

City of Durham's Northeast Creek Residential Septic to Sewer Cost-Share Project Application & Agreement

Application Date: _____

A. Owner Information:

Owner Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email: _____

B. Property Information:

Street Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Number of Bedrooms: _____

Type of residential onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS). Please check one of the following:

	Conventional septic system
	Discharging sand filter system
	Other system (please describe):
	Unknown

Is your onsite wastewater treatment system actively failing? YES NO

Approximate age (in years) of the onsite wastewater treatment system: _____

Would you like to apply for the higher cost-share amount due to financial hardship? YES NO

If yes, you will be required to provide documents showing proof of financial hardship to Durham County's Department of Social Services. Please see Section D (Terms and Conditions) for more information about the higher cost-share amount and the financial hardship criteria.

D. Terms and Conditions:

The applicant(s) hereby agree(s) to take part in the Northeast Creek Residential Septic to Sewer Cost-Share Project offered by the City of Durham. The applicant(s) fully understand(s) that their participation is subject to the following provisions of this agreement.

1. This application must be approved by the City of Durham according to the following criteria:
 - a. the residence must be connected to an onsite wastewater treatment system, and
 - b. the property must be zoned as residential, and
 - c. the property must be within the City of Durham limits, and
 - d. the property must be within the Northeast Creek watershed boundary, and
 - e. a City of Durham sanitary sewer line service must be available for the property.
2. Participation in the City of Durham's Northeast Creek Residential Septic to Sewer Cost-Share Project is voluntary.
3. The applicant certifies that they own the property where the conversion from septic to sewer will be completed.
4. The base cost-share amount provided to accepted applicants will cover Durham County's system development fee. If the applicant also qualifies for financial hardship assistance and provides the required documentation, the cost-share amount will cover the cost of the County's system development fee and the cost of the City's sewer connection fee.
5. The applicant must meet the following criteria to be approved for financial hardship assistance:
 - a. the applicant must be a resident of the City of Durham for at least 90 days, and
 - b. the applicant is enrolled in a Durham County property tax relief program, or
 - c. the applicant's household income (accounting for household size) is less than or equal to 200% of the most recent Federal poverty income guidelines, or
 - d. the applicant's household income is less than or equal to Durham County's median household income for the most recent year of data available.
6. The cost-share amount is a transfer of funds from the City's Public Works Department to the County's Utilities Division. The cost-share amount will not pay for any onsite wastewater treatment system maintenance, the removal or abandonment of the onsite wastewater treatment system, or any plumbing work conducted on the applicant's property.
7. The funds for the Northeast Creek Residential Septic to Sewer Cost-Share Project will be available until all funds are expended or until the project ends on June 30, 2026. Applications that are received and approved before June 30, 2026 will be eligible for funds that have not been expended.

E. Release and Waiver Agreement:

The applicant(s), _____, request(s) to participate in the City of Durham's Northeast Creek Residential Septic to Sewer Cost-Share Project. The applicant(s) agree(s) that the application and other attachments submitted herewith are true and accurate and attest(s) that they meet all eligibility requirements. If any of the information provided by the applicant(s) in their application is found or determined by the City of Durham to be inaccurate, the City of Durham may revoke any approved cost-sharing application and/or require repayment of any City and County fees that were waived for the applicant(s) based upon inaccurate information provided in the application. The undersigned understand(s) that providing false representations herein constitutes an act of fraud. The applicant(s) permit the City of Durham to verify any of the information submitted with third parties as part of the application process. The applicant(s) agrees that, if the application is approved for cost-sharing, they assume full responsibility and liability for their private sewer lateral and their connection to the City's sanitary sewer system. The undersigned agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of Durham and its officers, agents, and employees from and against all claims, actions, losses, damages, costs, and expenses that are caused by, arising out of, or in any way connected, directly or indirectly, to their participation in the City of Durham's Northeast Creek Residential Septic to Sewer Cost-Share Project, including those claims, actions, losses, damages, costs and expenses that may result from the acts, omissions, or negligence of the City of Durham, its officers, agents, or employees. The undersigned have read and fully understand this application and its requirements, terms, and conditions.

All property owners must sign and date this agreement below:

Signature of owner: _____ Date: _____

Signature of owner: _____ Date: _____

Signature of owner: _____ Date: _____