MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: October 3, 2014

RE: Resolution 2014-042 – Facility Planning Area (FPA) Transfer Request: Heatherstone to Greater Mentor

ACTION REQUESTED
The Board of Directors is asked to adopt Resolution 2014-042, which approves a boundary change and amendment of the 208 Water Quality Management Plan. The Planning and Programming Committee recommends action of the FPA boundary modification between the Heatherstone FPA and the Greater Mentor FPA in Concord Township, Lake County. The FPA boundary change will result in the transfer of five hundred and fifty-eight (558) parcels from the Heatherstone FPA to the Greater Mentor 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. The Lake County Sanitary Engineer has requested a transfer of 558 parcels covering more than 2,810 acres from the Heatherstone FPA to the Greater Mentor FPA. The parcels are entirely within Concord Township and Lake County is the designated management agency for both FPAs. Attachment 1 shows the location of the request within the Lake County FPAs in Lake County. Attachment 2 shows the location of proposed transfer area and the modified FPA boundary. Concord Township has provided a letter of support for the FPA transfer request.

The entire proposed transfer area has been designated by Lake County to be served by sanitary sewers and the infrastructure constructed by Lake County to serve this area directs the wastewater to the Gary L. Kron Water Reclamation Facility (Kron WRF) in the Greater Mentor FPA. The transfer area already has completed subdivisions, approved by the Lake County Office of Planning and Community Development, connected to sewer lines flowing to the Kron WRF in the Greater Mentor FPA. The proposed boundary change will place all of these subdivisions in the Greater Mentor FPA, as planned for by Lake County.

There is also a proposed development that is currently divided by the Heatherstone and Greater Mentor FPAs. The Ohio EPA cannot issue a Permit-to-Install (PTI) for a sewer collection system in the portion of the development in the Heatherstone FPA. The FPA boundary modification is needed so the entire development is within the Greater Mentor FPA and can be issued a PTI. Also, the current FPA boundary line does not follow existing parcel boundaries. The proposed FPA boundary line submitted by the Lake County Sanitary Engineer does coincide with parcel boundaries and is based upon Lake County’s Landside Communities Conceptual Master Plan and Focus Areas Plans.
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 Wastewater Planning Option for the entire transfer area calls for all future sewers to be connected to an existing publicly owned treatment works (POTW). The FPA boundary modification will enable the wastewater from the transfer area to be treated at the Kron WRF and correctly reflect the wastewater treatment of sanitary sewers already in service.

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, and the NOACA Planning and Programming Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County has requested the transfer of five hundred and fifty-eight (558) parcel’s from the Lake County Heatherstone FPA to the Lake County Greater Mentor FPA for the benefit of regional water quality and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Concord Township which contains the entire transfer area has submitted a letter of support for the proposed parcel transfer; 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