

# 2021 Hardship Guideline Review



*To protect the health and promote the well-being of all people in Virginia.*

# HB 888 Income Eligibility

Beginning July 1, 2019, (i) require means testing of applicants who petition the Department for evaluation and design services for onsite sewage systems and private wells and who are unable to demonstrate a hardship and (ii) provide evaluation and design services only to such applicants whose household income does not exceed 400 percent of the federal poverty guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Department shall reduce such income threshold to 300 percent beginning July 1, 2020, **200 percent beginning July 1, 2021**, and 100 percent beginning July 1, 2022. Beginning July 1, 2023, the Department shall provide design and evaluation services only to an applicant who demonstrates a hardship in accordance with guidelines developed by the Department.

# Updated Income Eligibility

| Persons in Household | 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1                    | \$25,760                        |
| 2                    | \$34,840                        |
| 3                    | \$43,920                        |
| 4                    | \$53,000                        |
| 5                    | \$62,080                        |
| 6                    | \$71,160                        |
| 7                    | \$80,240                        |
| 8                    | \$89,320                        |

# Overview – Septic 5/1/2020 to 4/30/2021

- Total Applications – 14,590 (15,810 with Loudoun and Fairfax)
  - New Construction – 11,040
  - Minor Modification – 872
  - Repair – 2134
  - Voluntary Upgrade – 543
- \* Includes denials (545) and blank status.

# Overview Septic 5/1/2020 to 4/30/2021

- 93.3% of All Designs by OSEs/PEs (84% last year)
- 6.6% of All Designs by VDH (16% last year)
- Approximately 10% by PEs, 83% by OSEs (12% and 72% last year)
- PE Designs – Avg. 10. Median 3. 8 PEs = 50% of Designs
- OSE Designs – Avg. 41. Median 21. 26 OSEs = 50% of Designs

2020 List of Localities

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Alleghany    | Smyth      |
| Appomattox   | Tazewell   |
| Bland        | Washington |
| Buchanan     | Wise       |
| Carroll      | Wythe      |
| Charles City |            |
| Charlotte    |            |
| Craig        |            |
| Dickenson    |            |
| Grayson      |            |
| Highland     |            |
| Lee          |            |
| Lunenburg    |            |
| Lynchburg    |            |
| Nelson       |            |
| Pittsylvania |            |
| Rappahannock |            |
| Rockbridge   |            |
| Russell      |            |
| Scott        |            |

2021 List of Localities Transitioning

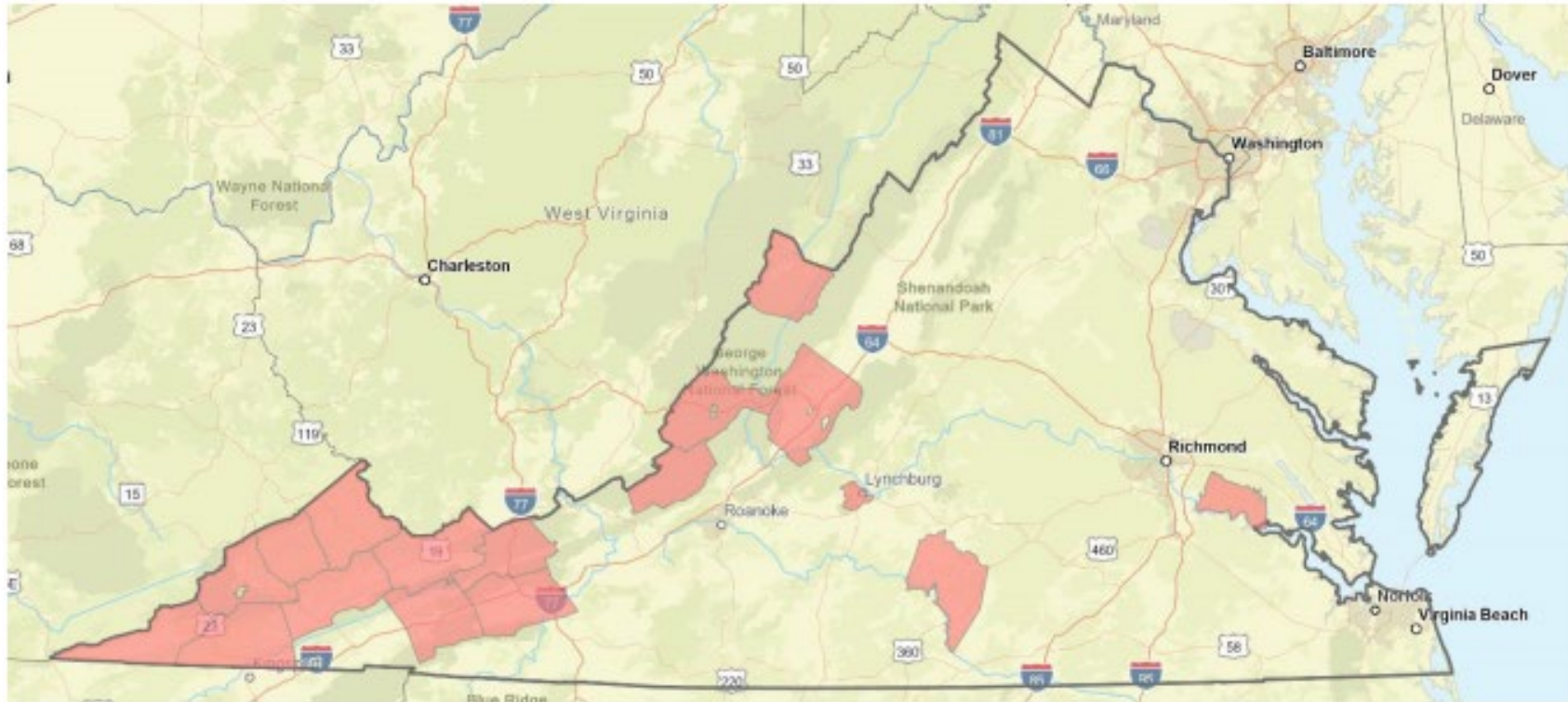
Appomattox  
Lunenburg  
Nelson  
Pittsylvania  
Rappahannock  
Washington

\*86 Bare Apps from 5/1/2020 to 4/30/2021

2021 Remaining

Alleghany  
Bland  
Buchanan  
Carroll  
Charles City  
Charlotte  
Craig  
Dickenson  
Grayson  
Highland  
Lee  
Lynchburg  
Rockbridge  
Russell  
Scott  
Smyth  
Tazewell  
Wise  
Wythe

## Localities with an Insufficient Number of Service Providers – Onsite Sewage System Construction



### **List of Localities Meeting Hardship**

Alleghany  
Charlotte  
Lee  
Scott  
Wythe

Bland  
Craig  
Lynchburg  
Smyth

Buchanan  
Dickenson  
Rockbridge  
Tazewell

Charles City  
Highland  
Russell  
Wise

(Updated 7/1/21)

# Safe, Adequate, and Proper 5/1/2020 to 4/30/2021

- 1897 Total in EHD.
- 77.5% VDH
- 14.5% OSE
- 4.4% Installer
- 2.7% Operator
- 0.8% PE



# And now for something completely different:

- Virginia received approximately 4.3 Billion in funding under the American Rescue Plan
- Governor proposed and G.A. approved \$11,500,000 over two years to VDH for improvement funding for well and onsite sewage systems for homeowners at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines
- These funds will be spread over ~~two~~ **four** years (\$5,750,000 per year)
- \$75,000,000 going to DEQ for septic, straight pipe, and sewer collection system repair, replacement, and upgrades