

# **NOACA'S WATER QUALITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

**Water Quality Subcommittee, September 15, 2017**



# **ACTION REQUESTED**

**Recommend this item to the Planning and Programming Committee for its consideration of placement on the December 2017 Board of Directors' agenda:**

- **NOACA's Water Quality Strategic Plan**

## **PREVIOUS ACTION**

**This item had been tabled for review, revision and discussion at the March 2017 and June 2017 Water Quality Subcommittee Meetings.**

# BACKGROUND

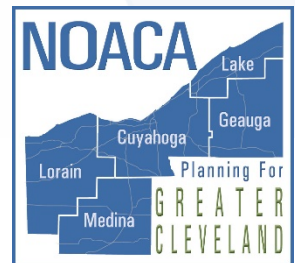
## NOACA staff reviewed public engagement feedback: July 2016

- 132 comments from attendees at four events (February 2016)
- 87 respondents from online survey (February-April 2016)
- 25 Technical Stakeholders

**Additional feedback: Ohio EPA (July and August, 2016); Technical Stakeholders (August 2016); Ohio EPA Director Craig Butler's Priority Goals FY16-18 (September 2016)**

**NOACA staff internal peer review (January 2017)**

**Presentation to Subcommittee (March 2017)**



# BACKGROUND

**March 2017 Meeting: Plan tabled; revisions requested by staff**

**June 2017 Meeting: Plan tabled pending incorporation of revisions provided by Subcommittee members**

**September 2017 Meeting: Plan proposed for action; staff incorporated revisions and provided revised draft to Subcommittee members on August 24**

# BACKGROUND

## Primary revisions:

- Eliminate word “progressive” from description of NOACA Regional Strategic Plan
- Identify priorities among listed implementation strategies provided for each goal
- Clarify confusing technical terms and jargon; more definitions
- Illustrate urban/rural differences; each may require different strategies (one size does not fit all)
- Eliminate confusing “short-term climate change”
- Recognize both point and nonpoint pollution sources

# FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact to NOACA

# NEXT STEPS

**Upon Board Approval, NOACA staff will pursue implementation of the Water Quality Strategic Plan through these opportunities:**

- The Wastewater Management Plan (208 Plan): NOACA's Role as a Designated Areawide Water Quality Management Agency
- Overall Work Program (OWP)
- Strategic Collaboration with Ohio EPA
- Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) Areawide/Water Quality Subcommittee

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Motion  
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Discussion  
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# NORTHEAST OHIO



AREAWIDE  
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AGENCY

NOACA: Planning For Greater Cleveland

NOACA will **STRENGTHEN** regional cohesion, **PRESERVE** existing infrastructure, and **BUILD** a sustainable multimodal transportation system to **SUPPORT** economic development and **ENHANCE** quality of life in Northeast Ohio.

