



SEPTIC UPGRADE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The purpose of the Hernando County Septic Upgrade Incentive Program is to encourage homeowners to voluntarily remediate existing conventional septic systems also known as Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems (OSTDS) to include nitrogen reducing enhancements. The incentive program is intended to offset a portion of homeowner costs by providing certified septic system installers and licensed plumbers with up to \$7,500 for the installation of enhanced nitrogen-reducing features to existing homes within Hernando County that are located within the Weeki Wachee Springs Priority Focus Area.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) through Hernando County will provide incentive payments for eligible recipients of up to \$7,500 per installation to encourage homeowners to voluntarily remediate existing conventional septic systems. All payments will be made on the homeowner's behalf directly to the licensed contractor. This program encourages homeowners located in eligible areas to make improvements and to offset the costs of those improvements.

ADMINISTRATOR INFORMATION

Accenture is a grant consulting firm hired by Coastal Engineering through Hernando County to administer the SUIP program. Accenture will review your application, determine eligibility, and oversee the entire septic upgrade process. Accenture is committed to assisting interested residents in obtaining all required documentation as well as understanding the grant process. It is important that you provide Accenture with all the required information and cooperate in every way in order to make this a positive experience. Please note that Hernando County will have final authority with all processes and procedures.

If you have a question regarding the septic upgrade process or eligibility criteria, please contact:



Accenture

Infrastructure & Capital Projects (I&CP)

850.681.3717

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CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

All work included in the contract will be between the homeowner and the contractor. The homeowner will select a contractor from the participating list to perform the enhanced septic upgrade work. All work will be awarded to licensed plumbers/septic contractors in compliance with grant specifications and licensing requirements. Contractors will be paid with grant funds with a limit of \$7,500 per installation. Contracts exceeding this amount must be paid for with homeowner funds once the \$7,500 maximum has been reached. At contract signing, the homeowner must make payment to the contractor for the contract amount that exceeds the \$7,500 limit.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for assistance will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, as funds are available. Eligible applicants will be awarded funds in order that a complete application is received, and all eligibility criteria is met. Please ensure the following when submitting your application:

- **Only one (1) application shall be mailed by envelope.** Accenture will not accept, or process applications mailed in bulk.
- **All signatures must be in blue ink to distinguish originals from copies.** Scanned, faxed, or email copies of applications will not be accepted.
- **APPLICANTS EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC RECORDS ONLY MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION WITH THEIR APPLICATION:**
 - Copy of property ownership (warranty deed, quit claim deed, probate document, etc.)
 - Property card printout from the property appraiser's office.
 - Tax receipt from the tax collector's office that confirms you are current on all tax years.

Submit your application by mail to the following address:

**Accenture
ATTN: Llewellyn Esteban
3800 Esplanade Way, Suite 100
Tallahassee, FL 32311**

PLEASE NOTE:

Applications will NOT be accepted at any other location or by any Hernando County Staff.

DO NOT mail application with a required signature, as there is no guarantee a representative will be present to sign for it. All mail without required signature is guaranteed delivery.

NOTICE:

Florida Statute 817 provides that willful false statements are a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by fines and imprisonment provided under Statutes 775.082 or 775.83. You further understand that any willful misstatement of information will be grounds for disqualification. You will sign your application certifying that the application information provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge.



**HERNANDO COUNTY SEPTIC UPGRADE INCENTIVE PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE**

General Information	Property Owner(s)
Full Name:	

Full Property Address: (include city and zip code)			
Full Mailing Address: (if different)			
Primary Phone:		Alternate Phone:	
Email Address:			

As the homeowner of record, I/we agree to pay for any program costs that are incurred over and above the \$7,500 limit for septic system improvements or otherwise not covered by the grant. * All work will be performed by licensed plumbers or licensed septic installers selected by the homeowner from the list of participating contractors. All work is to be inspected and approved by the appropriate county department or agency staff.

All work must be in compliance with all applicable county codes and health department requirements.

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I/we consent to access of the property listed herein from the County department, agency staff, and the contractor to perform all acts necessary to make improvements to the existing septic system and to abandon the existing on-site septic system, if applicable.

Property Owner Signature Print Name Date

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*Homeowners are responsible for all costs over the \$7,500 maximum grant award.