

Household Water Well Assistance Program

The Pocono Northeast Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council is unveiling the Household Water Well System Loan Program for homeowners within the Council's service area. The program provides education, resources, and low-interest loans to low to moderate income homeowners residing in rural areas needing to service, repair, or upgrade their household water well system including new well construction, if necessary.

The Household Water Well Systems Loan program will provide a loan not to exceed \$11,000 per household at 1% interest rate for up to a maximum of 20 years.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a homeowner
- Reside in the following counties: Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Pike, Schuylkill, and/or Wayne
- Show a documented issue with the household water well
- Must be in a rural area (municipality must have an average of fewer than 274 people per square mile). The following website can be used to determine rural eligibility: <u>http://www.ruralpa2.org/rural_muni_sd.cfm</u>
- Must qualify as low to moderate income (income threshold average for moderate income levels per 4-member household is \$53,015, per 3-member household is \$48,250, and \$43,520 per 2-member household)
- Show ability and capacity to repay the loan

Informational Meetings (all meetings are 6:30PM-8:30PM):

March 14, 2011 Monroe County Conservation District 8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

March 21, 2011 Lake Township Building 488 State Route 29, Harvey's Lake, PA 18618 *March 22, 2011* Columbia County AG Center 702 Sawmill Road, Bloomsburg, PA 17815

March 23, 2011 Wayne County Park Street Complex 648 Park Street, Honesdale, PA 18431

Homeowners are strongly encouraged to attend one of the workshops, as those attending will receive additional benefits in the scoring process.

Non-eligible Projects:

- Not for construction of wells for new dwellings
- Not to substitute water service available from collective water systems
- Not for home plumbing systems, home sewer, and/or septic systems

Application Process:

- Determine eligibility
- Contact a water well professional for assistance
- Work with the water well professional to determine the problem
- Water testing by a Certified Water Quality testing laboratory
- Quote from professional to address and fix the issue
- Complete and submit the application packet
- Information submitted will be considered as strictly confidential
- Homeowners notified by RC&D Council about application

Applications for the Household Water Well Systems Loan will be accepted beginning March 1, 2011, with applications being reviewed every two weeks beginning April 25, 2011.

For more information please contact:

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