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## St. Louis County ISTS Definitions

From St. Louis County Ordinance 55-ISTS

### **Failing System**

Failing System means any system that has less than one foot of Vertical Separation between the bottom of the distribution media and the saturated soil level or Bedrock. In addition, any system posing an Imminent Threat to Public Health or Safety shall be considered failing.

### **Imminent Threat to Public Health or Safety**

Imminent Threat to Public Health or Safety means situations that pose an immediate or potential threat to public health or safety. Such situations include, but are not limited to: discharge of Sewage to the ground surface, surface water or a groundwater source, weak, rotted or non-securable tank covers; any system causing Sewage backup into a Dwelling or Other Establishment; or other situation that prohibits the system from functioning as intended.

### **Non-compliant**

An ISTS that is not in compliance with St Louis County Ordinance and Standards.

### **Non-conforming**

Non-conforming means any existing soil treatment system that has less than the equivalent of three feet but more than one foot of Vertical Separation between the bottom of the distribution media and saturated soil level or Bedrock in Shoreland areas or two feet in non-shoreland areas; any system that discharges Sewage to a Seepage Pit, Dry Well, or Leaching Pit; or Individual Sewage Treatment Systems in use that are undersized relative to occupancy.

### **Shoreland**

Land located within the following distances from Public Waters: 1,000 feet from the ordinary high water mark of a lake, pond, or flowage; and 300 feet from a river or stream or the landward extent of a Flood Plain designated by ordinance on such a river or stream, whichever is greater.