NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci Executive Director

DATE: January 16, 2015

RE: Resolution No. 2015-012: FPA TRANSFER REQUEST: MEDINA COUNTY FPA TO THE WADSWORTH FPA

ACTION REQUESTED
The Board of Directors is asked to adopt Resolution No. 2015-012, which approves the proposed FPA modification between the Wadsworth FPA and the Medina County 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 prescriptions for wastewater treatment (prescriptions) for its five-county region. The City of Wadsworth has requested a transfer of all or part of 315 parcels totaling 885 acres from the Medina County FPA to the Wadsworth FPA. The parcels are entirely within the City of Wadsworth. Attachment 1 shows the location of the request within the FPAs in Medina County. Attachment 2 shows the locations of proposed transfer areas. Attachment 3 shows the proposed prescriptions for the transfer areas.

The Medina County Sanitary Engineering Department, the current designated management agency (DMA) of the transfer areas, has provided a letter of support for the FPA amendment request (attached). Most of the transfer areas were annexed by the City of Wadsworth over the last several years. The City of Wadsworth and Medina County have a service agreement in place that delegates the “sewer responsibility” for the transfer areas to the City of Wadsworth. The proposed transfer areas are identified in the City’s of Wadsworth’s 2011 Master Plan Update as potential development areas. As development has occurred in these areas, sanitary sewers flowing to the Wadsworth wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) have already been extended into some of the proposed transfer areas.

However, the FPA boundary was not amended after the annexations to include these areas in the Wadsworth FPA. Under the Clean Water Act, the Ohio EPA cannot issue Permits-to-Install (PTIs) that are not consistent with NOACA’s Clean Water 2000 Plan (Plan). Since the transfer areas are currently not within the Wadsworth FPA, the Ohio EPA cannot issue PTIs for future sewer extensions that would flow to
Wadsworth’s WWTP. Also, the existing sewers in these transfer areas are also currently inconsistent with NOACA’s Plan.

The FPA boundary modification would allow for the wastewater from the transfer area to be treated at the Wadsworth WWTP. The proposed FPA amendment has been determined to be consistent with the Plan’s Chapter four policies and criteria for modifying FPA boundaries and wastewater treatment expansion. The prescriptions for the transfer areas will be designated as either “area currently sewered” or “sewers expected within the next 20 years”, and the proposed FPA boundary is aligned along parcel-lines.

The Water Quality Subcommittee and Planning and Programming Committee have recommended this action.

**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 City of Wadsworth has requested a transfer of all or part of 315 parcels totaling 885 acres from the Medina County FPA to the Wadsworth FPA for the benefit of regional water quality and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Medina County Sanitary Engineering Department, the current designated management agency (DMA) of the transfer areas, has provided a letter of support for the FPA amendment request; 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 23rd day of January 2015.

Secretary: __________________________

Date Signed: 1/3/15
Attachment 1: Medina County FPA Reference Map

Data Sources:
City of Wadsworth
Medina County Auditor
NOACA

NOACA makes no representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy and/or completeness of the map.
Attachment 2: Wadsworth FPA Proposed Transfer Area

Data Sources:
City of Wadsworth
Medina County Sanitary Engineer
Medina County Auditor
NOACA

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9/25/2014
Current FPA Boundary
Jurisdictions (2012)

Proposed Prescriptions
area currently sewered
sewers expected within 20 years

Data Sources:
City of Wadsworth
Medina County Sanitary Engineer
Medina County Auditor
NOACA

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11/25/2014
September 24, 2014

Mr. Eric Akin, Senior Environmental Quality Planner
Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
1299 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Regarding: City of Wadsworth's Request to Amend their Facility Planning Area

Dear Mr. Akin:

As you are aware, the City of Wadsworth and Medina County Sanitary Engineers office personnel are working together to remedy each jurisdiction's Facility Planning Area (FPA) recognized by the Northeast Ohio 208 Water Quality Management Plan. The City of Wadsworth is submitting the enclosed amendment request to transfer all parcels within the current Wadsworth Corporation Limit from the current Medina County FPA to the Wadsworth FPA. The Medina County Sanitary Engineer supports the City of Wadsworth's amendment request.

