



Tompkins County Legislature

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Ithaca, NY 14850

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1 **Authorization to Participate in State Septic System Replacement**
2 **Fund – Health Department (Pending Committee action 1-16-18)**

3 WHEREAS, the Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017 established the “State Septic System Replacement
4 Fund” and the Tompkins County Health has the opportunity to participate, and

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6 WHEREAS, the Fund is being targeted to priority geographic areas within participating counties that contain
7 drinking water supplies where septic systems and cesspools are known or suspected to be impacting the water body,
8 and

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10 WHEREAS, the Health Department wishes to participate in the program by providing grants from the Fund to
11 reimburse selected property owners for a portion of the cost of replacing failing septic systems and installing more
12 environmentally effective systems, and

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14 WHEREAS, property owners can be reimbursed for up to 50% of eligible costs incurred for septic system
15 projects up to \$10,000, now therefore be it

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17 RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee, That the Health Department
18 is authorized to participate in said program,

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20 RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or designee be and hereby is authorized to execute all
21 agreements necessary to complete the requirements of the program.

22 **SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20**



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2 Initial available funding for each county will be based on the number of septic systems located on sole source or
3 primary groundwater aquifers, or within a limiting distance of an identified priority surface waterbody, and population
4 density. An overall funding commitment will be identified on a pro-rata basis for the first year of the program, with
5 \$15 million available in the first year of a five-year program. The estimated funding for Tompkins County is
6 approximately \$150,000. Once the county signs the agreement with the New York State Environmental Facilities
7 Corporation, the actual allocated amount, terms and conditions and details about the disbursement process will be
8 shared with the Department.