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LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AVAILABILITY NOTICE

The Ohio EPA, through the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) program, is considering funding two wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) improvements projects in Youngstown, Ohio, which are subject to environmental review requirements. Together they are estimated to cost \$36 million. Of the two projects, the larger cost loan, not to exceed \$28 million, is expected to be awarded at an interest rate of 2.15% in June 2018. The smaller one of \$8.5 million is expected to be awarded in September 2018 at a standard interest rate to be determined.

Project Descriptions: According to the City of Youngstown, the proposed projects consist of improvements needed to provide 80 million gallons per day (mgd) in wet weather treatment capacity, as well as to upgrade existing WWTP components. The first project includes a new auxiliary primary effluent pump station, upgrades to the existing primary effluent pump station for handling wet weather conditions, related piping, replacement of microscreen filters with disk filters inside the microscreen filter building, pump upgrades to the effluent pump station, and related electrical and instrumentation components. Other work is expected to include mobilization; minor, miscellaneous demolition; sheeting, shoring, dewatering, and excavation; temporary dewatering; storm water pollution prevention; equipment/system start-up and testing; and demobilization. The second project includes improvements to the city's disinfection components for dry and wet weather by repurposing Chlorination Tank #1's existing chlorine and sulfur dioxide feed equipment to handle about 21 mgd of flows expected to exceed the WWTP's routine 80 mgd capacity, modifying Chlorination Tank #2 to provide ultraviolet treatment for flows up to 80 mgd, adding new instruments to better manage how many chemicals are needed during different treatment situations, constructing a new electrical control building, and making associated site improvements.

All the proposed WWTP improvements will be made within prior disturbed areas where the main vegetation is grass. By completing these two proposed projects, Youngstown expects to have a more reliable means of handling its wet weather flows at its WWTP. In turn, this should also help reduce, if not eliminate, some combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in the collection system and bypassing within the WWTP. Restoring the project areas to their existing (or better) condition is an additional component of these proposed projects.

As Ohio EPA will issue a Limited Environmental Review (LER) document and an accompanying Final Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) on these projects shortly, this notice is to advise the public that it will have through July 2018 in which to access the LER. This public information period will begin with the release of the LER to the public at the city's offices, Ohio EPA's web site, and distribution of the document to interested parties.

Upon its release, the LER document may be viewed at either: the city's main offices located at 26 South Phelps Street, Youngstown, OH 44503; Youngstown's website; and/or on Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) website at:

<http://www.epa.ohio.gov/defa/ofa.aspx>

Once there, please scroll down to the "Documents Available for Review and Comment" heading at the bottom of the linked page. Then, please click on the WPCLF Documents for Review and Comment heading to see a list of documents available for downloading. A copy of the referenced LER will be posted there.

On the other hand, if you would like to receive either an electronic copy via email, or a paper copy of the document via U.S. mail, please contact Kevin Hinkle of Ohio EPA at either: kevin.hinkle@epa.ohio.gov or (614) 644-3712.