

RESOLUTION #37-2017

INTRODUCED BY:

WATER & LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

INTENT:

REQUEST THE PRIVATE ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM GRANT

PROGRAM BECOME AN ONGOING BUDGETARY LINE ITEM

WHEREAS, Governor Walker has proposed making the Private On-Site Wastewater Treatment System Grant program in his 2017-2019 proposed state budget a onetime grant; and

WHEREAS, the Private On-Site Wastewater Treatment System Grant program provides grants to lower income property owners to assist with the repair or replacement of failing septic systems; and

WHEREAS, failing septic systems may discharge untreated wastewater into either surface water or groundwater where it can contaminate drinking water supplies and otherwise expose people to disease bearing microorganisms; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1978 the Private On-Site Wastewater Treatment System Grant program has assisted over 41,000 Wisconsin residents; and

WHEREAS, since 1980 Langlade County has assisted many permanent residents with replacing or repairing failing septic systems; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the Private On-Site Wastewater Treatment System Grant increases the threat to public health and safety and environmental degradation because lower income property owners may not be able to pay for the cost of replacing a failing septic system without financial assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors that the Private On-site Wastewater Treatment System Grant program become an ongoing budgetary line item in the 2017-2019 state budget and beyond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Walker, the Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin Legislature and the legislators for Langlade County.

**WATER & LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE:** 

Ronald Nye, Chairman

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Fiscal Note: Langlade County received \$1072.51 in grant funds for 2016.

Adopted by the County Board of Langlade County

this 204 day of

2017.

Judy Nagel, County Clerk