

DRAFT *CLEAN WATER 2020* PLAN

**Policy Committee
April 17, 2020**

ACTION REQUESTED

No action requested at this time. Anticipate future action by the Policy Committee at July 2020 meeting.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

- The new 208 Plan development process began in October 2016
- Section 208 of the Clean Water Act:
 - NOACA is a Water Quality Management Agency (Governor of Ohio)
 - NOACA is required to maintain and update the region's 208 Plan
- A working group of regional stakeholders and technical experts helped NOACA staff develop content

2000 VS 2020 PLAN DIFFERENCES

PLAN FOCUS

Clean Water 2000

- Manage threats to water quality from rapidly developing areas in the region
- Better management of home sewage treatment systems (HSTSs)
- Control of nonpoint source pollution
- Protection of the region's critical water resources

Clean Water 2020

- Optimize existing water and wastewater infrastructure
- Minimize regional water quality impacts from new development, urban sprawl and land use changes
- Protect and restore water quality in the region
- Support efforts of agencies, groups and residents to protect and restore water quality in the region

CLEAN WATER 2020 PLAN GOALS

1. Optimize investment in existing infrastructure to support existing and infill development; not encourage new development on greenfield sites.
2. Provide a framework for locally determined development density that mitigates water quality impacts.
3. Protect regional water quality gains and guide implementation measures to improve water resources that do not yet meet designated uses.
4. Support programs that address stormwater and sewage treatment systems management.
5. Protect and restore critical water resource areas.

CLEAN WATER 2020 PLAN GOALS (CONT.)

6. Support watershed planning activities that address point and nonpoint source pollution.
7. Educate local decision makers on regional water quality management issues.
8. Create a plan that can meet future water quality needs of Northeast Ohio.
9. Educate and solicit support for implementation of *Clean Water 2020*.
10. Create a flexible plan that can meet future water quality needs of Northeast Ohio.

POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Chapter 4: Wastewater Management Facility Planning** (sets forth policies that govern NOACA's coordination of local wastewater management and water quality planning):
 - DMAs and their FPA Boundaries
 - Modifications to FPA Boundaries
 - Modifications of Prescriptions
 - Ohio EPA and United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) 208 Plan Consistency Actions
 - Utilization of FPA Population Projections
 - DMA Modifications
 - Nomination of New DMAs
- Additional policies for plan updates and staff procedure

NEXT STEPS

- April 15, 2020 – Questions/comment/edits of draft plan due from Water Quality Subcommittee members (extended to April 20)
- April 17, 2020 – Present to Planning & Programming Committee and Policy Committee for information and discussion
- June 2020 – Present to Water Quality Subcommittee for action (recommend plan adoption to the NOACA Board)
- September 2020 – Present to the NOACA Board for adoption

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ADOPTION



AFTER NOACA BOARD ADOPTION

- September 2020 – Submit the NOACA Board-approved plan to Ohio EPA for governor certification.
- Early 2021 – Ohio EPA submits the NOACA Board-approved and governor-certified *Clean Water 2020* plan to the USEPA for approval
- 2021 – *Clean Water 2020* plan becomes NOACA's new 208 Plan after USEPA approval

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