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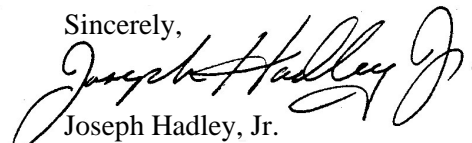
SUBJECT: NEFCO approval of an Amendment to the Clean Water Plan to create a new Sterling Facilities Planning Area and to change the existing wastewater prescription to serve the Sterling area in Milton Township in Wayne County

Dear Mr. Kastner:

Enclosed for your records is a signed resolution from the NEFCO General Policy Board indicating its approval of your requested amendment to the Clean Water Plan to create a new Sterling Facilities Planning Area and to change the existing wastewater prescription to serve the Sterling area in Milton Township in Wayne County. Also enclosed are the pertinent maps and related materials for this amendment. Thank you for all of your assistance in our 208 planning process. If you would like a hard copy of these documents, please contact us.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments on these materials.

Sincerely,



Joseph Hadley, Jr.
Executive Director

JH:rlm

pc: Patricia Vanah, Ohio EPA-NEDO
Vaughn Anderson, Wayne County Health Department
Jenn Kiper, Wayne County Planning Department
Lindsay Tournoux, Wayne County Farm Bureau
Bobbie Beshara, City of Rittman
Marcus Allen, Village of Creston
Greg Piatt, Milton Township Trustee

MEMORANDUM

TO: NEFCO General Policy Board

FROM: Tom LaPlante, Water Quality/Environmental Planner

DATE: April 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of an Amendment to the Clean Water (208) Plan to create a new Sterling Facilities Planning Area and to change the existing wastewater prescription to serve the Sterling area in Milton Township in Wayne County

What's being requested:

The Wayne County Office of Environmental Services (WCOES) is requesting an amendment to the [Clean Water \(208\) Plan](#) to create a new Sterling Facilities Planning Area (FPA) and to change the existing wastewater treatment prescription prior to receiving permit-to-install (PTI) approval by Ohio EPA for the construction of a publicly owned wastewater treatment plant and sanitary sewer to serve the hamlet of Sterling and surrounding area (referred to henceforth as the Sterling area) in Milton Township in Wayne County (Figure 1).

Background (adapted from information provided by the Wayne County Office of Environmental Services):

The Sterling area in Milton Township has previously been identified by the Wayne County Health Department and Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District as having a high rate of failing home sewage treatment systems (HSTSs). For this reason, the Sterling area was included in NEFCO's collaborative [priority unsewered areas](#) mapping project in state fiscal year 2022. To address the resulting public health nuisance and negative water quality impacts caused by these failing HSTSs, WCOES is in the design phase of constructing a publicly owned wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) to provide sewer service to Sterling. The new WWTP, which will be located at the east end of Atlantic Avenue, is being designed to have the capacity to treat all flow and loading of wastewater from the Sterling area within the new Sterling FPA. The new WWTP's receiving stream will be Fall Creek, a tributary to Chippewa Creek.

WCOES made the decision to design and build the new WWTP only after exhausting all other sewer service options for the Sterling area – the City of Rittman in Wayne County declined to receive the additional flow and loading of wastewater from the Sterling area, as did the Village of Creston in Wayne County. Wayne County and the Village of Seville in Medina County could not come to a financial agreement for the treatment of the wastewater from the Sterling area. WCOES has been communicating with Ohio EPA and plans to apply for the PTI through the agency this spring and get bids from contractors in early fall. The Wayne County Board of Commissioners has authorized using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funds to pay for the WWTP design and construction costs. Under federal guidelines, the ARPA funds must be appropriated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

Facilities Planning Area (FPA) boundary change:

As implied by the "what's being requested" section above, a current Sterling FPA boundary does not exist (Figure 2). The new Sterling FPA boundary will roughly be bound by the west Rittman FPA boundary, 1,300 feet north of Zigler Road, Chippewa Creek, the back lot lines east and southeast of

Seville and Sterling Roads, respectively, and Sterling Road from Frick Road to the Rittman FPA. The new Sterling FPA will be approximately 1.5 square miles (Figure 3).

Wastewater prescription change:

In addition to the new FPA boundary described, this amendment will change the existing wastewater treatment prescriptions (options) in the geographic area of the proposed new Sterling FPA in Milton Township from “Areas that will be Served by Home Sewage and Semi-Public Sewage Disposal Systems (cream)” to “Areas Expected to be Served with Sanitary Sewers within the next 20 Years (orange)” (Figure 3).

