



Water Quality

Subcommittee Meeting

December 19, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

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**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Water Quality Subcommittee Members

Mark Adams, Health Commissioner, Lorain County Public Health
Ken P. Carney, Sr., P.E., P.S., County Engineer, Lorain County
Michael Dever, Director of Public Works, Cuyahoga County
Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, CEO, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District
James W. Dvorak, Commissioner, Geauga County
Alan Exley, P.E., P.S., County Engineer, Lake County
Nicholas J. Gorris, P.E., Sanitary Engineer, Geauga County
Kristin Hall, Executive Director, Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District
Ryan Lopez, Interim Commissioner, Division of Water Pollution Control, Department of
Public Utilities, City of Cleveland
Jeremy Sinko, P.E., Sanitary Engineer, Medina County
Patricia K. Vanah, P.E., Environmental Manager, Northeast District Office, Ohio EPA

FROM: George Warnock, Chair
Grand River Watershed Coordinator, Western Reserve Land Conservancy

DATE: December 12, 2025

RE: Water Quality Subcommittee

Attached please find materials for the Water Quality Subcommittee meeting on **Friday, December 19, 2025, from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at NOACA's Offices, 1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.**

Lunch will be provided for this meeting as it occurs during the lunch hour.



Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
Friday, December 19, 2025
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

The public can view the meeting live at: youtube.com/live/k_NrwhE64IQ?feature=share

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Next Meeting: **March 20, 2026, at 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**
NOACA Offices, 1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio



**NOACA Water Quality Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes**
September 19, 2025
NOACA Offices
1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

Present: Please see the attached attendance record.

Mr. George Warnock, Chair of the Water Quality Subcommittee, convened the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Nick Gorris made a motion to approve the minutes of June 20, 2025, which was seconded by Mr. Jeff Jowett. The motion passed by voice vote.

Public Comment

No comment was made at this meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Joe MacDonald, on behalf of Director Grace Galluci, announced the following additions to the Water Quality team:

- Ms. Sarah Mulligan, Environmental Planning Manager
- Ms. Maiya Sack, Water Planning Intern

Action Items

Medina County FPA Prescriptions Modification Request for the Villas at Hidden Lakes and Stonegate Subdivision in Medina Township

Ms. Sarah Stanzi reported that the Medina County Sanitary Engineers submitted an FPA modification request to NOACA, proposing prescription changes for two parcels in Medina Township totaling 101.24 acres, with 84 acres requiring updates. Specifically, 50 acres of PPN 026-06C-14-002 would change from "Areas Served by On-Site Systems" to "Sewers Expected Within 20 Years," and 34 acres of PPN 026-06C-14-001 (part of a 51.24-acre parcel) would change from "Areas Served by On-Site Systems" to "Currently Sewered." She confirmed that all notifications have been completed and all parties are in agreement.

Ms. Stanzi reviewed FPA maps to show the current prescriptions and the proposed FPA changes. She noted that, pending Board approval, NOACA would submit the modification to Ohio EPA for certification by the Governor. Following approval, copies of the resolution would be transmitted to the appropriate agencies.

Mr. Jeremy Sinko made a motion to recommend the Medina County FPA Prescriptions Modification Request for the Villas at Hidden Lakes and Stonegate Subdivision in Medina Township to the Planning and Programming Committee for placement on the December 2025 Board of Directors' agenda. Mr. Gorris seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Presentation/Discussion Items

NOACA Water Quality Program Update

Ms. Pamela Davis presented information on the following:

- Regional Coordination Work
 - Regional Riparian Setback Legislation Review 2024 will be presented at OTEC October 14, 2025, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
 - Western Lake Erie Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Early Season Projection and current status
- Overall Work Program (OWP)
 - Support Water Quality Subcommittee (WQS) & provide quarterly updates
 - Black River AOC Advisory Committee
 - Cuyahoga River AOC Advisory Committee

Ms. Kristin Hall said she recently attended the Area of Concern (AOC) Partnership Summit in Toledo, a two-day event focused on Great Lakes AOCs. She echoed Ms. Davis' comments on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and the Great Lakes Legacy Act Program, noting their significant contributions to Ohio AOCs. Ashtabula has been delisted, Black River is nearing delisting, while Cuyahoga and Maumee still have progress to make. She brought materials from the summit for Subcommittee members to review, encouraged signing up for the newsletter, and noted that the program will have a table at the Sewer District's Clean Water Fest September 20, 2025. Ms. Hall highlighted the exciting progress being made in the region.

