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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 \$34.42 million. Of the two projects, the larger cost loan of \$24.47 million is expected to be awarded at an interest rate of 0.86% in December 2017. The smaller one of \$9.95 million is expected to be awarded in January 2018 at an interest rate of about 1.84%.

Project Descriptions: According to the City of Youngstown, the proposed projects consist of improvements needed to provide 80 million gallons per day in wet weather treatment capacity, as well as to upgrade existing WWTP components. These components include trickling filters, aeration tanks, secondary clarifiers, blower building replacements, process controls, and new electrical systems and main and backup power supplies. 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.

All the proposed WWTP improvements will be made within prior disturbed areas where the main vegetation is grass, brush, and two larger street trees that need to be cut down. 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 December 31, 2017 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; 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.