

Benchmark Activity

14.1: The local health department shall disseminate information relative to public health needs to elected and appointed officials.

14.2: The local health department shall provide information and recommendations to support the local board of health and the board(s) of county commissioners in setting public health priorities and planning public health programs.

**Durham County Board of Health
Agenda Item Summary**

Meeting Date: June 8, 2023

Agenda Item Subject: Septic System Repair Funding

Attachment (s): PowerPoint Presentation

Staff or Board Member Reporting: Patrick Eaton

Purpose: Action
 Information only
 Information with possible action

Objectives: Establish a program to provide assistance to owners of malfunctioning septic systems that are in need of repair, replacement, or connection to municipal sewer.

Summary Information: Areas of Durham County outside of the corporate limits of the City of Durham are almost exclusively served by septic systems. Many of these systems have exceeded or will soon exceed their expected service life. Replacement septic systems can cost homeowners in excess of \$20,000. Many homeowners lack these resources and as residential developments from the 1970's and 1980's increase in age the incidence of septic malfunction will increase. Other jurisdictions in the United States and in North Carolina have addressed this issue through innovative programs that offer grants, no-interest, or low-interest loans to septic system owners. These programs aid in abating the public health hazard, avoiding property abandonment, or eviction via court order.

Recommended Action: Approve
 Approve & forward to Board of Commissioners for action
 Approve & forward to _____
 Accept as information