Ms. Hall said the AOC Advisory Committee recently hosted a tour in Summit County, where the Cuyahoga River originates. The tour highlighted work at the Gorge Dam, including a large-scale sediment removal and dam removal project involving nearly one million cubic yards of contaminated sediment. She noted that construction teams are preparing to begin sediment removal and that attendees saw several other AOC projects. Ms. Hall emphasized the significant state, federal, and local investments transforming the river and appreciated the opportunity to share updates on AOC work.

Ms. Davis stated that the Gorge Dam project is one of the largest management actions in the AOCs, involving substantial funding. She noted that the Great Lakes Legacy Act addresses contaminated sediments resulting from past industrial activities.

Ms. Hall stated that the AOC Summit highlighted the large amounts of contaminated sediment needing removal and the challenge of finding beneficial uses, since open-lake disposal is no longer allowed. She offered to collaborate with other agencies on potential solutions.

Ms. Davis suggested exploring the use of sediment for lot filling and offered to discuss the idea further with Ms. Hall, noting the value of partnering to share updates on ongoing projects.

Ms. Davis continued her presentation on the following information:

- *Clean Water 2020 Work*
 - DMA Roundtable webinar – June 25, 2025
 - *Clean Water 2020* reformatting
 - Updated FPA Population Forecasts
 - Medina County Five-Year Update
 - FPA Consistency Review Maps

Ms. Davis said that the financial impacts are funded through Ohio EPA contracts and NOACA's local water quality dues. She added that, as next steps, NOACA staff will continue to provide quarterly updates on the Water Quality Planning Program to the Water Quality Subcommittee.

Mr. Klaiber said he had read an article about Campbell's and asked whether the company had its own sewage plant that was violating the permit, or if they were simply discharging at random.

Ms. Davis said she could provide the permit and that to her understanding Campbell's has both on-site wastewater treatment capacity as well as outfalls.

Mr. Akin said there have been internal discussions at the Division of Surface Water regarding the Campbell's plant. He noted that while more than 5,000 violations have been reported, Ohio EPA is unsure of the source of that number, though Campbell's acknowledged it in a lawsuit settlement. He added that the company has had significant violations, which may be laying the groundwork for a new wastewater treatment plant.

Ms. Davis said her understanding is that an assessment report from Campbell's last permit helped guide the development of its next permit, noting this was her interpretation and not an official Ohio EPA position.

Mr. Klaiber said he assumed Campbell's has a permit, since it submits test results monthly.

Mr. Akin clarified that Campbell's had several violations, but not 5,000. He said he had heard the number was over 300. He noted that EPA is aware of the situation and is working with Campbell's on a new plant but was not involved in the lawsuit.

Ms. Davis offered to send Mr. Klaiber the link to the permit page where she pulled all the information.

Mr. Klaiber said he was curious because the reported specifics, such as phosphorus and ammonia, are typically included in monthly permit reports to EPA if a facility has a treatment plant.

Ms. Davis said she had pulled a PDF showing one of the outfalls with all the chemicals and offered to share it.

In reference to her earlier comments on harmful algal blooms, Ms. Hall noted that while predictions estimated a 3 out of 10, current conditions indicate about 300 square miles of cyanobacteria. She asked how Ms. Davis would rate that now, for perspective on the difference between the prediction and the current situation.

Ms. Davis said she would send Ms. Hall a breakdown sheet, noting that bloom intensity, measured by cyanobacteria levels, is more important than size. She added that she would provide the Subcommittee with the final report in December.

Ms. Hall said that would be helpful, and asked Ms. Davis to bring up the slide showing 38 permits to install.

Ms. Davis clarified that NOACA does not issue permits; staff conduct reviews.

Ms. Hall then asked Ms. Davis to briefly explain what staff look for during those permit reviews.

