



Water Quality

Subcommittee Meeting

March 20, 2026, 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
Jason Boyd, County Administrator, Lake County
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
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
Patricia K. Vanah, P.E., Environmental Manager, Northeast District Office, Ohio EPA

FROM: Jeremy Sinko, P.E., Chair
Sanitary Engineer, Medina County

DATE: March 13, 2026

RE: Water Quality Subcommittee

Attached please find materials for the Water Quality Subcommittee meeting on **Friday, March 20, 2026, 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, March 20, 2026
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

The public can view the meeting live at: youtube.com/live/oC9SUq-hu0?feature=share

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



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

Present: Please see the attached attendance record.

Mr. Jeremy Sinko, Vice Chair of Water Quality Subcommittee, convened the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bob Klaiber made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 19, 2025. Mr. Alan Exley seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Public Comment

No comment was made at this meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Director Grace Gallucci thanked the Subcommittee for its hard work in 2025. She noted that NOACA cannot move forward without the support of its committees, and NOACA is very appreciative of members' time. She expressed gratitude and looked forward to a successful 2026.

Action Items

No action items were presented at this meeting.

Presentation/Discussion Items

Medina County Five-Year Facility Planning Area (FPA) Boundaries and Prescriptions Update

Ms. Sarah Stanzi presented information on the following:

- Background on Five-Year Countywide FPA Updates
- Designated Management Agencies (DMA)
 - Primary DMAs
 - Secondary DMAs
 - Affected Jurisdictions
- Medina County FPA Update Process
- Table of Figure 4B-1: Primary and Secondary DMAs for FPAs in Medina County
- Medina County FPA Boundaries and Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment Maps

Ms. Stanzi explained that during the five-year update process, staff held ongoing discussions with Mr. Sinko and Mr. Ben Romine that went beyond standard FPA boundary and prescription updates. These conversations explored ways to streamline prescription updates between plan cycles, particularly for areas transitioning to sewer service within 20 years, where Medina County may construct or assume ownership and maintenance, but the plan cannot be formally updated for several years. They also discussed the value of mapping secondary DMAs to clarify where sewer infrastructure is owned and operated by entities other than primary DMAs, and identified sewer area mapping as a best management practice.

Ms. Stanzi presented a map shared by Mr. Sinko showing existing sewers in green and potential sewer extensions in blue, which aided staff in updating prescriptions and understanding possible future sewer expansions.

Ms. Stanzi stated that the next steps include the NOACA staff meeting with the primary DMAs, finalizing the proposed FPA boundaries and prescription update maps, and emailing the maps to DMAs and affected jurisdictions for review. Staff will then request sign-off and agreement on the Acknowledgement of Map Accuracy Forms and present the update to NOACA's Water Quality Subcommittee in March 2026 for a recommendation, with Board approval anticipated in June 2026. She noted that, pending Board approval, staff will transmit copies of the modifications to the appropriate agencies and then submit to the Ohio EPA for certification by the Governor.

Ms. Stanzi thanked Mr. Sinko and Mr. Romine for their time and expertise during the five-year review, noting that staff learn a great deal from DMAs during each update and expressing appreciation for their continued collaboration.

Mr. Sinko commented that allowing DMAs to update prescriptions following development or when properties transition from limited sewer to full sewer service would help keep the 208 Plan maps as current as possible.

Mr. Eric Akin asked how NOACA would proceed if a Medina County DMA does not sign off on a map. Specifically, whether the existing FPA boundaries would be retained for that area while the rest are updated, and if a plan exists for such situations.

Ms. Stanzi explained that NOACA first facilitates discussions among DMAs. If agreement cannot be reached, NOACA defaults to the existing FPA boundaries, while remaining open to revisiting the issue in a future update period.

NOACA Water Quality Program Update

Ms. Pam Davis presented information on the following:

- Regional Coordination Work
 - Regional Riparian Setback Legislation Review 2024
 - County Sanitary Engineers Association of Ohio (CSEAO) Winter Conference
 - Western Lake Erie Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Seasonal Assessment
- Overall Work Program (OWP)
 - Support Water Quality Subcommittee (WQS) & provide quarterly updates
 - Black River AOC Advisory Committee
 - Cuyahoga River AOC Advisory Committee
- Clean Water 2020 Work
 - *Clean Water 2020* Reformatting
 - FPA Consistency Reviews & Maps to date (FY)

Ms. Maiya Sack presented information on the following:

