



LITTLE LAGOON SEPTIC TO SEWER PROGRAM



Little Lagoon is a treasure worth protecting and restoring. Individuals with on-site septic sewage treatment systems can improve its water quality by connecting to the City of Gulf Shores sanitary sewer system, which treats wastewater more effectively. ***Most property owners within the City of Gulf Shores and Little Lagoon Watershed can be reimbursed up to \$6,500 to abandon their septic system and connect to the City system.*** These funds have been made available through a grant from the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States (RESTORE) Act of 2012 Oil Spill Impact Component Program.

Please visit restorelittlegoon.org:



To benefit from this Program, owners will:

1. Consult the [Online Map](#) to ensure that their property – currently served by an on-site septic sewage treatment system – falls within the Little Lagoon Watershed, the municipal boundaries of the City of Gulf Shores, and the service area of the Gulf Shores Utilities sanitary sewer system.
2. Complete an [Online Application](#), receive an email confirming receipt of the application, receive a Pre-Approval Letter from the City of Gulf Shores, and then execute a Septic to Sewer Connection Agreement with the City.
3. Hire a prequalified, licensed contractor to perform all work tasks including abandoning the existing septic tank and connecting to the public sewer, which typically involves a pump system.
4. Follow AL Department of Public Health regulations by calling the Baldwin County Environmental Department to notify them of your intent to abandon your septic system and connect to City sewage treatment service.
5. Ensure your licensed contractor 1) pumps out the existing septic tank and 2) fills the tank with dirt or crushes the tank and then fills it with dirt.
6. Complete all work within six (6) months of receipt of the Pre-Approval Letter from the City.
7. Submit all receipts from your contractor for work completed along with a written request for payment/reimburse to lori@5020eng.net.
8. Receive your reimbursement of up to \$6,500.

Make sure all of the boxes are checked in the following Checklist, and you'll be on your way to a cleaner Little Lagoon and a reimbursement for doing your part!

1. Getting the ball rolling... You have:

- 1.1 Reviewed the requirements at restorelittlegoon.org.
- 1.2 Confirmed that your property with an on-site septic system falls within the area of eligibility in the [Online Map](#).
- 1.3 Completed an [Online Application](#) for the Septic To Sewer Program.
- 1.4 Received an email confirming the City's receipt of your application. (Alternatively, you can contact lori@5020eng.net to confirm receipt.)
- 1.5 Received a Pre-Approval Letter.
- 1.6 Provided an executed Septic to Sewer Connection Agreement as directed in the Pre-Approval Letter and received the City's signed agreement before beginning any work.

2. Getting the work done... You have:

- 2.1 Selected a prequalified, licensed contractor (see restorelittlegoon.org for latest list) to abandon your septic system and connect to City sewage treatment service.
- 2.2 Followed all the terms and conditions of the fully executed Septic to Sewer Connection Agreement.
- 2.3 Obtained all necessary permits and paid all fees, including the City's Building Permit (see <https://www.gulfshoresutilities.com/procedures/> and <https://www.gulfshoresal.gov/759/Building-PermitsApplications>).
- 2.4 Called Baldwin County Environmental Department at 251-947-3618 Ext 3 to notify them of your intent to abandon your septic system and connect to City sewage treatment service.
- 2.5 Ensured your licensed contractor has pumped out the existing septic tank and filled the tank with dirt or crushed the tank and then filled it with dirt before connecting to City sewage treatment service.
- 2.6 Obtained documentation of all necessary permits being closed out.
- 2.7 Completed all work within six (6) months of receipt of your Pre-Approval Letter from the City of Gulf Shores.

3. Wrapping it up and receiving your reimbursement of up to \$6,500... You have:

- 3.1 Submitted all receipts and documentation that permitted work was successfully completed from your prequalified, licensed contractor for work completed along with a written request for payment/reimbursement to lori@5020eng.net.
- 3.2 Received your reimbursement of up to \$6,500.