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To: Septic Designers, Engineers and Installers in Grant County

From: Grant County Health District (GCHD)

Re: New and Alteration Septic Permitting Process in Grant County

Septic Professionals,

This notice is meant to serve as a reminder and an update about the septic application and permitting process with GCHD. As you are aware the GCHD septic application has a two-page checklist incorporating many important aspects of design and permitting within the application. The checklist serves as a reminder to the designer of the system to include important information in the design and it allows GCHD to use it during review as the designers' verification that the applicable information has been considered and included. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the information provided on the application is accurate and complete.

Please note there is a checklist item on the GCHD septic applications referencing critical areas and inclusion within your designs. Critical areas in Grant County include wetlands; Frequently Flooded Areas, Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas, Geologically Hazardous Areas, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas and Cultural Resource Areas. The Grant County Planning Department (Planning) administers the critical areas requirements for Grant County. As part of the Grant County Building permit application review, Planning staff complete what is known as a Critical Areas Review for the property where a Grant County Building permit is proposed.

Historically, GCHD has accepted septic applications before building permit applications are in process. GCHD will no longer accept applications that simply indicate critical areas have been reviewed via your completed checklist. Beginning immediately, GCHD will only accept septic applications (excluding most repairs) for projects that have a building application in process. Preliminary design work that requires site disturbance (test holes) should not begin until a Critical Areas Review is completed.

If you are working on a project that is within a municipal jurisdiction, please contact that jurisdiction before beginning work. If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact Todd Phillips at 766-7960 ext. 26 or Jon Ness at ext. 32.

