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1. estimate/number of septic systems in your county
2. estimate/number of failing septic systems in your county
3. estimate/number of failing septic systems for towns in your county
4. estimate of cost per home to remedy failing system.

You may either fax your responses or call me at my office at (317) 261-3054. Additionally, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I thank you in advance for your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

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1. Estimate/total number of septic systems in your county
2. Estimate/total number of failing septic systems in your county according to the
 - a. ISDH definition of failed septic systems (410 IAC 6-8.1-8)
 - i. *As used in this rule "residential sewage disposal system failure" means a residential sewage disposal system which exhibits one (1) or more of the following:*
 1. *The system refuses to accept sewage at the rate of design application thereby interfering with the normal use of residential plumbing fixtures.*
 2. *Effluent discharge exceeds the absorptive capacity of the soil, resulting in ponding, seepage, or other discharge of the effluent to the ground surface or to surface water.*
 3. *Effluent is discharged from the system causing contamination of a potable water supply, ground water, or surface waters.*
 - b. And including non-systems, i.e. pipe to stream
3. Estimate/total number of septic systems failing in incorporated areas; please list the areas
4. What is the most likely remedy?
 - a. Sewer
 - b. Replace septic
 - c. Mound, wetlands, etc.
5. Estimate cost per remedy?
6. An estimate of the amount of urbanized area that agrees to install sewers in your county?
7. County name _____

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Thank you for your participation.

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