- 2023 Water Quality Strategic Plan (WQSP) Mission Statement
- 2023 WQSP Goals
 - Goal 1: ...Protect and restore Lake Erie...
 - Goal 4: “One Water” Philosophy Overview
- “One Water” Philosophy
 - Advancing the One Water Philosophy and Options being considered
 - Watershed Champions Story Map
- MS4 Phase II Public Education & Outreach Support
- MS4 Phase II Public Education & Outreach

Ms. Sack stated that the financial impacts are covered through Ohio EPA contracts and NOACA’s local water quality dues. She noted that NOACA staff will provide quarterly updates on the Water Quality Planning Program to the Water Quality Subcommittee.

Ms. Kristin Hall of the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) asked that NOACA staff coordinate with her office on messaging, noting their role in the NEO-PIPE group and the development of a 2026 outreach strategy. She emphasized the importance of incorporating consistent messaging early.

Ms. Sack agreed to coordinate with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Ms. Davis stated that staff attended a NEO-PIPE group meeting and shared that NOACA is exploring a “One Water” approach, with plans to return in the new year with additional updates.

Ms. Hall stated that Cuyahoga SWCD can share draft outreach strategies to help align and incorporate NOACA’s messaging.

Mr. Exley asked whether the reduced algae bloom this year was due to lower available phosphorus.

Ms. Davis confirmed that the reduction was largely due to low available phosphorus loading resulting from reduced spring rainfall.

Mr. Exley noted that members of the boating community had discussed whether low water levels and warmer water temperatures might have been expected to increase algae growth.

Ms. Davis explained that harmful algae blooms typically depend on early-season nutrient loading followed by warming, and the lack of significant spring rainfall prevented that process this year.

Mr. Exley asked whether information explaining the causes of the change in algae levels is distributed to the public.

Ms. Davis responded that NOAA and Heidelberg University manage a western Lake Erie basin tracking system that provides projections, weekly updates, and end-of-season assessments. She offered to share a link for Mr. Exley to sign up for these updates.

Mr. Exley thanked Ms. Davis in advance for providing the link.

Mr. Klaiber asked Ms. Davis whether there had been any efforts in the Western basin, through treatment plants or farming techniques, that may have reduced impacts, aside from simply getting lucky that pollutants were not washed into Maumee Bay.

Ms. Davis responded that there have been quantifiable improvements in agricultural practices and wastewater and industrial permitting. She noted the H2Ohio program, which directed significant funding to agricultural efforts to reduce phosphorus in the Maumee watershed, including the installation of two-stage ditches that use vegetation to filter phosphorus. She noted that weather conditions also played a role, limiting nutrient loading and contributing to a later, less severe bloom, and acknowledged that some of the outcome was due to favorable weather.

Ms. Hall stated that more than 20,000 acres have been enrolled in voluntary nutrient management programs and expressed hope that the improvement is not solely attributable to favorable weather. She noted that potential reductions in H2Ohio funding in the coming year warrant continued monitoring to assess impacts.

Ms. Davis stated that NOACA staff will track the impacts and include updates in the next season's projections and present them to the Subcommittee.

Ohio EPA: How FPAs Became Part of the 208 Plan & Updates on the Statewide Water Quality Management Plan

Mr. Akin presented information on the State Water Quality Management Plan & 208 Plan Background:

- 208 Plan: Background
- Areawide Planning Agencies
- Ohio EPA 208 Plan – Areawide 208 Plans
- 208 Plans: Implementation
- 08 Plan: Background
- How did FPAs become a 208 Plan - Key Component?
- Clean Water Act: 201 Facility Planning Maps & 208 Plans
 - 1972 – Mid 1980s
 - Mid 1980s – 1990
 - 1990 – Mid 2000s
 - Takeaways
- 208 Plans: Key Wastewater Components
- Permit-to-Install Application
- Ohio EPA 208 Plan Webpage & App - Google Search: "Ohio EPA 208 Plan"
 - State 208 Plan Webpage and 201/208 Facility Planning App
- State and Ohio EPA 208 Plan
 - State 208 Plan: 2025 Update
 - Ohio EPA 208 Plan: Modification Process and Approval
 - Ohio EPA 208 Plan and Facility Plans Questions
 - Ohio EPA 208 Plan: Facility Planning Guidance
 - Ohio EPA 208 Plan: Generic Prescriptions (GPs)
 - Ohio EPA 208 Plan: Big Darby Creek Water Quality Protections
 - MORPC & 208 Planning

Reports/Updates

Mr. Sinko thanked NOACA for allowing Ms. Davis and Ms. Stanzi to attend and present at the County Sanitary Engineers Association of Ohio (CSEAO) Winter Conference a couple of weeks ago.

