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Dear Landowner,

The Waushara County Land Conservation & Zoning Office (LC&Z) in partnership with UW Extension launched a private well water testing program in 2018. At that time, our department contacted private well owners to test nitrate and chloride levels. This testing began in 2018 and is now complete.

We have received \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to be used for installing Reverse Osmosis systems to reduce nitrate levels below State of Wisconsin standards of 10ppm. These reverse osmosis systems are now being offered to all residents of Waushara County. Additionally, the Waushara County Board of supervisors has approved the use of the funds to purchase and install a reverse osmosis system.

Please note that this offer to purchase and install a reverse osmosis system is based upon an 80% cost share rate. If you choose to participate you will be responsible for 20% of the total cost. Currently, cost can range from \$1,800 for a single source (under the sink system) to \$8,000 for whole home systems. Your level of cost (and reduction of nitrate) is based on your most current well water test. Your well water test must be within 5 years to be eligible. Additional testing may be conducted to determine specific water quality in your well.

Lastly, there is a 3-year operation and maintenance plan that must be followed once installation is complete. Said maintenance plan will be included in the aforementioned cost and overall cost share program. Should you wish to participate, we will require the attached "Intent to participate" form be returned to our office. Returning this form assures you receiving the cost share dollars for the reverse osmosis system.

For more information or to sign up if you are interested in participating, please notify our office at the number listed above. Any questions can be directed to the LC&Z Office Todd Wahler or Ed Hernandez at: 920-787-0443. Thank you for your participation and we look forward to hearing from you soon.



Todd Wahler  
Director, Waushara County Land Conservation & Zoning Office

# NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

Dear landowner,

You are receiving this letter informing you that your Reverse Osmosis project has been ranked and selected for cost-sharing through the following County, State or Federal Program(s):

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

In order to secure the cost-share dollars for your project, you must complete and mail this Notification of Intent to Participate letter within 30 business days of the day you received it. Failure to return this letter within the time specified may result in the cost share dollars being reallocated to another homeowner.

I have read and understand the information contained in this Notice of Intent to Participate and agree to the terms contained herein. I also understand and acknowledge that funding received from Waushara County is contingent upon availability of State and/or Program funds. I agree to pay 20% of Project costs.

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Landowner/Cost Share Recipient's Signature

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Date

In-House

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County Representative

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Date