The proposed 208 map amendment will encompass areas where sanitary sewers were approved/extended in recent years beyond the recognized Wadsworth FPA as fringe areas developed and the City's corporation limit changed through property annexation. This modification will also allow for the Retreat at Stonecrest Phase I development (originally proposed as the Wadsworth Farms development in year 2008) to obtain Ohio EPA approval for sanitary sewer construction.

Please call me with any questions at (330) 723-9589, or email to alyon@medinaco.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Amy S. Lyon-Galvin, P.E.
Sanitary Engineer

Enclosure
cc: Medina County Commissioners
    Tom Tucker, P.E., P.S., Wadsworth City Engineer
    Project No. 900/00-52.1
Facility Planning Area (FPA) Transfer Request Form

**Applicant:**
City of Wadsworth

**Location of Transfer Area (Include Map):**
The transfer areas are in various locations in the City of Wadsworth (see attachments).

**Transferring From:**
Medina County FPA

**Transferring To:**
Wadsworth FPA

**Total Acres In Transfer Area:**
885 acres

**Total Parcels In Transfer Area:**
All or part of 315 parcels

**List of Affected Parties:**
City of Wadsworth and Medina County

**208 Plan Consistency Review**
Facility Planning Area Review - Applicant Needs to Solicit Support from Affected Parties

- Applicant is the Designated Management Agency for all of the affected area.

- Applicant is not the Designated Management Agency for all or part of the affected area
  - Applicant **has** secured the approval of the entity or entities that are.
  - Applicant **has not** secured the approval of the entity or entities that are.
Service Extension/Community Plan Review – Transfer Should be Consistent with the Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment

- Applicant does not propose the extension of any sewer service.
  - The proposed project is limited to sewer system rehabilitation work.
  - The proposed project is limited to a plant expansion or modification to better handle wet weather flow volumes

  - Applicant does propose the extension of sewer service to an area lying entirely within the established facility planning area of the project sponsor.
    - The proposed extension is consistent with the current Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment for the affected area.
    - The proposed extension is not consistent with the current Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment for the affected area.
  - The applicant proposes new Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment for the affected area.

Plant Expansion Review (if applicable)

- The application involves a plant capacity expansion that is consistent with extant population projections included in the Clean Water 2000 Plan as most recently updated.

- The application involves a plant capacity expansion that is not consistent with extant population projections included in the Clean Water 2000 Plan as most recently updated.
  - The applicant has provided information that has sufficiently resolved any population project discrepancy.
  - The applicant has not provided information that sufficiently resolved the population projection discrepancy.

Staff Comments:
The proposed FPA transfer area is entirely within the City of Wadsworth. The transfer would move all or part of 315 parcels covering 885 acres from the Medina County FPA to the Wadsworth FPA. These are areas that have been annexed to the City of Wadsworth over the last several years, but are outside of the current Wadsworth FPA boundary. The transfer would bring Wadsworth’s entire jurisdictional boundary, as of September 2014, within the Wadsworth FPA. These areas are also identified as development areas in the City’s 2011 Master Plan Update. The FPA amendment would allow the Ohio EPA to issue Permits-to-Install (PTIs) for the extension of Wadsworth’s sanitary sewers into the transfer areas. Lastly, the proposed boundary modification is drawn along parcel lines.

Staff Disposition:
The staff recommends approval of the proposed amendment to the FPA boundary line between the Wadsworth and Medina County FPAs. The applicant, the City of Wadsworth, has secured a letter of support from the current designated management agency, Medina County. The transfer area is also consistent with the “sewer responsibility” agreement between the City of Wadsworth and Medina County. Portions

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1 Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment are referred to as Community Plans for Wastewater Treatment in the Clean Water 2000 plan.
of the transfer areas are already served by sanitary sewer flowing to the Wadsworth wastewater treatment plant.

The Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment for the entire transfer area will be designated as either “area currently sewered” or “sewers expected within 20 years.” The majority of the proposed transfer area already has one of these two prescriptions. The portions of the transfer area currently without these designations will be changed to “sewers within 20 years.”

**Water Quality Subcommittee Disposition:**

On October 17, 2014, recommended approval to NOACA’s Planning and Programming Committee

**Planning and Programming Committee Disposition:**

Action item for November 14, 2014

**Executive Committee Disposition:**

**Board of Directors Disposition:**