Tips for Small Acreage Owners…

How can I be a part of the solution to pathogen pollution?

• Maintain your septic system in good condition and pump regularly
• Manage animal wastes properly
• Maintain a protection zone around your wellhead
• Never dump untreated waste directly into water bodies

How can I be a part of the solution for sediment pollution?

• Control erosion
• Manage grazing to maintain healthy grass cover on pastures
• Revegetate bare ground
• Create buffer areas adjacent to streams to catch sediment
• Stabilize slopes and other erosion-prone areas

How can I be a part of the solution to chemical pollution?

• Repair oil leaks promptly
• Recycle motor oil at drop-off centers
• Apply pesticides carefully ONLY after pests have been identified, the correct product chosen, and the label read
• Store and dispose of hazardous materials properly
• Keep chemicals away from your well
How can I be a solution to nutrient pollution?

- Test your soil and fertilize only in the amounts needed.
- Apply fertilizers at the correct time, and don’t let them wash off your fields and into ditches or streams.
- Dispose of manure properly.
- Pump your septic system regularly.