Old Business

Resolution 2025-054: Medina County FPA Prescriptions Modification Request for the Villas at Hidden Lakes and Stonegate Subdivision in Medina Township

Ms. Stanzi informed the Subcommittee that staff presented Resolution 2025-054 to the NOACA Board on December 12, 2025. She then presented FPA maps illustrating the current and proposed prescription changes. The resolution modifies wastewater treatment prescriptions for 84 acres across two parcels in the Medina County Facility Planning Area (FPA):

- 50 acres were changed from “Areas Served by On-Site Systems” to “Sewers Expected Within 20 Years.”
- 34 acres were changed from “Areas Served by On-Site Systems” to “Currently Sewered.”

New Business

No new business was presented at this meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Klaiber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. Mr. Exley seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The next Water Quality Subcommittee meeting will be on Friday, March 20, 2026, 12:00-1:30 p.m.

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



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	A
CARNEY, Ken P. (Robert C. Klaiber, Jr., Alternate)	A	A	A	A
DEVER, Michael (David Ray, Alternate) (Laura A. Weber, Alternate on 3/21/25 and 12/19/25)	A	A		A
DREYFUSS-WELLS, Kyle (Jeff Jowett, Alternate)	A	A	A	A
DVORAK, James W. (Andy Haupt, Alternate)				
EXLEY, Alan (Kirk Dimmick, Alternate)	X	X		X
GORRIS, Nick J. (Carmella Shale, Alternate)	X	X	X	
HALL, Kristin (Jared Bartley, Alternate)	X	A	X	X
LOPEZ, Ryan (David G. Hearne, Alternate)				
SINKO, Jeremy (Ben Romine, Alternate)	X	X	X	X
WARNOCK, George (Allen Fazenbaker, Alternate)	X		X	
Non-voting Member				
VANAH, Patricia K. (Eric Akin, Alternate)	A	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: March 13, 2026
RE: **Medina County Five-Year Facility Planning Area (FPA) Boundary and Prescription Update**

ACTION REQUESTED

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

BACKGROUND / JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

As an areawide water quality management agency, NOACA is contracted by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) to maintain current and accurate wastewater FPA maps for its five-county region. WQP staff engage the Designated Management Areas (DMAs) of each county once every five years on a rotating schedule to review FPA maps for any updates to FPA boundaries and prescriptions. WQP staff work with DMAs to review and update FPA boundaries and/or prescriptions. NOACA then consolidates all submitted FPA updates from the various DMAs into a single, modified FPA map for the entire county. Any proposed FPA updates that are in dispute among the affected DMAs are not included in the countywide update. Any proposed FPA modifications in dispute must be resolved following [Clean Water 2020](#) (208 Plan) Policy 4-6.

Since December 2025, NOACA has been coordinating with Medina County DMAs and affected jurisdictions as part of the Medina County Five-Year Update. Following completion of the review of the Medina County FPA, staff began reviewing the remaining seven (7) FPAs in Medina County: Creston, Lodi, Rittman, Seville, Spencer, Wadsworth, and Westfield Center. As part of this process, NOACA staff distributed FPA review maps, parcel lists, and supporting documentation from Clean Water 2020 to Primary and Secondary DMAs and affected jurisdictions for review.

NOACA recently met with the Village of Lodi and the City of Rittman to review the Lodi and Rittman FPAs and discuss potential updates to the FPA boundaries and prescriptions. In addition, NOACA has coordinated with the Medina County Sanitary Engineers (MCSE) and City of Wadsworth staff regarding five (5) parcels located along the boundary between the Medina County FPA and the Wadsworth FPA. These parcels require additional coordination and agreement among the DMAs before proposed updates can be finalized.

Concurrently, NOACA began issuing Acknowledgement of Map Accuracy Forms to Medina County, the Primary DMA of the Medina County FPA, to confirm map accuracy and approve the proposed updates discussed during coordination. Secondary DMAs and affected jurisdictions were included in correspondence for transparency but were not asked to formally sign off on the proposed updates.

