



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: March 1, 2019

RE: **Resolution 2019-016: Geauga County Facility Planning Area (FPA) Prescription Modification Request in Chester Township**

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the facility planning area (FPA) modification request by Geauga County. Specifically, the item will change the Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment (Prescriptions) of one (1) parcels covering 6.78 acres in the Chester Township in the Geauga County FPA to allow for sanitary sewer service.

The Planning and Programming Committee and Water Quality Subcommittee recommends this action.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

The Geauga County Department of Water Resources (GCDWR) requested a modification to the Prescription for Permanent Parcel Number (PPN) 11-089870 located in Chester Township. The parcel is at 11330 Willow Hill Drive and has the Geauga County Prescription of “no sewer service.” This Prescription does not allow the parcel to connect to the sanitary sewer line along Willow Hill Drive (Attachment A). The Willow Hill Drive sewer line flows to Geauga County’s Willow Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) with a capacity of 12,500 gallons per day.

The property owners would like the Prescription changed to “existing sewers” to allow their home to connect to the existing sanitary sewer line along Willow Hill Drive (Attachment B). Under the federal Clean Water Act, Ohio EPA cannot issue a Permit-to-Install (PTI) for a project that conflicts with NOACA’s FPA maps.

Chester Township and Geauga County are the only affected jurisdictions of the Prescription modification request. Both the Chester Township Board of Trustees and Geauga County Board of Commissioners passed motions to approve of the proposed Prescription change (attached). The approved motions fulfill the notification requirements in Policy 4-6 of the 208 Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

NOACA’s approval of the Prescription modification will not result in any financial impact to NOACA.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

Pending Board approval, NOACA staff will submit the Prescription modification to Ohio EPA.

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