



RESOURCES AND TOOLS FOR WASTEWATER FUNDING

GEORGIA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

GRWA TOOLS FOR ASSESSMENT

Vulnerability Assessment

Full water and wastewater system review compiled into one document to utilize as a resource when emergency situations arise. This document gives a view of your system as whole when considering funding needs for upgrades.

Energy Efficiency Assessment

Energy efficiency modification options provided for your system can lower operating costs of current infrastructure to allow more funds in your budget to pursue needed upgrades, wage increases for operators, or find sustainability with your current system. EEA is also a requirement to pursue certain FEMA funding.

Source Water Protection Plan

Critical information for protecting water resources provided by the municipality. SWP looks at area of influence factors that can have a detrimental effect on viable water sources. This tool is a vital component to addressing aged septic systems that may jeopardize ground water supply.

Water Rate Study

Make sure the rates charged for water and wastewater services are sustainable to your system. Important when looking a State Revolving Funds for projects.

All of these tools are provided at no cost to your rural system

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SEPTIC TO SEWER

EVERYONE CAN TAKE PART IN DEVELOPING A PLAN

Department of Public Health

Open records request for septic tank permits can give your municipality a full picture of septic tanks in your municipality. Included information in your request will be septic permits, repair permits, and **suspected septic tanks**.



DECIDING ON REPAIR OR SEWER

Repair/Replace Existing Septic Systems 319(h) funds

- Evaluate data and Comprehensive Plan for your city.
- Review River Section Designations Recreational use and for impairments. Some impairments may be related to non-point source contamination, likely failed septic systems in rural areas.
- Identify if your city is in one of the EPD's chosen 303 designated areas for addressing impaired waters.
- Repairing septic systems or Septic to Sewer projects may qualify for 319(h) grant funds in efforts to protect the watershed.
- 319(h) funds are limited and highly competitive, make sure your project proposal features how these efforts protect clean and healthy watersheds.

Septic to Sewer (CWSRF)

- Loans available at GEFA in Clean Water State Revolving Fund for Wastewater projects
- Consider augmentation of plant design to treat bio-solids, septage, and other industrial wastewater to support revenue streams when building a new plant or upgrading infrastructure.

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Georgia Rural Water is here to assist your rural system with water and wastewater needs. Please feel free to reach out for a more indepth overview of how our tools can help your city.

What we do: Certification Classes for Water, Wastewater, Lab Analysts, Water mapping, RLCR compliance, wastewater process control solutions, Apprenticeship Program for Workforce Development, among many other services.



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