

Press Release

Event: Septic Tank Stakeholder Workshop

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Location: Wakulla County Library
4330 Crawfordville Hwy

Sponsor: Wakulla County and the
FSU Center for Economic Forecasting and Analysis

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The public is invited to participate in a stakeholder workshop on on-site treatment and disposal systems, OSTDS (Septic Tanks). This effort seeks to build consensus on how to minimize pollution from septic tanks at the cost to Wakulla County and its citizens. This workshop will build on past efforts by the County and many other groups. Workshop participants will help shape and evaluate options to address these key policy questions:

1. Where in Wakulla County should sewers or performance-based OSTDS be required? Are there any areas where standard OSTDS would be acceptable?
2. Should the installation, maintenance and replacement of OSTDS be managed by property owners or a public or private entity?
3. How should installation and operation of OSTDS be paid for?

This workshop is part of a project funded by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and approved the Wakulla County that includes these steps:

OSTDS Stakeholder Workshop **June 26, 2008**

OSTDS Policy Option Survey **June - July**

Consensus Workshop 1 **July**

The Wakulla County Infrastructure Committee and other stakeholder will seek consensus on OSTDS policy recommendations using the results of the survey, expert input and cost analysis of the options.

Consensus Workshop 2 **August**

Build on efforts of Consensus Workshop 1.
Seek consensus on unresolved issues and the report to the Commission.

The Wakulla Commission will consider action on recommendations. September