



## NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NOACA Board of Directors

**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

**DATE:** June 3, 2016

**RE:** **Resolution 2016-022: FPA Transfer Request: Geauga County FPA to Aurora FPA**

#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the proposed FPA boundary modification between the Geauga County FPA and the Aurora FPA. The FPA boundary change will result in the transfer of 66 parcels covering 500.4 acres from the Geauga FPA to the Aurora FPA.

The Water Quality Subcommittee and Planning and Programming Committee conditionally recommended this action provided Geauga County Department of Water Resources secured letters of support from Bainbridge Township and the City of Aurora. Letters of support have been received from both jurisdictions.

#### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

On February 2, NOACA staff met with the Geauga County Department of Water Resources to review previously approved parcel-level updates to Geauga County's FPA boundaries (Resolution No. 2013-034). During the meeting it was determined that the FPA boundaries in the southwest portion of Bainbridge Township did not accurately reflect the existing sanitary sewer connections in the vicinity of Aurora Road/State Route 43. Geauga County has a service agreement with the City of Aurora in Portage County to provide sanitary sewers to this portion of Geauga County. However, the current FPA boundary map for Geauga County shows this portion of Bainbridge Township in the Geauga FPA and not the Aurora FPA (Attachment A). Sanitary sewer connections must be within the FPA of the publicly owned treatment works (POTW) that treats the wastewater. Therefore, the sanitary sewer connections in the portion of Bainbridge Township served by the City of Aurora sewers are inconsistent with NOACA's Clean Water 2000 Plan (208 Plan). Under the Federal Clean Water Act, Ohio EPA can not issue Permit-to-Install (PTIs) in conflict with the 208 Plan.

To avoid the denial of future PTIs applications for projects in this portion of Bainbridge Township, the Geauga County Department of Water Resources requested a change to the Geauga County FPA boundary to transfer 66 parcels from the Geauga County FPA to the Aurora FPA (Attachment B). The parcel transfer reflects the sanitary sewer service agreement between Geauga County and the City of Aurora. The proposed FPA boundary modification would also make future sanitary sewer connections in this area consistent with NOACA's 208 Plan allowing Ohio EPA to issue PTIs for future projects.

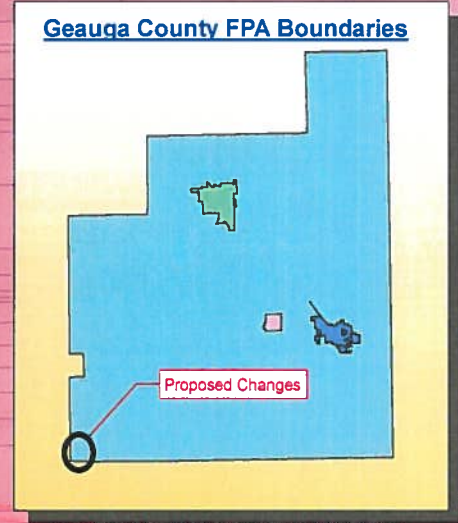
#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

NOACA's approval of the boundary change will not result in any financial impact to NOACA.

