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Latest Combined Ohio EPA and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Water Projects Funded

An additional \$48.8 million has been obligated to fund 42 water quality improvement projects using U.S. EPA stimulus funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) along with loans from Ohio EPA.

“These projects represent countless environmental and public health benefits to citizens all across Ohio,” said Ohio EPA Director Chris Korleski. “Improving drinking water and water pollution control infrastructure while putting Ohioans back to work is a double win for the environment and the economy.”

Projects receiving ARRA subsidies are combined with low-interest loans in most cases. They are funded through existing programs including the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for water pollution control projects and the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) for drinking water projects.

Listed below are 38 projects receiving funding through WPCLF:

- **Barnesville** (Belmont County) received a \$1.2 million ARRA subsidy with an equal low-interest loan totaling \$2.4 million to improve the community’s wastewater treatment plant sludge storage system, ultimately protecting Captina Creek;
- **Canal Fulton** (Stark County) received a \$188,705 ARRA subsidy with no loan repayment to construct a gravity sanitary sewer extending one mile along Marshallville Street to State Route 21, tying in an economic development project;
- **Carey** (Wyandot County) received a \$121,578 ARRA subsidy to combine with an equal low-interest loan totaling \$243,156 to construct a storm sewer next to existing sanitary sewer, separating storm water and sewage flows, alleviating basement sewage backups in the village and eliminating runoff into Spring Run;
- **Clark County** received a \$50,000 ARRA subsidy with no loan repayment to implement an energy efficiency improvement project under the ARRA Green Projects reserve;
- **Columbus** (Franklin County) received a \$2.05 million ARRA subsidy and an equal low-interest loan totaling \$4.1 million to separate downtown combined sewers in the Naghten area, protecting the Scioto River;

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- **Columbus** (Franklin County) received a \$1.43 million ARRA subsidy and an equal low-interest loan totaling \$2.86 million to clean two sewers encased in low-head dams on the Olentangy River designed to transport sewage under the river, and rehabilitating pipeline with cured-in-place pipe lining material;
- **Coshocton County** received a \$2.1 million ARRA subsidy with no loan repayment to install a sewage pump station and force main to convey pretreated discharge from the Pearl Valley Cheese Company, add a sanitary sewage collection system to serve Fresno, and add a pump station and force main to convey this sewage to the West LaFayette treatment plant;
- **Crawford County** received a \$3.45 million ARRA subsidy with no loan repayment to provide centralized sewer service to an unsewered residential area northwest of Galion, and connect the area to Galion's wastewater treatment plant;
- **Fairborn** (Clark County) received a \$50,000 ARRA subsidy with no loan repayment to line sanitary sewers on Winston Drive, June Drive, North Maple Avenue, Fig Street, Sillman Court, Jefferson Street and Adams Drive, which will reduce basement sewage backup;
- **Gallia County** received a \$450,000 ARRA subsidy to combine with a \$569,779 interest-free loan totaling more than \$1 million to install sanitary sewers, a lift station, force main and 25,000-gallon-per-day wastewater treatment plant to serve unincorporated areas of Mercerville, eliminating failing home septic systems and treatment systems at Gallia High School and Hannan Trace Elementary School;
- **Geneva** (Ashtabula County) received a \$210,000 ARRA subsidy and a \$456,891 low-interest loan totaling \$666,891 to build a new wastewater treatment plant laboratory building to improve monitoring;
- **Gibonsburg** (Sandusky County) received a \$477,318 ARRA subsidy and an equal interest-free loan totaling \$954,636 to construct storm sewers and expand treatment plant capacity during wet weather events, preventing sewer overflows to the Portage River;
- **Greenfield** (Highland County) received a \$180,550 ARRA subsidy to combine with an equal low-interest loan totaling \$361,100 to replace defective manholes and eliminate sewer overflows into Paint Creek in the Scioto River basin;
- **Helena** (Sandusky County) received a \$600,000 ARRA subsidy to combine with a \$200,000 interest-free loan totaling \$800,000 to replace failing home septic systems by constructing a wastewater treatment plant and sanitary sewer system with a pump station that will serve properties within village limits;
- **Huber Heights** (Montgomery County) received a \$308,552 ARRA subsidy to combine with an equal low-interest loan totaling \$617,104 to line 15,000 feet of sanitary sewer line and rehabilitate 180 manhole covers to prevent sewer overflows and increase the capacity of the Charlesgate Lift Station, protecting Drylick Run and Mud Creek;
- **Lancaster** (Fairfield County) received a \$249,276 ARRA subsidy with no loan repayment to line 4,300 feet of combined storm and sanitary sewer lines at the Miller Park well field to prevent raw wastewater from entering the aquifer under the park;

