

# **SAMPLE NOTICE/TOWN NEWSLETTER ARTICLE TO BE SENT TO RESIDENTS ON WELL AND SEPTIC GRANTS**

## **DOES YOUR HOME NEED A NEW WELL OR SEPTIC SYSTEM?**

If your well does not produce safe and adequate water or your septic system is failing, you may be eligible for state grant monies. The Hancock County Planning Commission and the Washington Hancock Community Agency are seeking a multi-town grant to continue the well and septic tank replacement program for income-eligible households. These income guidelines are on a sliding scale according to family size. For example, the maximum income for a family of four must not exceed \$48,550.

## **HOW CAN YOU LEARN IF YOU QUALIFY?**

The first step is to contact the \_\_\_\_\_ town office, describe your well and septic problems and leave your name, address and telephone number. If there are enough residents interested, you will be contacted for details.

## **WHEN WILL YOU KNOW IF YOU WILL GET THE FUNDS?**

The town will decide this fall if is going to participate in the program. The state of Maine will not make a decision on which applications are funded until the Spring of 2012. Actual construction would probably not begin until next summer. Competition for these funds is very stiff, so we are starting the process now.

## **WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?**

We need residents from the various participating towns who are willing to serve on an advisory committee. We also need details on the specific problems residents are facing with failing wells or inadequate septic systems. If you are able to help, even if your own well and septic system are in good condition, please leave your name with the town office.