

New York County Septic System Lottery is a Success

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Suffolk County gave free septic systems to 19 families in December as part of a pilot program to reduce nitrogen from onsite systems and improve local water quality. More than 130 residents applied for the septic lottery and had to meet certain requirements to make sure the property qualified for an onsite system. Winners will receive free installation, monitoring and maintenance for five years and had to agree to host tours and inspections of their systems.

Valued at up to \$15,000 each, the systems will be used to test advanced wastewater treatment systems that can be used to reduce pollution on Long Island, an urban area just outside New York City where septic systems are still heavily used; Suffolk County has more than 360,000 homes served by onsite systems.