

1682 SPECIAL CATEGORIES CONTRACTED SERVICES FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 8,225 FROM ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT AND RESTORATION TRUST FUND 6,750 FROM FEDERAL GRANTS TRUST FUND 30 FROM LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND 1,100 FROM PERMIT FEE TRUST FUND 5,370 FROM WATER PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM TRUST FUND 1,000,000 From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1682 , \$1 million from the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund shall be transferred to the Department of Health to further develop cost-effective nitrogen reduction strategies. The Department of Health shall contract, by request for proposal, for Phase I of an anticipated 3-year project to develop passive strategies for nitrogen reduction that complement use of conventional onsite wastewater treatment systems. The project shall be controlled by the Department of Health's research review and advisory committee and shall include the following components: 1) comprehensive review of existing or ongoing studies on passive technologies; 2) field-testing of nitrogen reducing technologies at actual home sites for comparison of conventional, passive technologies and performance-based treatment systems to determine nitrogen reduction performance; 3) documentation of all capital, energy and life-cycle costs of various technologies for nitrogen reduction; 4) evaluation of nitrogen reduction provided by soils and the shallow groundwater below and down gradient of various systems; and 5) development of a simple model for predicting nitrogen fate and transport from onsite wastewater systems. A progress report shall be presented to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on February 1, 2009, including recommendations for funding additional phases of the study.

The Department of Health shall also submit a report to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by no later than October 1, 2008, which identifies the range of costs to implement a mandatory statewide 5-year septic tank inspection program to be phased in over 10 years pursuant to the Department of Health's procedure for voluntary inspection, including use of fees to offset costs.

From the research fees collected pursuant to section 381.0066, Florida Statutes, \$150,000 shall be used by the Department of Health to provide a statewide inventory of onsite treatment and disposal systems.