

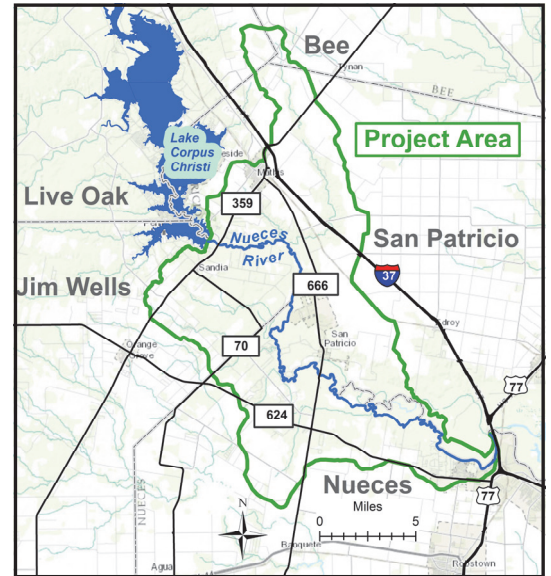


SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTIONS



The Nueces River Authority has teamed up with **Yopez Septic Tank Service** and **A & R Septic Tank Service** to provide septic system inspections, including pumpouts, for homeowners within the Lower Nueces River Watershed.

This program will also offer system repairs and/or replacements to qualifying homeowners, as long as funding is available. Applicants for this phase of the project may have to demonstrate financial need. Priority will be given based on proximity to the Nueces River or one of its tributaries.



How to Apply

Download an application from www.nueces-ra.org

Request an application by email to rfreund@nueces-ra.org

Request an application by phone to 361-653-2110



This program is funded through a Clean Water Act (CWA) §319(h) grant to the Nueces River Authority, (NRA) administered by the Texas Commission on Environment Quality from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). It implements the Lower Nueces River Watershed Protection Plan which was also funded through a CWA) §319(h) grant to the NRA administered by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board from the USEPA.



Nueces River Authority

Lower Nueces River Watershed On-Site Sewage Facilities Assistance Program Application

The Nueces River Authority has received grant funding through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to implement a bacteria reduction program designed to provide limited financial assistance to eligible property owners to repair or replace exiting septic systems which are not functioning properly. An improperly functioning septic system may release bacteria into ground and surface water causing bacterial contamination and possible illnesses to both humans and animals.

A watershed protection plan was developed for the Lower Nueces River to address water quality issues in the river. One of the issues is an increasing trend in *E. coli* bacteria concentrations. The levels currently meet the State's water quality standards, but could exceed the standards if the trend continues. Exceeding the water quality standards could result in regulatory action by state and / or federal environmental agencies.

The goal of this project is to reduce bacteria levels in the Lower Nueces River and its tributaries. By evaluating the existing septic systems in the watershed and repairing or replacing faulty / failing systems, bacteria levels in the river should be reduced over time.

Up to 100 inspections, free of charge to the property owner, are being offered through this program. If more than 100 applications are received, priority will be given to those systems with the closest proximity to the Nueces River and its tributaries. Limited financial assistance will be available to eligible property owners to repair or replace faulty / failing systems.

With your permission, a certified OSSF inspector will evaluate your septic system. If your septic system is determined to be faulty or failing, you will be eligible to apply for funding to bring your system into compliance with OSSF regulations. The specific details are still being developed, but will be largely based on financial need and proximity to the river and tributaries.

I grant permission for a certified OSSF inspector to conduct an evaluation of my On-Site Septic Facility (OSSF). I understand that if my septic system is determined to be faulty or failing, I will be eligible to apply for financial assistance to repair or replace system components. I understand that financial assistance is not guaranteed and will be awarded based on available funds, financial need, and proximity to the Lower Nueces River and its tributaries.

Printed Name _____	Date _____
Physical Address of OSSF Location _____	
Mailing Address of Property Owner _____	

Phone Number (____) _____ - _____	Email _____
Signature _____	