Ms. Davis explained that staff geolocate permits using coordinates, addresses, or subdivision names to determine if they fall within facility planning area boundaries and flow to the correct wastewater treatment facility. Staff also check proximity to boundaries and wastewater prescriptions. If consistent—for example, in areas designated as “Currently Sewered”—the permit is acceptable. If inconsistent—for example, in areas designated for on-site systems—staff notify Ohio EPA, and the developer must work with the designated management agency to submit an FPA modification to adjust the boundary or prescription.

Ms. Hall said the explanation was very helpful and gave her, as a Water Quality Subcommittee member, a better understanding of what the Subcommittee is reviewing and advising on.

Ms. Davis said the same message will be shared with OTEC, noting that many engineers do not realize they should consult with the areawides before checking certain boxes on permit applications.

Mr. Akin added that under the Ohio Revised Code, Ohio EPA cannot issue a discharge permit that conflicts with a 208 Plan, whether NOACA’s or another areawide agency’s. He emphasized that NOACA staff provide critical institutional knowledge to ensure consistency, and EPA also reviews for compliance. The goal is to prevent conflicts that could result in permit revocations or lawsuits.

Mr. Klaiber said it is valuable that NOACA now reviews these permits, noting that in the past they were not thoroughly reviewed by either the Ohio EPA or NOACA, which, as Mr. Akin mentioned, sometimes led to lawsuits.

Mr. Sinko said that during the five-year FPA review, it can be difficult to track subdivisions that move from “Limited Sewers” or “Sewers Likely Within 20 Years” to “Currently Sewered.” He suggested establishing a mechanism to update prescriptions at project completion to avoid missing changes in the review.

Ms. Davis said staff discussed potential policy updates to Chapter 3 of the *Clean Water 2020* Plan, including allowing staff to update Facility Planning Area maps when areas designated as “Sewered” or “To Be Sewered” are developed, if notified by the DMA. She noted this could be a future discussion item at a DMA roundtable, with further conversation planned for December or March.

Ms. Hall asked if, within the NOACA counties, it is rare for areas designated as “Currently Sewered” to revert to another designation.

Ms. Davis said that in some cases, DMAs are adjusting plans based on capacity, topography, or pump station limitations, effectively “right-sizing” development to match the sewer system.

Mr. Akin said that about a decade ago, NOACA began updating maps to remove areas originally designated as “To Be Sewered” or “Sewered” based on realistic development expectations and noted that this remains an ongoing process addressed through the five-year updates.

Ms. Davis said the goal is to help health departments determine whether areas should remain on on-site systems or connect to available sewers, particularly for failing systems, making this a coordinated, three-way conversation.

Reports/Updates

Watershed Activities Updates (Roundtable Discussion)

- **Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District:** Mr. Jowett invited members to the Clean Water Fest September 20, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Environmental and Maintenance Services Center (EMSC) facility in Cuyahoga Heights, highlighting food, activities, lab tours, vehicle displays, and a tour of the Southerly Treatment Center, the largest wastewater treatment plant in Ohio.
- **Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conversation District:** Ms. Hall said the Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District will participate in the Clean Water Fest. She also highlighted the second annual Stormwater Run, a 5K and 1-mile family fun run October 5 at 8:30 a.m. at Clark Field Park in Tremont, noting group discounts are available. Additionally, the District will hold its annual meeting and first pancake breakfast October 18 at Masjid Bilal in Cleveland. She encouraged Subcommittee members to visit the District’s website for more information.
- **Ohio EPA:** Mr. Akin noted recent staff changes, including Mr. Mark Johnson returning to his role as Assistant Director and Ms. Ashley Ward serving as Acting Director of the Division of Surface Water. Mr. Akin thanked Mr. MacDonald and his staff, noting that NOACA is set to receive an additional \$5,700 through the Federal 604(b) program, a redistribution of unspent funds, in recognition of NOACA’s ongoing work on the 208 Plan and regional water quality. The funding has been submitted for the director’s signature and is expected by the end of the month.
- **Grand River Conneaut Partnership:** Mr. Warnock said activities have been quiet, but the organization is retooling to better respond to changes in funding, politics, and regulations. He noted that future updates will be provided.