Progress to date is summarized below:

- 15 jurisdictions within the Medina County FPA have received approval from Medina County (which is designated as the Primary DMA)

- One FPA update is pending final approval
- No FPA boundary and/or prescription updates are needed for six affected jurisdictions
- Five jurisdictions/FPAs have not yet responded to NOACA communications regarding the Five-Year Update effort
- Four are currently under discussion and/or negotiation regarding proposed updates.

Status	Count	FPA/Jurisdictions	Notes & Next Steps
Approved, Sign-Off Received	15	Medina County FPA: City of Brunswick; Brunswick Hills Township; Village of Chippewa Lake; Granger Township; Guilford Township; Hinckley Township; Lafayette Township; Liverpool Township; Medina Township; City of Medina; Montville Township; Sharon Township; Spencer Township; Westfield Township; York Township	All have reviewed and signed off on proposed updates.
Awaiting Final Approval	1	Rittman FPA	Approval anticipated.
No Updates Proposed	6	Medina County FPA: City of Broadview Heights; Chatham Township; Village of Gloria Glens Park; Harrisville Township; Homer Township; Litchfield Township	No updates recommended at this time.
No Response Yet	4	Creston FPA; Spencer FPA; Westfield Center FPA; Medina County FPA – City of Strongsville	Awaiting responses to outreach.
In Communication/ Negotiating Updates	5	Medina County FPA - North Royalton	Draft modification map received; edits needed; may schedule meeting
		Medina County FPA - City of Wadsworth	DMA meeting requested to inform proposals.
		Lodi FPA	Draft modification map received; edits needed; may schedule meeting
		Seville FPA	Map review email shared with engineer; awaiting response.
		Wadsworth FPA	DMA meeting requested to inform proposals.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The maintenance and update of NOACA’s Clean Water 2020 (208) plan are supported by grant agreement funding from Ohio EPA.

CONCLUSION / NEXT STEPS

The Medina County FPA Boundary and Prescription Five-Year Update will be presented to the Water Quality Subcommittee for action on June 26, 2026.

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**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY
MEMORANDUM**

TO: NOACA Water Quality Subcommittee
FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
DATE: March 13, 2026
RE: **Calendar Year (CY) 2026 Subcommittee Focus Areas**

ACTION REQUESTED

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

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

As the parent Committee to the Water Quality Subcommittee, the Planning and Programming Committee discussed and approved the Subcommittee focus areas for 2026 at its January meeting. The focus areas for the Water Quality Subcommittee are:

Water Quality Strategic Plan Implementation	Ongoing
Clean Water 2020 Plan Implementation	Ongoing
FPA Boundary and Prescription Updates	Ongoing
Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategy (NPS-IS) Planning	Ongoing
Nutrient Reduction Efforts	Ongoing
Review Development Impact Policies and Strategies	Ongoing

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact for this decision.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

The focus areas for CY 2026 will be presented to the Water Quality Subcommittee for informational purposes during the March 20, 2026 meeting.

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NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Water Quality Subcommittee
FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
DATE: March 13, 2026
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

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Preliminary Assessment (PA) Addendum to the Draft Interim Dredge Material Management Plan (DMMP)

The purpose of the USACE 2023 Interim Dredge Material Management Plan (DMMP) was to address interim dredged sediment management needs for the Cleveland Harbor federal navigation project for the five-year period of 2023-2027. The Interim DMMP was changed to a Preliminary Assessment (PA) and Integrated Environmental Assessment dated November 2024 and the Finding of No Significant Impact was signed by USACE in December 2024 and currently extends to 2029.

On May 30, 2025, the USACE issued the Operation and Maintenance DMMP, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Scoping Information for Cleveland Harbor, Ohio that referenced the USACE's 20-year plan for maintenance dredging and management of dredged sediment from the Cleveland Harbor federal navigation channel.

The purpose of the 2026 PA Addendum is uncertain; it is not clear whether alternatives included in the addendum are in addition to or are intended to replace alternatives in the November 2024 Preliminary Assessment and Integrated Environmental Assessment.

The three alternatives include:

- Alternative 1 – No Action
- Alternative 2 – Sediment Recycling that also includes “limited open-water placement”
 - The federal standard for the Cleveland Harbor requires “confined placement” and “limited open-water placement” should be removed from the PA Addendum
- Alternative 3 – Littoral Nourishment

- However, littoral nourishment is governed by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 6111.32(C)(4)
 - Dredged sediment may be placed in the littoral drift if at least 60% of the dredged material is sand, and a demonstration that the sediment chemical data determines it is appropriate for placement.
 - The Cleveland Harbor sediment was sampled and analyzed in 2024. According to Ohio EPA, the most recent 2024 Cleveland Harbor sediment percentages of sand/coarse grain sediment is relatively low in the 2024 upper river channel, lower than some historical sediment results. However, the PA Addendum only focuses on limited historical data, from 1993 when dredged sediment was last placed nearshore.

