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Delaware County Municipalities
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RE: Delaware County Health Department Sewage Program

Dear Delaware County Municipalities,

Delaware County Health Department (DCHD) is excited to announce the start of a **Sewage Program**. This program will focus on present and future private on-lot sewage disposal needs with an emphasis on preventing potential public health hazards and protecting the environment.

DCHD will be responsible for: site testing, including, but not limited to soil evaluations and percolation tests; inspections; investigations, including, but not limited to, malfunctions and complaints; permit issuance; and, subdivision review. All enforcement action specific to private on-lot septic systems will be in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 537, entitled "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act," and Pennsylvania Code – Title 25, entitled "Environmental Protection."

The *official start date* of the Sewage Program will be June 1, 2023. At the start date, all new applicants must be directed to the DCHD for all related on-lot sewage needs. DCHD will perform the duties of the Sewage Enforcement Officer, as anticipated by the state law referenced above, to approve or deny permits for construction of on-lot sewage disposal systems prior to system installation.

DCHD will assist municipalities in managing and administering the program during this transition. If you wish to schedule a meeting with Delaware County Health Department, please call 484-276-2100 or email at Environmental@co.delaware.pa.us.

For more information visit our website at: [Environmental Health - Health Department - Delaware County, Pennsylvania \(delcopa.gov\)](http://EnvironmentalHealth-HealthDepartment-DelawareCounty.Pennsylvania(delcopa.gov)

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to partnering with you in keeping Delaware County a safe place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

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