Old Business

Resolution 2025-046: Geauga County Five-Year Facility Planning Area (FPA) Boundary and Prescriptions Update

Ms. Stanzi stated that the NOACA Board of Directors approved Resolution 2025-046 September 12, 2025. She is updating internal and external maps to reflect the changes, and the 208 Plan has been amended accordingly.

New Business

No new business was presented at this meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Klaiber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 p.m. Ms. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The next Water Quality Subcommittee meeting will be Friday, December 19, 2025, 12-1:30 p.m.

Note: Additional information on the agenda items can be found on [NOACA's website](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

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2025 Water Quality Subcommittee Attendance Record

Meeting Dates	3/21/25	6/20/25	9/19/25	12/19/25
ADAMS , Mark (Ryan Tristano, Alternate)	A	A	A	
CARNEY , Ken P. (Robert C. Klaiber, Jr., Alternate)	A	A	A	
DEVER , Michael (David Ray, Alternate) (Laura A. Weber, Alternate on 3/21/25)	A	A		
DREYFUSS-WELLS , Kyle (Jeff Jowett, Alternate)	A	A	A	
DVORAK , James W. (Andy Haupt, Alternate)				
EXLEY , Alan (Kirk Dimmick, Alternate)	X	X		
GORRIS , Nick J. (Carmella Shale, Alternate)	X	X	X	
HALL , Kristin (Jared Bartley, Alternate)	X	A	X	
LOPEZ , Ryan (David G. Hearne, Alternate)				
SINKO , Jeremy (Ben Romine, Alternate)	X	X	X	
WARNOCK , George (Allen Fazenbaker, Alternate)	X		X	
Non-voting Member				
VANAH , Patricia K. (Eric Akin, Alternate)	A	A	A	

X = Member present

A = Alternate present



**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY
MEMORANDUM**

TO: NOACA Water Quality Subcommittee
FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
DATE: December 12, 2025
RE: **Medina County Five-Year Facility Planning Area (FPA) Boundaries & Prescriptions Update**

ACTION REQUESTED

No action is requested. This item is for information and discussion to prepare for future action.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

NOACA, as an areawide water quality management agency, is contracted by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) to maintain current and accurate wastewater Facility Planning Area (FPA) maps for its five-county region. As outlined in NOACA's water quality management plan, *Clean Water 2020*, staff work with each county's Designated Management Agencies (DMAs) on a five-year rotating schedule to review and update FPA maps with changes not disputed by the DMAs. This process allows NOACA to consolidate all the DMA-submitted updates into a single FPA map update for approval, rather than process individual updates on a non-scheduled basis.

In September 2025, NOACA water quality planning (WQP) staff began the five-year update of Medina County. WQP staff worked with the Medina County Sanitary Engineers (MCSE), the DMA for the county's largest FPA, during weekly map review sessions. Using MCSE's initial update areas and NOACA's supplemental analysis, WQP staff realigned FPA boundaries and prescriptions to parcel lines where appropriate, updated mapping layers based on current data, and reviewed MCSE's proposed sewer service areas. To better reflect MCSE's planning goals and streamline the Permit-to-Install (PTI) review process, NOACA proposed to reclassify former "Local Prescription" areas as "Limited Sewers Expected Within 20 Years." WQP staff also began to work within the City of Wadsworth, the DMA for the county's second largest FPA. Staff held an initial map review meeting and will continue coordination as the City updates its Wastewater Master Plan.

On December 10, 2025, NOACA WQP staff hosted a Medina County Five-Year FPA Boundaries & Prescriptions DMA Roundtable Meeting. The agenda included an overview of NOACA's update process, a summary of work completed, lessons learned during the last two countywide five-year update efforts, an overview of potential areas that require further discussion, and a timeline with key dates related to the NOACA Board approval process.