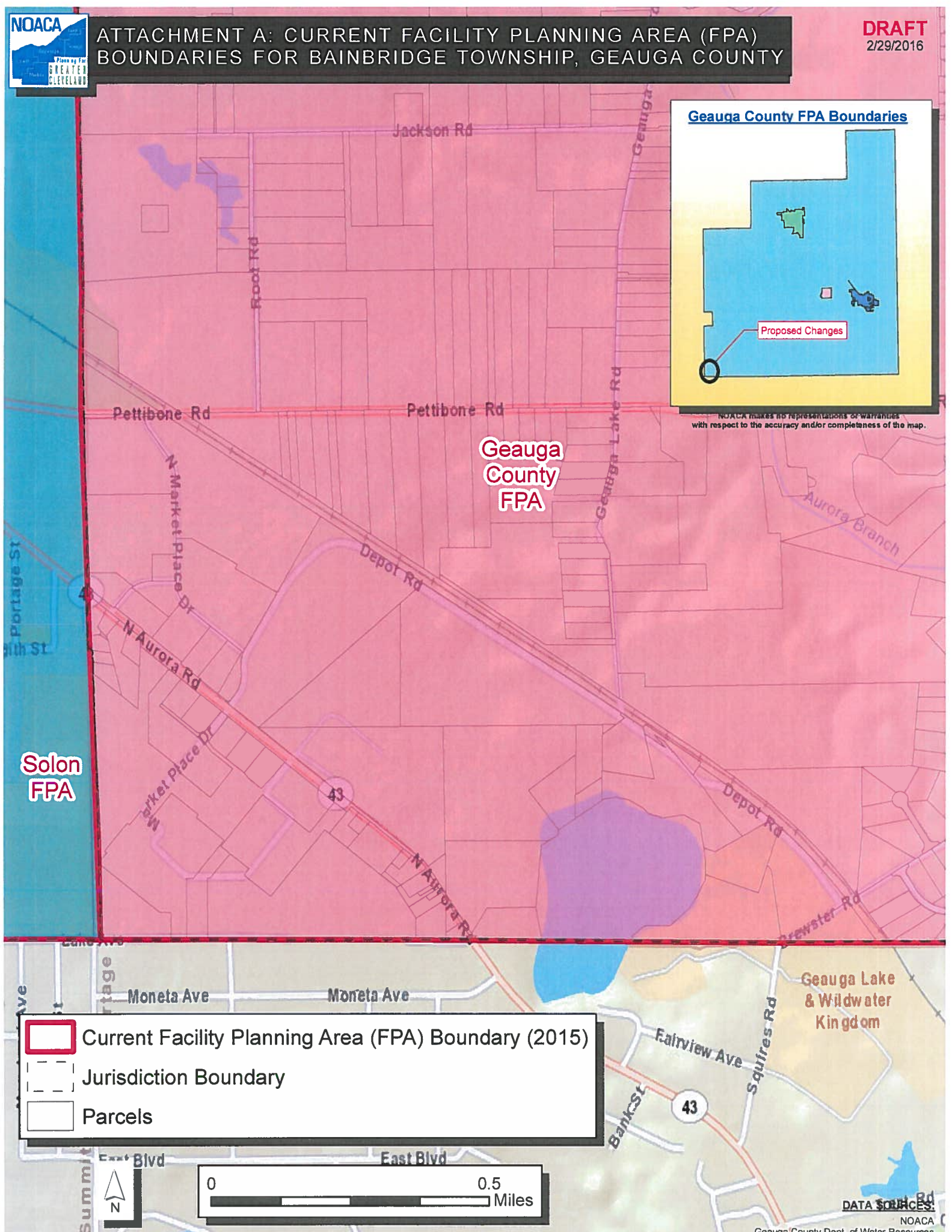
**CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

With Board approval, NOACA staff will submit the updated FPA boundaries to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

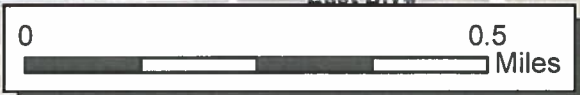
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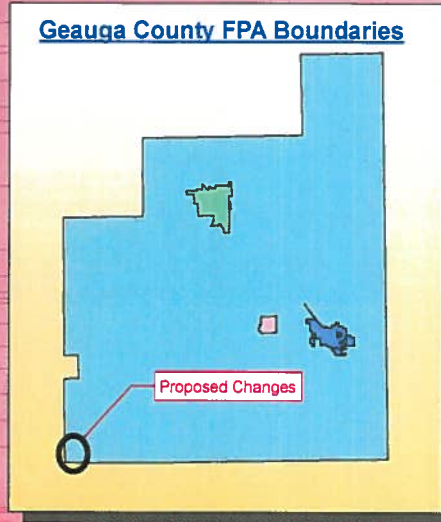


- Current Facility Planning Area (FPA) Boundary (2015)
- Jurisdiction Boundary
- Parcels

