

## ON-SITE SEPTIC REMEDIATION PROGRAM

**STATE PROGRAM:** Missouri Department of Natural Resources

**ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT:** Upper White River Basin Foundation

**ASSISTANCE AMOUNT:** \$1.5M



### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This area of the state has beautiful lakes that drive a thriving tourist industry, but many of the year-round households are low income and constructing on-site septic systems can be costly due to shallow bedrock, steep terrain, and proximity to surface waters. Missouri has awarded \$2 million in additional subsidization to a third-party organization called the Upper White River Basin Foundation, Inc. also known as Ozarks Water Watch (OWW) to setup a program that provides funding to homeowners to repair or replace failing on-site septic systems. This program empowers local residents to protect their water resources while also generating economic growth. OWW uses the income level of the homeowner to determine the funding package mix of grant money and zero-interest loans. Since 2011, the program has been able to replace or rehab 238 septic systems using \$1.5 million from the Missouri CWSRF as well as loan repayments from some of the early septic loans. The program has prevented an estimated 6.7 million gallons of untreated sewage from entering the area's water annually.

To read more about this case study, please visit [https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2017-11/documents/pisces\\_compendium\\_final2.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2017-11/documents/pisces_compendium_final2.pdf).