

June 2005 Update to the Clean Water 2000 Water Quality Management Plan

NOACA has prepared an update of the Facility Planning Element of the Clean Water 2000 Plan. This update consists of several components. The first addresses the five FPA boundary changes approved by the NOACA Board since the plan was last updated in December 2003. These are identified below.

A second component is an update to the Sewer Planning Options map for the region based on input received from Designated Management Agencies from sewer planning studies conducted since the Clean Water Plan was last updated.

A third component is the revision of Chapter 4 of the Clean Water 2000 Plan titled "Wastewater Management Facility Planning".

The fourth component involves the incorporation the Agency's Certified Community-Level Population and Employment Allocations contained in NOACA Technical Memorandum TM-05-01.

The Water Quality Subcommittee recommended acceptance of this update at its meeting on May 18, 2005. The NOACA Board approved the update with Resolution 2005-030.

The Clean Water 2000 Plan document is hereby updated to become the Clean Water 2000 Plan, Revised June 2005. A copy of the revised Plan will be maintained in the Information Resource Room of NOACA and will be posted on the Agency's website (www.noaca.org) in place of the original document.

Facility Planning Area/Sewer Planning Updates

The five FPA boundary changes approved by the NOACA Board since December 2003 include the transfer of a single property from the Elyria to Lorain (Resolution 2004-032), a section of Willoughby Hills in the Willoughby/Eastlake FPA being transferred to Euclid (Resolution 2005-014). The changes also include the expansion of the Greater Mentor FPA to include a portion of Kirtland, and the Lorain County/LORCO transfer to Grafton, and the Painesville/Lake County boundary adjustments (all part of Resolution 2005-029). Concurrent with these changes, the sewer options are also being updated to indicate that sanitary sewers will now be extended into the modified FPA lands. The update to the Sewer Planning Options map includes adjustments provided by Geauga County.

The new FPA boundary file for GIS applications is an ArcView shape file named "June 2005 FPA". The sewer planning option is a shapefile named "June 2005 SPZ". Figures 4-1 through 4-5 of the Clean Water 2000 Plan that show generalized FPA boundaries will be replaced with Figures 4-1 through 4-5 Revised, June 2005. Figures 4-6 through 4-10 that show the sewer planning options will be replaced by Figures 4-6 through 4-10 Revised, June 2005.

Chapter 4 Update

A Work Group was established by the Water Quality Subcommittee to revise Chapter 4 in order to provide clarifying language to those sections that involve guidance regarding Plan Consistency Reviews and resolving disputes relative to FPA boundary changes.

The Work Group recommended several changes to Chapter 4: Wastewater Management Facility Planning of the Clean Water 2000 Plan. The changes address four issues:

1. Ohio EPA requested that language be added referring to the Ohio EPA's Regulated Sewage Treatment Systems (RSTSS) and recognizing Ohio EPA's role in determining consistency with the NOACA Plan (see page 4-3 of Chapter 4). Ohio EPA also asked that NOACA supply the language added on page 4-13. This language allows FPA boundary changes to be recognized immediately upon Board approval.
2. In the past, the language in Policy 4-6b referring to "politically acceptable" was the cause for much uncertainty. The Work Group changed the language to "supported by the affected local government(s) with jurisdiction over the area." This language is the same as used by Ohio EPA in their Water Quality Management Plan for the Columbus area.
3. Language has been added to prohibit the creation of holes in existing FPAs that would inhibit future sewer line expansions. This change is also included in Policy 4-6b.

Language throughout the Chapter was modified to clearly distinguish between individual on-site wastewater systems and communal or semi-public systems. Definitions were added to the Chapter to clarify the differences between these system types.

Population and Employment Allocations

The fourth component of the update involves the incorporation the Agency's Certified Community-Level Population and Employment Allocations contained in NOACA Technical Memorandum TM-05-01. The contents of "Appendix 4-3: Community Level Population Projections" are replaced in their entirety by NOACA Technical Memorandum TM-05-01.