow line on your present system?  Yes  No  Unknown

If so, where is your system overflowing? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your existing septic system discharging into creek, road ditch, or drainage area?  Yes  No  Unknown

Are you currently under notice or enforcement from the Health Department?  Yes  No  Unknown

Do we have your permission to discuss your septic system with the Health Department?  Yes  No  Unknown

**Mail completed application to:**

**Nicole Clements, Watershed Coordinator, [admin@banklick.org](mailto:admin@banklick.org) or 15 Silver Ave, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017**