

## **Marais des Cygnes On-Site Waste Water System Upgrade Cost-Share Information and Application**

The purpose of the cost-share program is to upgrade failing on-site waste water systems to help improve water quality in the Marais des Cygnes Basin. The program is funded through an EPA Targeted Watershed Grant and sponsored by Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The cost-share program is administered by the Lake Region Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D). All projects require approval from the Lake Region RC&D prior to beginning work.

### Eligibility Requirements

1. Property must be located in the Marais des Cygnes Basin.
2. System must be failing according to county and/or state codes.
3. Property must be owner-occupied (real estate transactions are excluded).
4. Maximum cost-share payment for on-site waste water systems is \$1000, and may not exceed 75% of total project cost.
5. All projects must be inspected by the county sanitarian before payment is made.

### Process:

1. Contact the local county sanitarian or environmental health official to complete a cost-share application and to schedule a site visit.
2. Once application has been signed by sanitarian and approved by cost-share committee, a letter informing landowners of their approval will be mailed.
- 3. If request for funding is approved, landowners will be mailed an approval letter and instructions for receiving cost-share. No work on the system upgrade should begin prior to this point.**
4. Once all work is complete sanitarian will return to the site to complete a final inspection and cost-share approval.
5. Landowners are responsible for providing a copy of all receipts, the completed cost-share application, and a valid social security number to the Lake Region RC&D office once project is complete. 1099g will be provided to landowner.
- 6. Cost-share check will be mailed directly to the landowner from the Lake Region RC&D once all requirements have been fulfilled. It is the landowners' responsibility to make all payments to contractors.**

**Questions on the cost-share process** may be directed to the Lake Region RC&D Office at 343 W. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Suite 4, Ottawa, KS, by phone at 785-242-2073 or by e-mail at [rick.porter@ks.usda.gov](mailto:rick.porter@ks.usda.gov).

**Questions on county codes, permits and system requirements** should be directed to the local county sanitarian or county environmental health office.