Local governments/agencies affected:

Milton Township, City of Rittman, Village of Creston, Wayne County Farm Bureau, Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District, and Wayne County Health Department. Milton Township, Village of Creston, Wayne County Farm Bureau, Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Wayne County Health Department indicated that these entities agree with the proposed amendment. The City of Rittman’s response indicated that the city has no objection to the amendment.

Public notification efforts:

A government public notice describing the proposed amendment was placed in the Wooster Daily Record on February 27, 2024 (attached). No comments were received by WCOES.

Specific proposed changes to the current FPA Appendix in the Clean Water (208) Plan:

The Sterling area in Milton Township is outside of any established FPA. Therefore, no current FPA Appendix exists in the Clean Water (208) Plan. The amendment will create a new Appendix 3-56- Sterling FPA in the Plan (attached). The prescriptions were modeled after the current Appendix 3-55 “Prescription for the Balance of WCOES Jurisdiction”, with the exception that the sections were removed pertaining to “Existing (developed) Properties (not required to tie into the sanitary sewer when the system was initially constructed)” under “Areas Currently Served with Sanitary Sewers (yellow)” and “Areas Expected to be Served with Sanitary Sewers within the next 20 Years (orange)”.

Staff recommendation:

At the ERTAC meeting on April 3, 2024, staff recommended approval of the amendment.

Environmental Resources Technical Advisory Committee (ERTAC) Recommendation to the NEFCO General Policy Board:

The ERTAC recommended approval of the amendment.

NEFCO General Policy Board Action:

Approval of Resolution No. FY2024-007.

RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL POLICY BOARD OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (NEFCO) APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CLEAN WATER PLAN TO CREATE A NEW STERLING FACILITIES PLANNING AREA AND TO CHANGE THE EXISTING WASTEWATER PRESCRIPTION TO SERVE THE STERLING AREA IN MILTON TOWNSHIP IN WAYNE COUNTY

WHEREAS, NEFCO is the designated water quality management planning agency for Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne Counties; and

WHEREAS, as part of that designation it is NEFCO's responsibility to coordinate the use, amendments to, and updates of its Clean Water Plan, also known as the 208 Plan; and

WHEREAS, NEFCO has been requested by the Wayne County Office of Environmental Services to consider an amendment to the Clean Water Plan to create a new Sterling Facilities Planning Area (FPA) and to change the existing wastewater treatment prescription prior to receiving permit-to-install (PTI) approval by Ohio EPA for the construction of a publicly owned wastewater treatment plant to serve the hamlet of Sterling and surrounding area (referred to henceforth as the Sterling area) in Milton Township in Wayne County; and

WHEREAS, after receiving PTI approval by Ohio EPA, the new publicly owned wastewater treatment plant will be located at the east end of Atlantic Avenue; and

WHEREAS, a current Sterling FPA boundary does not exist; and

WHEREAS, this amendment creates a new Sterling FPA boundary that will be roughly bound by the west Rittman FPA boundary, 1,300 feet north of Zigler Road, Chippewa Creek, the back lot lines east and southeast of Seville and Sterling Roads, respectively, and Sterling Road from Frick Road to the Rittman FPA; and

WHEREAS, the new Sterling FPA will be approximately 1.5 square miles; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will change the existing wastewater treatment prescription (option) in the geographic area of the proposed Sterling FPA in Milton Township from "Areas that will be Served by Home Sewage and Semi-Public Sewage Disposal Systems (cream)" to "Areas Expected to be Served with Sanitary Sewers within the next 20 Years (orange)"; and

WHEREAS, the affected local and county governments and all affected agencies have been contacted regarding the proposed amendment and none have objected to it; and

WHEREAS, a legal advertisement that described the proposed amendment and sought comments on it, yielded no comments or questions during the public comment period; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will create a new Clean Water Plan Appendix 3-56 Sterling Facilities Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, Ohio EPA has requested NEFCO's approval of this amendment as a step in its permitting process; and

WHEREAS, the NEFCO Environmental Resources Technical Advisory Committee (ERTAC) performed a technical review of this request and recommended approval of the amendment.