NOACA WQP staff will continue to engage Medina County DMAs and affected jurisdictions as they review the remaining boundaries and prescriptions for the Medina County, Wadsworth, Creston, Lodi, Rittman, Seville, Spencer, and Westfield Center FPAs. Following these reviews, staff will propose update maps for DMA and affected jurisdiction review, obtain signed Acknowledgement of Map Accuracy Forms from the Primary DMAs, and a completed Medina County Five-Year FPA boundaries

and prescriptions update will be presented at the March 2026 Water Quality Subcommittee for recommendation to the NOACA Board of Directors in June 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

A completed Medina County Five-Year FPA boundaries and prescriptions update will be presented at the March 2026 Water Quality Subcommittee for recommendation to the NOACA Board of Directors in June 2026. Pending Board approval, NOACA staff will submit the FPA Boundaries and Prescriptions modifications to Ohio EPA.

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**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY
M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: NOACA Water Quality Subcommittee
FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
DATE: December 12, 2025
RE: **NOACA Water Quality Program Update**

ACTION REQUESTED

No action is requested. This item is for information and presentation only.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

NOACA's water quality program focuses on Northeast Ohio water resource management and protection to sustain the region economically and environmentally. It addresses water quality on a regional scale, at the watershed level, and within individual communities. NOACA staff often coordinate with other agencies and organizations throughout the region and the state.

Regional Water Quality Work

Update of 2024 Regional Riparian Setback Legislation Review

NOACA Water Quality Planning (WQP) staff presented the results of the 2024 Regional Riparian Setback Legislation Review at the Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference (OTEC) on October 14, 2025. The presentation was well received by approximately 75 attendees. Staff will finalize the report and appendices and post them on NOACA's stormwater webpage.

County Sanitary Engineers Association of Ohio (CSEAO) Winter Conference

WQP staff joined Eric Akin, Ohio EPA, to present at the CSEAO Winter Conference on December 5, 2025, in Columbus, Ohio. Staff gave the presentation "Understanding 208 Plans: Their Role in Wastewater Planning and Projects" to explain the section 208 compliance process.

Harmful Algal Bloom 2025 Season

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Heidelberg University's [National Center for Water Quality Research](#) issued the Western Lake Erie Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Seasonal Assessment on December 4, 2025. The severity of the Lake Erie Cyanobacterial bloom had a severity index (SI) of 2.4 and average area of 411 square miles, which is considered a mild bloom. In comparison, the 2024 HAB had a SI of 4.2 and average area of 626 square miles.

Microcystis is the most common cyanobacterial toxins in fresh water. The *Microcystis* bloom started in early July in the far western Maumee Bay and slowly intensified and did not fully establish until early August, which was later than prior seasons. Additionally, the bloom reached its peak in late August before declining in early September and ending in late October. The 2025 season was unlike prior

seasons, which declined late in September. A weak bloom did persist, ending late in October and stayed closer to the shore from Stony Point, MI to east of Port Clinton, OH.

“One Water” Philosophy

NOACA’s Water Quality Strategic Plan (WQSP) outlines five goals to guide the work of the WQP staff, including Goal 4: Advance the philosophy of “One Water” through NOACA’s water planning work.

According to the [American Planning Association \(APA\)](#), “One Water,” also known as “Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM), focuses on the water cycle as a single, connected system. “One Water” promotes coordinated development and management of water, land, and related resources to maximize the economic and social benefits and minimize environmental impact. The [US Water Alliance](#) defines “One Water” as “a transformative way to view, value, and manage water through understanding the relatedness of water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure and the need for holistic planning.”

The WQP staff continues to research the adoption of “One Water” public education campaigns by fellow metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and areawide water quality management agencies (areawides). This research will help NOACA WQP staff fulfill Goal 4 and to identify potential strategies to incorporate into NOACA’s water quality work. WQP staff also seek to develop messaging for use by communities with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) permits to meet their permit requirements and incorporate message into Stormwater Management Plan’s Minimum Control Measures. The “One Water” philosophy can help address nonpoint source pollution from stormwater runoff Through public education and involvement.

