

December 30, 2015

For Immediate Release:

Clermont County Public Health Receives \$300,000 to Help Homeowners Fix Failing Septic Systems

BATAVIA, Ohio - Clermont County Public Health (CCPH) has received a \$300,000 grant to help home owners repair failing septic systems. The grant is part of \$13.3 million being offered statewide by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency through the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund. CCPH is one of 57 local health districts that received funding through the program. Homeowners that are considered to be low income are eligible for the grant money.



Clermont County has over 21,000 home sewage treatment systems and CCPH is responsible for inspecting and ensuring they are operating properly. "When systems fail, they are not only costly to fix, but they can impact our environment as well. Failing systems can discharge untreated waste water back into our streams or pollute our groundwater," said Robert Wildey, Director of the Water and Waste Division with CCPH.

With the large number of septic systems in Clermont County, Wildey sees this as a wonderful opportunity. "We're very excited about being able to provide financial assistance to homeowners, while protecting the environment at the same time," said Wildey.

For more information, or to inquire about a homeowner's eligibility to receive these funds, please call Clermont County Public Health at 513-732-7499. For more information about Clermont County Public Health, visit them online at www.ccphohio.org.

Pictured above: A Clermont County Public Health employee performs a routine septic tank inspection.

###

For more information, contact Robert Wildey, Director of Water and Waste at 513-732-7606 or rwildey@clermontcountyohio.gov

Clermont County Public Health (CCPH) is a local government agency that provides public and environmental services, nursing services and education to Clermont County residents. CCPH is dedicated to the mission of striving to improve Clermont County by preventing disease, promoting health, and protecting the environment.