



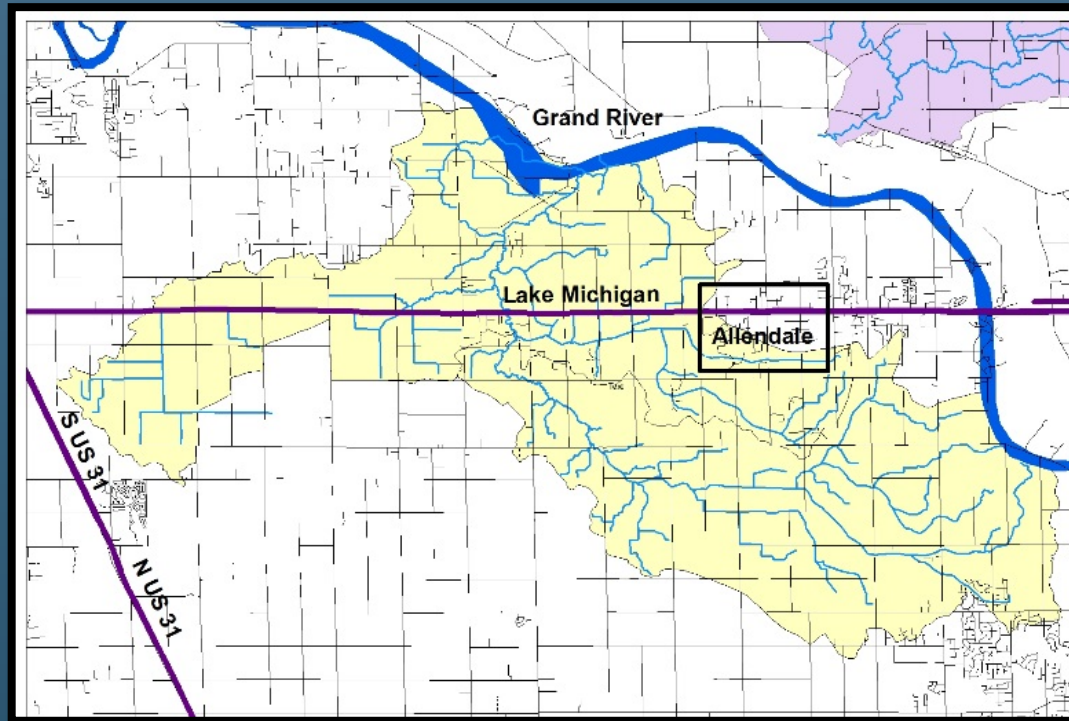
# Bass River Deer Creek Restoration Project Septic Assistance Program

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# BRDC Restoration Project Overview



Bass River Watershed



Deer Creek Watershed



# The Problem: TMDLs in the Bass River and Deer Creek

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- Excess nutrients
- Sedimentation
- E. coli



# BRDC Restoration Project Program Components

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- Best Management Practices
- Septic Assistance Program (SAP)

Today's focus is SAP

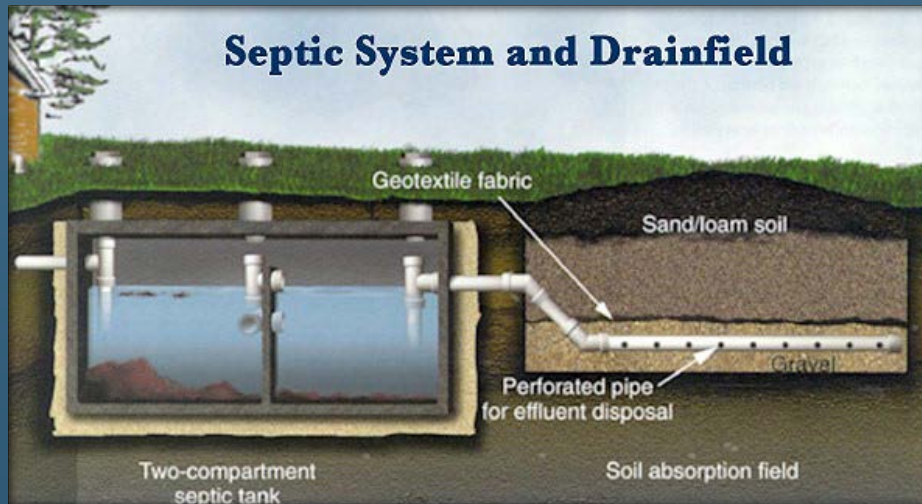


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# What BRDC Offers Landowners

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- Technical Assistance
- Cost share



Source: [www.fayettevilleseptic.com](http://www.fayettevilleseptic.com)



Photo: Jordan





# BRDC Outreach: A community-based approach

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- Traditional door-to-door, face-to-face
- Community events
- Schools
- Community business leaders
- Industry professionals
- Community presence



Photo: Kocher



# BRDC Septic Assistance Process

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- Application and Prioritization
  - Distance to water body
  - Land features, topography
  - Condition of system



*Photos: Jordan*



# BRDC Septic Assistance Process, continued

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- Approval and implementation
- Project complete, immediate results



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# BRDC

## Septic Assistance Program by the Numbers

- Number of systems
- Cost share reimbursements



Protect it and inspect it!

septicSMART  
SepticSMART Week - September 19-23, 2016

Regular septic maintenance can save homeowners thousands of dollars. Learn more at [epa.gov/septicSMART](http://epa.gov/septicSMART).

EPA  
United States Environmental Protection Agency

The advertisement features a central photograph of a man in a dark shirt and jeans kneeling on a lawn, using a green flexible hose to clean a septic tank access point. The access point is a rectangular concrete structure with several large, reddish-brown bricks placed around it. In the background, a white septic service truck is parked on a grassy area. The top left of the ad has a dark blue banner with the text 'Protect it and inspect it!'. The top right features a circular logo for 'septicSMART' with a cartoon character and the text 'SepticSMART Week - September 19-23, 2016'. The bottom left contains text about the benefits of regular maintenance and a link to the EPA website. The bottom right features the EPA logo and the text 'EPA United States Environmental Protection Agency'.





# Thank you

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