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- **Little Miami, Inc.** (Clermont County) received a \$60,000 ARRA subsidy with no loan repayment to stabilize 500 feet of O'Bannon Creek, re-shape the bank, stabilize the slope, install erosion protection and re-vegetate the shore to protect the creek and Little Miami River;
- **Malinta** (Henry County) received a \$1 million ARRA subsidy and a \$127,713 interest-free loan totaling \$1.13 million to construct a wastewater treatment lagoon and sanitary sewer system to replace failing on-lot household treatment systems, protecting South Turkeyfoot Creek;
- **Marion** (Marion County) received a \$400,000 ARRA subsidy with no loan repayment to replace sections of sanitary sewer and storm drains along Franconia Avenue to eliminate residential basement sewer back-up;
- **Montgomery County** received a \$93,715 ARRA subsidy with no loan repayment to line 2,940 feet of deficient sewer lines in Kettering, remove tree roots, and restore structural integrity to prevent residential basement flooding and increase pipeline capacity;
- **Montgomery County** received a \$1.2 million ARRA subsidy and a \$2 million low-interest loan totaling \$3.2 million to rehabilitate filters at the water reclamation facility;
- **Moreland Hills** (Cuyahoga County) received a \$92,924 ARRA subsidy with no loan repayment to install a sanitary force main and construct a new Jackson Valley pump station to address the inadequate capacity at the village treatment plant and protect Wiley Creek, a tributary of the Chagrin River;
- **Mount Gilead** (Morrow County) received a \$121,988 ARRA subsidy and an equal low-interest loan totaling \$243,976 to replace degraded storm sewers in the Northwood subdivision;
- **Muskingum County** received a \$952,350 ARRA subsidy and a \$1.15 million interest-free loan totaling \$2.1 million to eliminate 83 failing home sewage treatment systems along Coopermill Road, Potts Lane, Middleton Drive, Woody Lane and Benjamin Avenue, add sewers, a force main and pump station and connect to Zanesville's wastewater treatment plant;
- **New Vienna** (Clinton County) received a \$249,244 ARRA subsidy and an \$83,081 interest free loan totaling \$332,325 to renovate four wastewater pump stations eliminating basement flooding and overflows into the East Fork of the Little Miami River;
- **Noble County** received a \$4.7 million ARRA subsidy and a \$244,332 interest-free loan totaling \$4.9 million to construct a sanitary sewer system in several unincorporated subdivisions, to be treated by the wastewater treatment plant in Caldwell;
- **Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District** (Cuyahoga County) received a \$1 million ARRA subsidy with no loan repayment to replace existing sewers for the Train Avenue relief sewer and improve wastewater flow at a sewer junction, separating combined storm and wastewater sewers and reducing basement flooding;

