

Upgrade Your Septic System or Cesspool with Available Grant Funding

Financial assistance for Suffolk County homeowners replacing a cesspool or septic system with an **Innovative Alternative (I/A) Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS)**

\$20,000

SUFFOLK COUNTY SIP GRANT

\$25,000

NY STATE SSRP GRANT

\$45,000

COMBINED – ONE APPLICATION

\$10,000

LOW-INTEREST LOAN (CDCLI)
(IF NEEDED)

TOWN REBATE PROGRAMS (ADDITIONAL)

Shelter Island – \$12,000 base, +\$4,000 well relocation, +\$5,000 pressurized shallow drainfields. **Total ~\$57,000–\$66,000** with SIP & SSRP.

East Hampton – \$15,000 rebate, +\$5,000 LMI. **Total ~\$60,000–\$65,000.**

Southampton – \$20,000 rebate, +\$5,000 LMI. **Total ~\$65,000–\$70,000.**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

- Existing residential home (single-family, two-family, or single-family with one accessory apartment) with a cesspool or septic system
- Not connected to or within a proposed sewer district
- Grant not available for new construction, must have an existing system to be replaced
- Valid Certificate of Occupancy, which you attest to on the application, and a current town-issued property tax bill
- Current on property taxes, with no liens or foreclosure
- Deed on file with the Suffolk County Clerk
- Must use an installer from the County's Approved Installer List; payment goes directly to the vendor, so **you don't have to pay out-of-pocket** for the system itself
- County SIP is **not** a reimbursement program: apply and be issued a grant **before** installation (only the NYS SSRP can be a reimbursement, for state-only applicants)

HOW APPLICATIONS ARE PRIORITIZED

- System failures are prioritized, then grants are issued in the order they are received
- Both failure and non-failure applications are actively being funded

STEPS TO RECEIVE THE GRANT

Two approvals come together: Your Suffolk County grant application and your Office of Wastewater Management (OWM) permit and design approval. You can start either one first. The grant cannot be finalized until OWM has your approved site plan on record.

1

Apply Online

Visit SuffolkCountyNY.gov/SepticGrants, click "Check If Your Property is Eligible," enter your address to confirm eligibility, answer the prompted questions, upload documents, and submit. You will then receive a confirmation email with your next steps outlined and a list of approved installers.

2

OWM Permit & Design

Choose your installer from the County's Approved Installer List. You will need their price quote later in the process. Your installer or design professional can apply for OWM permits on your behalf, and they help you find an engineer, who will develop a site plan and submit any additional permits if needed. OWM needs to deem your plans approvable before you can be issued a grant.

3

Review & Award

Staff review completeness. You are emailed the combined SIP + SSRP Grant Agreement to e-sign (return within 30 days), submit your installer's quote and Assignment of Payment forms, and receive your Grant Eligibility Memo.

4

Install & Payment

A County inspector oversees installation; your engineer submits as-built plans and your installer submits final certification, then invoices the County, which **pays the installer directly**.

Apply or learn more →
SuffolkCountyNY.gov/SepticGrants



Scan to check eligibility & apply



Water quality is why we upgrade



Covers blended into a garden bed



Covers styled with stepping stones

Tip: Wait to finalize your town rebate application until you know your county and state grant amount. The town rebate is not paid directly to the installer, so you can apply it to remaining costs like engineering and design.



Every upgrade adds up

Nitrogen removed by grant-funded septic upgrades in Suffolk County

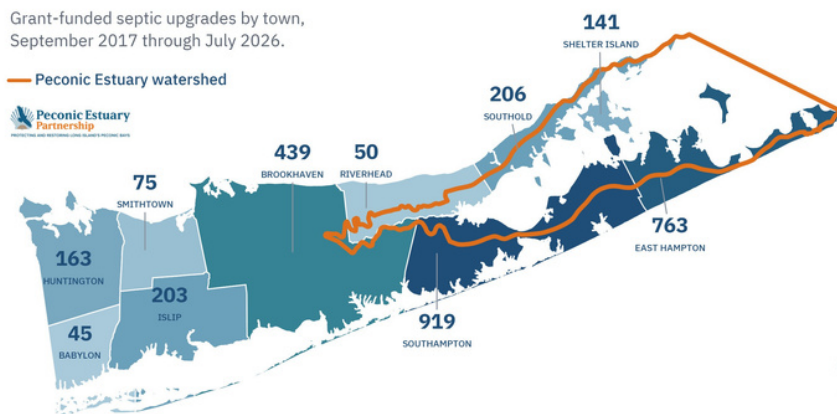
Suffolk County has funded over **3,000 homes** to replace their outdated septic systems with nitrogen removing onsite wastewater treatment systems. Combined, those installs remove roughly **64,000 lbs of nitrogen every year**.

In the Peconic Estuary Watershed, there have been approximately **1,300 installs**, removing over **27,000 lbs of nitrogen annually**.

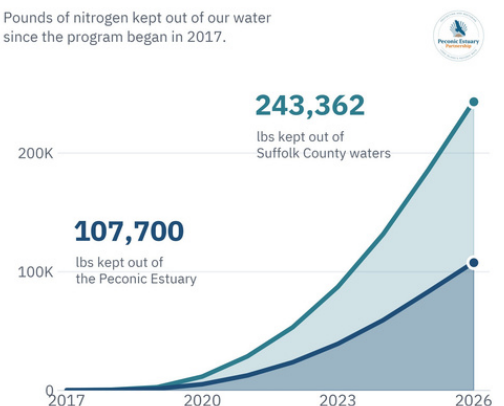
As of September 2026, that adds up to roughly **250,000 lbs** of nitrogen kept out of Suffolk County waters since 2017, including about **110,000 lbs** kept out of the Peconic Estuary!

Grant-funded septic upgrades by town,
September 2017 through July 2026.

— Peconic Estuary watershed



Pounds of nitrogen kept out of our water
since the program began in 2017.



Let's keep up the good work!

Apply for grant funding to upgrade your septic system and help contribute to nitrogen removal rates in our watershed!

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