NOACA WQP staff received an email on January 16, 2026, regarding the [Cleveland Preliminary Assessment Addendum Scoping Information Packet](#) conveying that comments would be accepted until February 18, 2026. Staff reached out to Ohio EPA to discuss the three alternatives and the inclusion of “limited open-water placement” and whether the sediments in the Cuyahoga Harbor could be utilized for “littoral nourishment.” On February 17, 2026, Ohio EPA submitted comments upon behalf of the State of Ohio. Staff will continue to monitor and report.

Advancing “One Water” Philosophy throughout the Region

Ohio EPA’s Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) current General Permit - OHQ000004 is set to expire on March 31, 2026. The upcoming issuance of the new MS4s permit presents a strategic opportunity to advance Goal Four of NOACA’s [Water Quality Strategic Plan](#), “Advance the philosophy of “One Water” through the agency’s water planning work.”

The new permit cycle will require public education, involvement, and pollution prevention by MS4 communities throughout the region. NOACA staff propose leveraging this regulatory requirement to provide MS4 partners with *One Water*-aligned outreach tools and messaging resources. By supporting permit compliance while embedding integrated water management principles into local engagement efforts, NOACA can amplify its regional reach of the *One Water* framework.

In developing this approach, WQP staff met with regional stakeholders from the Fresh Water Institute, the Cleveland Water Alliance, and the Northeast Ohio Public Involvement Public Education work group. Their input provided WQP with methods for distributing *One Water* information to MS4 communities.

Based on feedback received, WQP staff are drafting a *One Water* stormwater management plan toolkit, which offers best management practices for MS4 communities to use, with specific suggestions tailored to each TMDL pollutant.

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 February 17, 2026
 - Only the “Degradation of Benthos” BUI remains; the [evaluation](#) is complete, and a BUI removal timeline has been proposed, with the final removal package to be compiled by July 2026
 - Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategy (NPS-IS) planning continues for Black River, Jackson Ditch/East Branch, Lower West Branch HUC-12 sub-watersheds; requesting

input on project sites, the [online survey](#) is still open for comments and site visits are to occur this quarter.

- More information is at <https://www.blackriveraoc.com/>
- Cuyahoga River AOC
 - The Cuyahoga River AOC Advisory Committee met on January 12, 2026; new members were voted in by slate
 - As new members, Pamela L. Davis, member and Sarah Stanzi, alternate, attended the Cuyahoga River AOC Advisory Committee new member orientation on February 2, 2026.
 - [2026 Cuyahoga River Area of Concern Symposium](#) was Thursday, March 12, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Slovenian National Home
 - Four BUIs remain: “Degradation of Fish and Wildlife Populations,” “Degradation of Benthos,” “Restrictions on Navigational Dredging,” and “Loss of Fish Habitat.”
 - More information is at cuyahogaoc.org/the-plan-and-targets/

Clean Water 2020

- WQP staff continue to reformat and update *Clean Water 2020*
 - Staff finalized updates to the Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake and Lorain and Medina DMA tables in Appendix 4B: Facility Planning Areas (FPAs), Prescriptions and Designated Management Agencies (DMAs) by NOACA County
 - Staff also created a separate table for communal systems in Geauga County
 - Staff review each POTW permit to verify (update/correct) average design flow and receiving waterway
 - Staff also developed a Document Revision Sheet to track changes to the Clean Water 2020 plan when updates are undertaken and in the event of clerical corrections

Ohio EPA Contract Work

- Permit-To-Install (PTI) Review and FPA Consistency Review Maps (as of 3/3/2026)
 - Ensured projects are consistent with FPA maps
 - Prepared 28 consistency review maps
 - Reviewed 105 PTIs
- SFY27 Ohio EPA Grant Agreements
 - NOACA staff submitted scopes of work and draft budgets to Ohio EPA on March 15, 2026

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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TRAVEL OPTIONS FOR NOACA MEETINGS

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

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Street parking is also available along Rockwell Avenue, east of E. 13th Street.

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION

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