COTTONWOOD
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Cottonwood County SSTS Loan Program Policy

Cottonwood County, through multiple low interest loan programs is able to provide loans for the completion of repairs or replacement of subsurface sewage treatment systems throughout rural Cottonwood County.

Because loan funds are limited, the following stipulations must be met by the property owner to qualify:

1. Subsurface Sewage Treatment System must be located in rural Cottonwood County.

2. Needs to be a repair or the replacement of a non-compliant existing system. **New construction is NOT eligible for SSTS loans.** **New construction is defined as a parcel(s) that has never had a dwelling on it OR a parcel(s) with existing dwellings that will be replaced with new construction OR a parcel(s) with existing dwellings that the new construction will be an additional dwelling on the parcel. No partial loans shall be granted for combining an existing dwelling septic system or septic system replacement on a new dwelling septic system. Failure to abide by this will result in loan ineligibility.** **Funding eligibility is also determined which State agency/funding source we receive our money from and their requirements.**

3. Holding tanks and septic systems for commercial (other establishment)/non-dwelling structures are not eligible for loan funds.

4. Eligible costs must pertain to the septic system, such costs include: septic system design, septic system installation, electrical wiring of the septic system (up to $1000.00 for electrical). Other costs may be approved on a case by case basis based on funding availability and provided it is in relation to the septic system.

5. Applicants must be in good standing with Cottonwood County, *no delinquent taxes*. Tax payment status MUST be checked prior to start of construction.

6. Loan rate is up to 3% based on funding sources and is included on your property taxes, which is paid twice a year for a period of 10 years.

7. Loan application fee is $100.00. This can be put on the loan.

8. SSTS Permit/site inspection fee is $225.00. This can be put on the loan.

9. Obtain Septic System Replacement Low Interest Loan Application from the Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District.

10. Complete and return the Application Forms to the Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District for loan funding availability and approval.

11. Obtain bill from contractor(s) and submit to the Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District for review.

12. Payment Form will be completed by the Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District and submitted to the Cottonwood County Auditor/Treasurer for payment. Contractors will be paid directly from the county.