TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: October 3, 2014

RE: Resolution 2014-043 – Facility Planning Area (FPA) Transfer Request from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD)/Mill Creek FPA to the Solon FPA

ACTION REQUESTED
The Board of Directors is asked to adopt Resolution 2014-043, which approves a boundary change and amendment of the 208 Water Quality Management Plan. The Planning and Programming Committee recommend action of the proposed FPA boundary modification between the Solon FPA and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's (NEORSD’s) Mill Creek FPA. The FPA boundary change will result in the transfer of six parcels from the Mill Creek FPA to the Solon FPA.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION
As an areawide water quality management agency, NOACA is contracted by the Ohio EPA to maintain current and accurate wastewater FPA boundaries and community sewer planning options for wastewater treatment. NOACA continually works with designated management agencies and communities so the FPA boundaries and sewer planning options support local and regional wastewater needs. The City of Solon has requested a transfer of six parcels totaling 22 acres from the Mill Creek FPA to the Solon FPA. The six parcels are proposed to be subdivided into 13 parcels as part of the Lake Neptune Estates. The area will be served by a gravity sewer connection to the Solon Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). Attachment 1 shows the location of the request within the FPAs in Cuyahoga County. Attachment 2 shows the location of proposed transfer area and the modified FPA boundary.

The requested transfer area is entirely within the City of Solon, prescribed by the City of Solon to be served with sanitary sewers, and can be connected to the City of Solon’s sewer system by a gravity connection, the preferred option for sewer connections. The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD) is the current designated management agency for the Mill Creek FPA and has provided a letter stating no objections to the FPA transfer request. According to the NEORSD letter, the service agreement between them and the City of Solon has been modified to allow the City to provide sewers for this project area.

The proposed FPA transfer has been determined to be consistent with the Clean Water 2000 Plan’s Chapter 4 policies and criteria for modifying FPA boundaries and wastewater treatment expansion. The area is shown to be currently served with sewers in Chapter 4’s Community Plans for Wastewater Treatment. The FPA boundary modification would allow for the wastewater from the transfer area to be treated at the Solon WRF.
FINANCIAL IMPACT
NOACA’s approval of the boundary change will not result in any financial impact to NOACA.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS
Following Board adoption, staff will submit the new boundaries to Ohio EPA for certification by the Governor.

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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, the NOACA Planning and Programming Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City of Solon has requested the transfer of six parcels from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District’s (NEORSD’s) Mill Creek FPA to the City of Solon FPA for the benefit of regional water quality and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the NEORSD has submitted a letter of no objections to the proposed parcel transfer to the City of Solon; and

WHEREAS, the NOACA Water Quality Subcommittee, Planning and Programming Committee and Executive Committee reviewed the transfer request and recommended that the Board of Directors approve the FPA boundary changes.

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 Executive Director is authorized to submit the new boundaries to Ohio EPA for certification by the Governor.

Section 2. 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 10th day of October 2014.

Secretary: ______________________

Date Signed: 10 OCT 14
Sources: Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, USGS, NRCAN, METI, iPC, TomTom

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