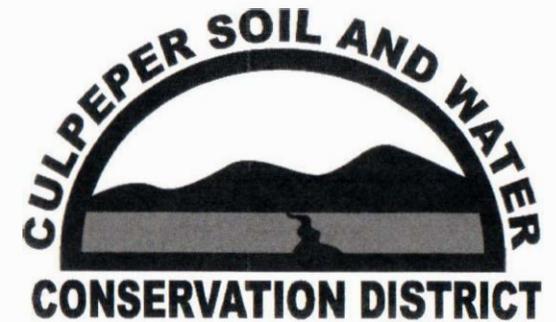
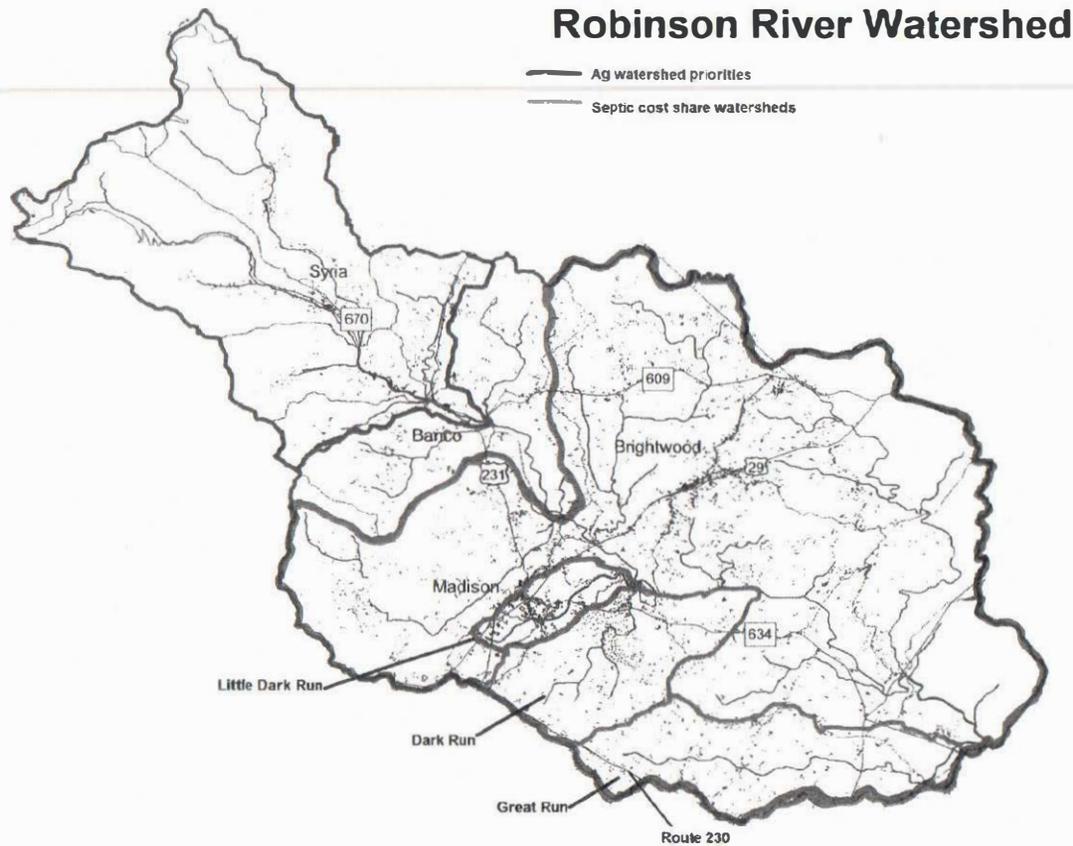


The Robinson River Watershed

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP YOU MAINTAIN YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM



To promote the stewardship of soil and water and the conservation of our natural resources by educating and providing technical assistance to manage, protect, and enhance the land and water for the benefit and enjoyment of the citizens of Culpeper, Greene, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock Counties.



The Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District is offering grant-based assistance to homeowners that live in the Robinson River watershed area. This area includes all areas outlined in various colors on the included map. This program will reimburse program participants up to 150 dollars for a septic system pump-out and 50% of any required repair or replacement expenses, including full system replace as necessary (See table below). Some program participants, depending on annual income, may receive up to a 75% cost-share reimbursement on septic system replacements or new installations. Upon completion of your maintenance/repair/installation you will be reimbursed promptly.

Application for funding is required prior to implementation.

Table of Reimbursement Payments*	
Pump out	\$150 or 50%
Repair	\$3,500 or 50%
New system	\$4,000 or 50%
New system with pump to drainfield	\$4,500 or 50%
Alternate engineered system	\$10,000 or 50%

For more information please contact

What causes septic systems to fail?

- Failure of the outlet Tee clogs the drainfield with solids and does not allow grey water to leach into the soil. Sewage has nowhere else to go so it backs up into your house.
- Adding water to the drainfield at a rate faster than it can percolate down through the soil. This includes having leaky fixtures or a downspout that empties near your drainfield.
- Physical damage to the drainfield or distribution box caused by digging, tilling, or cars & heavy machinery passing over them.
- Adding substances like grease, paint, and large amounts of cleaning solution kill the bacteria that break down sewage solids. This causes solids to buildup faster than normal and can easily clog the inlet/outlet tees and the drainfield.
- Woody plants growing on or near your drainfield. Their roots can easily foul the drain lines by growing into them.
- No regular pumping maintenance based on septic tank size and the number of people living in your home. Example: 2 people using a 1,000 gallon tank should be pumped every 4 -6 years.
- Non-biodegradable or slow to degrade items like products that contain plastics and heavier paper products.

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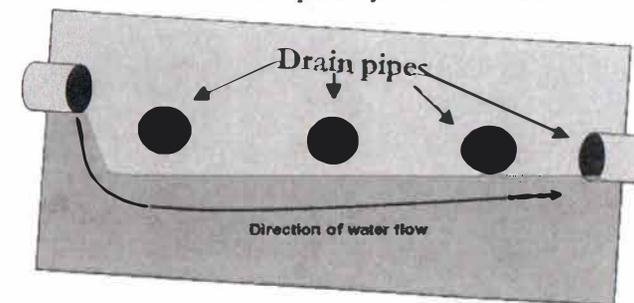
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Why?

This program is entirely voluntary. Its purpose is to improve surface and ground water quality locally and downstream from you. Your participation in maintaining a working septic system or repairing a failing system will help keep excess fecal coliform bacteria and excess nutrients out of streams. The cleaner our streams are, the more recreation, people, and wildlife they can healthily support.

With our cost share funds and your minimal maintenance investment, you are buying peace of mind. You won't have to worry about a costly system replacement in the foreseeable future.

A Common Septic System Problem



An unlevel distribution box forces all of the septic wastewater into 1 drain line. This causes the water to appear above ground because the soil is saturated.

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