NOACA’s Water Quality Work

NOACA Overall Work Plan (OWP)

- WQP staff continue to provide planning and technical support to the Water Quality Subcommittee (WQS).
- WQP staff continue to support the Black River and Cuyahoga River Area of Concern (AOC) Advisory Committees’ work to remove beneficial use impairments (BUIs) and delist the rivers.
 - Black River AOC
 - The Black River AOC Advisory Committee met on October 22, 2025
 - “Degradation of Fish Populations” and “Loss of Fish Habitat” BUIs removed September 18, 2025
 - Only “Degradation of Benthos” BUI remains; sampling is underway
 - Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategy (NPS-IS) planning continues for Black River, Lower West Branch, and Jackson Ditch-East Branch Black River HUC-12 subwatersheds; public meeting and online surveys have been conducted to identify critical areas
 - More information is at <https://www.blackriveraoc.com/>
 - Cuyahoga River AOC
 - The Cuyahoga River AOC Advisory Committee met on October 20, 2025
 - A [GIS Story map of the Management Action Projects](#) has been created to report stages of design and implementation
 - There are four remaining BUIs: Degradation of Fish and Wildlife Populations, Degradation of Benthos, Restrictions on Navigational Dredging, and Loss of Fish Habitat
 - More information is at <https://cuyahogaoc.org/the-plan-and-targets/>

Clean Water 2020

- WQP staff continue to reformat and update *Clean Water 2020*
 - Staff reviewed and updated the Cuyahoga, Geauga and Medina DMA tables in Appendix 4B: Facility Planning Areas (FPAs), Prescriptions and Designated Management Agencies (DMAs) by NOACA County

- Staff clarified the names of Primary and Secondary DMAs (adding City or Village where appropriate)
- Reviewed and updated the list of Secondary DMAs
- Staff review each POTW permit to verify (update/correct) average design flow and receiving waterway
- Staff also reviewed and corrected Appendix 3A: 208 Plan Content Maintained by NOACA Staff
 - Staff added two figures to Chapter 2: State of the Region; both required updates due to changes in methodology by the source of the data
 - Figure 2-5: Northeast Ohio Land Cover (2001)
 - Figure 2-7: Northeast Ohio Land Cover (2021)
 - Staff updated the data periods for census (population and housing), employment and land cover related tables and figures
- Staff created a summary of the *Clean Water 2020* plan updates/revisions plan insert page entitled Revision Summary History by Version.
- WQP staff will update Chapters 2 and 6 with revised text, tables, and maps previously presented to the Water Quality Subcommittee with revision dates added to each page.

Ohio EPA Contract Work

FPA Consistency Review Maps (as of 11/26/2025)

- Ensured projects are consistent with FPA maps
- Prepared 13 consistency review maps
- Reviewed 60 permits-to-install (PTIs)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Ohio EPA contracts and NOACA's local water quality dues fund this work.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

NOACA staff will provide quarterly updates to the Water Quality Subcommittee.

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ACTION REQUESTED

No action is requested. This item is for information and presentation only.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

NOACA's Water Quality Program (WQP) staff worked with Ohio EPA staff to prepare a presentation for the County Sanitary Engineers Association of Ohio (CSEAO) Conference on December 5, 2025, entitled *Understanding 208 Plans: Their Role in Wastewater Planning and Projects*. WQP staff requested that Eric Akin, Ohio EPA, present an abbreviated version of his presentation to the Water Quality Subcommittee that focuses on updates to the State's 208 Plan for the 64 counties that are not included in an areawide planning area. Updates will focus on Ohio EPA's new 208 plan modification process, how Ohio EPA will use general prescriptions, additional water quality protections for the Darby Creek, and a request to designate the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) as an Areawide Planning Agency in Columbus. Ohio EPA staff will also discuss the evolution of FPAs as a key component of the 208 planning process, and as a precursor to the statewide update.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No financial impact

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

Eric Akin, Ohio EPA, will present and answer any questions.

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TRAVEL OPTIONS FOR NOACA MEETINGS

LOCATION

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- [Geauga County Transit](#)
- [Laketran Trip Planner](#)
- [Lorain County Transit service](#)
- [Medina County Transit](#)

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PARKING (see map)

The Cathedral Plaza Garage (E. 9th St. and Rockwell Ave.) is currently unavailable due to repairs. The following map shows other parking options. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer reimbursement for these parking lots. Should you have any questions or concerns please let us know.

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