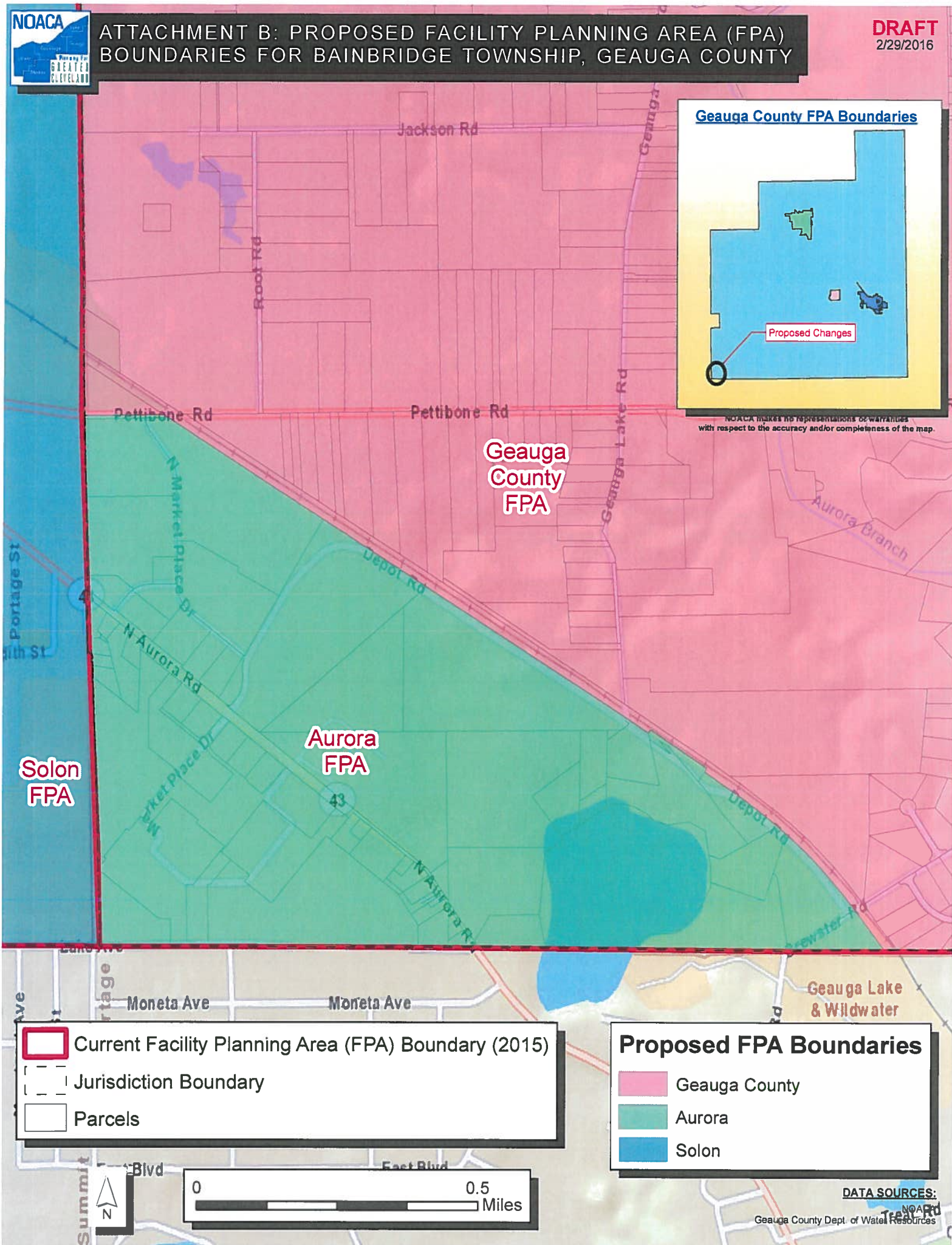








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**Legend:**

- Current Facility Planning Area (FPA) Boundary (2015)
- Jurisdiction Boundary
- Parcels

**Proposed FPA Boundaries**

- Geauga County
- Aurora
- Solon





RESOLUTION 2016-022  
(FPA TRANSFER REQUEST: GEAUGA  
COUNTY FPA TO AURORA FPA)

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

**WHEREAS**, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina, and the areawide water quality management agency for the same region; and

**WHEREAS**, *Clean Water 2000*, the current update to the NOACA Section 208 Water Quality Management Plan, was adopted by the NOACA Board of Directors, certified by the Governor of Ohio, and approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, *Clean Water 2000* provides for modifications to wastewater treatment facility planning area (FPA) boundaries, subject to review by the NOACA staff, the NOACA Water Quality Subcommittee, and the NOACA Planning and Programming Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Geauga County, with the support of the City of Aurora and Bainbridge Township, has requested a transfer of 66 parcels totaling 500.4 acres from the Geauga County FPA to the Aurora FPA for the benefit of regional water quality and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the NOACA Water Quality Subcommittee and the Planning and Programming Committee reviewed the transfer request and recommended that the Board of Directors approve the FPA boundary change.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of forty-five principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina that:

**Section 1.** The *Clean Water 2000* Plan's FPA Boundary Map is amended to reflect the transfer of 66 parcels totaling 500.4 acres shown in Attachment B from the Geauga County FPA to the Aurora FPA.

**Section 2.** The Executive Director is authorized to submit the new boundaries to Ohio EPA for certification by the Governor.

**Section 3.** The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 10th day of June 2016.

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

6/10/16

