

Benchmark Activity #14.2

The local health department shall provide information and recommendations to support the local Board of Health and the Board of County Commissioners in setting public health priorities and planning public health problems

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

Meeting Date: Feburary 13, 2014

Agenda Item Subject: Septic System Repair Funding

Attachment (s): Septic Repair.pptx

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 \$30,000. 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