TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: September 1, 2017

RE: Resolution No. 2017-039; Facility Planning Area (FPA) Boundary Modification Request: Lorain County Rural Wastewater District (LORCO) in Columbia Township

ACTION REQUESTED
The Board of Directors is asked to approve the proposed FPA modification in Columbia Township, Lorain County. Specifically, the item will transfer two (2) parcels encompassing 1.5 acres in Columbia Township from the Lorain County FPA to the Avon Lake/LORCO Phase I FPA (Phase I FPA).

The Water Quality Subcommittee and Planning and Programming Committee support this request.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION
The property owner of permanent parcel numbers (PPNs) 1200099000007 and 1200099000035 in Columbia Township requested the undeveloped parcels be moved from the Lorain County FPA to the Phase I FPA (Attachments A and B). The property owner intends to construct a single house on the two parcels. LORCO has a sewer line along Hawke Road with frontage to the parcels, but the properties currently reside in the Lorain County FPA (Attachment A). In order for LORCO's sewer line to be available and accessible, the parcels must be transferred to the Phase I FPA (Attachment B). Under the federal Clean Water Act, all sanitary sewer connections must be within the FPA of the publicly owned treatment works (POTW) that treats the wastewater.

Columbia Township is not a member of LORCO. In order to allow for Columbia Township parcels along Hawke Road to connect to LORCO's sewers, a sanitary sewer service agreement was reached between Lorain County, LORCO, the City of Avon Lake and Columbia Township. Under the agreement, upon a written request from a landowner along Hawke Road to connect to LORCO's sewer line, all parties agree to give their approval for the FPA change to transfer the requesting parcels from the Lorain County FPA to the Phase I FPA. The agreement also reaffirms Lorain County's sewer planning authority as the Designated Management Agency (DMA) for the Columbia Township parcels along Hawke Road.

The City of Avon Lake, Lorain County and Columbia Township have submitted letters of support for LORCO's request. The support letters fulfill the notification requirements in Policy 4-6 of Clean Water 2000, NOACA's Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan).
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 update FPA boundary descriptions and maps and submit the appropriate documents to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

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ATTACHMENT B: PROPOSED FPA BOUNDARY FOR PARCELS 12000990000007 & 12000990000035 IN COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, LORAIN COUNTY.
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, the Lorain County Rural Wastewater District (LORCO), with the support of Lorain County, City of Avon Lake and Columbia Township, proposes a modification of the FPA boundary between the Avon Lake/LORCO Phase I FPA and the Lorain County FPA to allow for the connection of sanitary sewer connections within the Columbia Township for the benefit of regional water quality and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the FPA boundary change will transfer two parcels covering 1.5 acres from the Lorain County FPA to the Avon Lake/LORCO Phase I; and

WHEREAS, the NOACA Water Quality Subcommittee and the Planning and Programming Committee reviewed the 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 two parcels totaling 1.5 acres from the Lorain County FPA to the Avon Lake/LORCO Phase I FPA as shown in Attachment B.

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 8th day of September 2017.

Secretary:  

Date Signed: September 8, 2017