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But bills in Lansing that propose to increase regulation on septic systems are still in limbo.

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It's estimated that around 10% of septic systems in Michigan are failing. But there are currently no uniform state regulations that require monitoring septic systems after they're installed.

Two house bills were introduced in April to mandate routine inspections and set aside funding for homeowners to replace failing systems.

Jennifer McKay is with the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. She says other issues have taken -quote- "center stage" in Lansing and hopes the legislation moves forward.

"Let them know that the statewide septic code is a priority for you and the state of Michigan. And we would like to see it move and get a hearing very soon."

Municipalities like Torch Lake township in Antrim County have passed *local* septic ordinances that require properties for sale to undergo a septic inspection.

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