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- **Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District** (Cuyahoga County) received a \$5 million ARRA subsidy with no loan repayment to improve the Cuyahoga Valley Interceptor Lift Station, replace old equipment, reduce electrical consumption and improve building structure;
- **Northwestern Water and Sewer District** (Wood County) received a \$536,634 ARRA subsidy which was used to re-structure a \$1.1 million WPCLF loan received in April 2009 to reduce the amount needing to be repaid down to \$655,054 at a 3.7 percent interest rate. The sewer district is replacing an existing failing “package” wastewater treatment plant with a conventional treatment plant at a new location;
- **Roaming Shores** (Ashtabula County) received a \$19,669 ARRA subsidy with no loan repayment to construct an on-site dewatering system to remove water from sludge lowering disposal costs, replace two aeration tanks that are not functioning and demolish a storage garage;
- **Sandusky County** received a \$424,218 ARRA subsidy to combine with a \$491,100 interest-free loan totaling \$915,318 to construct sewer lines along Route 6 and eliminate 55 failing home septic systems and a church septic system that currently discharge into Bark Creek, northwest of the city of Fremont;
- **Stark County Metropolitan Sewer District** (Stark County) received a \$225,000 ARRA subsidy with no loan repayment to install sewer lines providing sanitary sewer service to 35 residences in two unincorporated areas of Canton Township currently using failing home septic systems;
- **Swanton** (Fulton County) received a \$1 million ARRA subsidy and a \$409,244 low-interest loan for a total of \$1.4 million to fund wastewater treatment plant improvements and separate combined sewers to eliminate overflows at the collection system and the treatment plant site;
- **Uhrichsville** (Tuscarawas County) received a \$337,350 ARRA subsidy and a \$266,432 low-interest loan totaling \$603,782 to install a larger storm sewer along East 2nd Street and Uhrich Street between East 2nd and East 3rd Streets and to block two connections from the storm sewer to the sanitary sewer. This will minimize overflows into Stillwater Creek.
- **Vandalia** (Montgomery County) received a \$99,750 ARRA subsidy with no loan repayment to line 6,000 feet of leaking sanitary sewers and replace downstream pipes to eliminate unauthorized discharges of untreated sewage during wet weather events;
- **Wadsworth** (Medina County) received a \$276,185 ARRA subsidy with no loan repayment to replace a collapsed span of sanitary sewer and to line sanitary sewers in Orchard and Memorial Park areas, preventing extraneous water from entering these sewers;
- **Wellington** (Lorain County) received a \$255,225 ARRA subsidy to combine with a \$78,390 interest-free loan for a total of \$333,615 to replace deteriorating sanitary sewers on Lincoln Street correcting sewer overflows into Charlemont Creek; and

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- **Youngstown** (Mahoning County) received a \$300,000 ARRA subsidy to combine with an \$891,194 low-interest loan totaling almost \$1.2 million to replace the covers on two sludge storage tanks at the city's wastewater treatment plant.

Listed below are four projects receiving funding through WSRLA:

- **Jackson** (Shelby County) received a \$500,000 ARRA subsidy and a \$1.5 million interest-free loan totaling \$2 million to capture and dewater sludge and treat backwash water at the drinking water treatment plant, and demolish a leaking storage tank;
- **Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District** (Muskingum County) received a \$100,000 ARRA subsidy and a \$188,884 interest-free loan for a total of \$288,884 to repair an elevated water storage tank in order to provide safe and reliable drinking water to visitors to Atwood Lake Resort;
- **Pike Water, Inc.** received a \$525,000 ARRA subsidy and a \$730,067 interest-free loan totaling \$1.26 million to fund waterline extension projects to Mifflin, Parker Ridge and Sinking Springs in Pike, Highland and Adams counties, eliminating a public health risk posed by bacterial contamination in drinking water to homes currently served by private wells;
- **Tuppers Plain** (Meigs and Athens counties) received a \$273,602 ARRA subsidy and an equal amount interest-free loan totaling \$547,204 to extend the existing drinking water system to residents in portions of Scipio, Bedford, Salisbury, Chester, Lebanon and Letart townships in Meigs County and Carthage Township in Athens County;

ARRA funding will support 267 water pollution control projects in 160 communities and 65 drinking water projects in 52 communities in Ohio. For additional information on the federal program, please visit www.epa.gov/recovery/, or see the Web sites below for Ohio specific details.

The Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) is to receive \$220.6 million in Recovery Act funding to combine with \$730 million in non-ARRA funding. This will provide more than \$950 million for water quality improvement projects to stimulate Ohio's economy. When compared to market loan rates, the combination of stimulus grants and low-interest WPCLF loans would save Ohio communities \$569 million in financing costs over 20 years.

The Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) is slated to receive \$58.46 million in an ARRA capitalization grant to combine with \$81 million non-ARRA capitalization grants, bonds and repayments. Ohio plans to offer a total of about \$140 million. When compared to market loan rates, the combination of stimulus grants and low-interest WSRLA loans would save Ohio communities \$154 million in financing costs over 20 years.