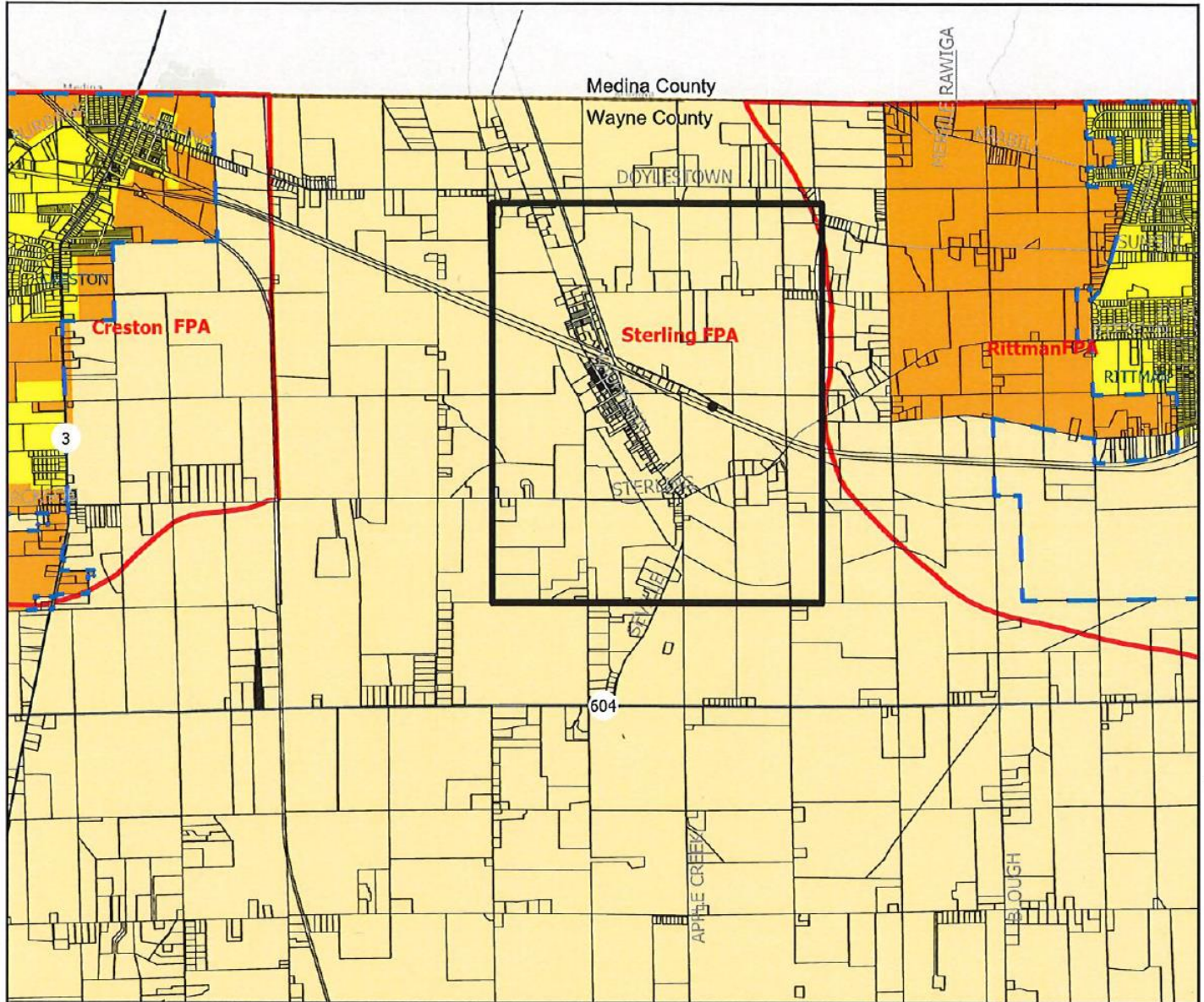
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NEFCO General Policy Board approves this amendment to the Clean Water Plan to create a new Sterling Facilities Planning Area and to change the existing wastewater prescription to serve the Sterling area in Milton Township in Wayne County. Furthermore, the Board directs staff to incorporate this amendment into NEFCO's Clean Water Plan and to transmit pertinent amendment materials to the Wayne County Office of Environmental Services, Milton Township, City of Rittman, Village of Creston, Wayne County Farm Bureau, Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District, and Wayne County Health Department, and Ohio EPA.

















Certified as action taken by the NEFCO
General Policy Board at its regular meeting
held on April 17, 2024.



Todd Peetz, Secretary
NEFCO General Policy Board

Figure 1 - Clean Water Plan (208) Amendment
Sterling Facilities Planning Area (FPA)
 Generalized Amendment Location



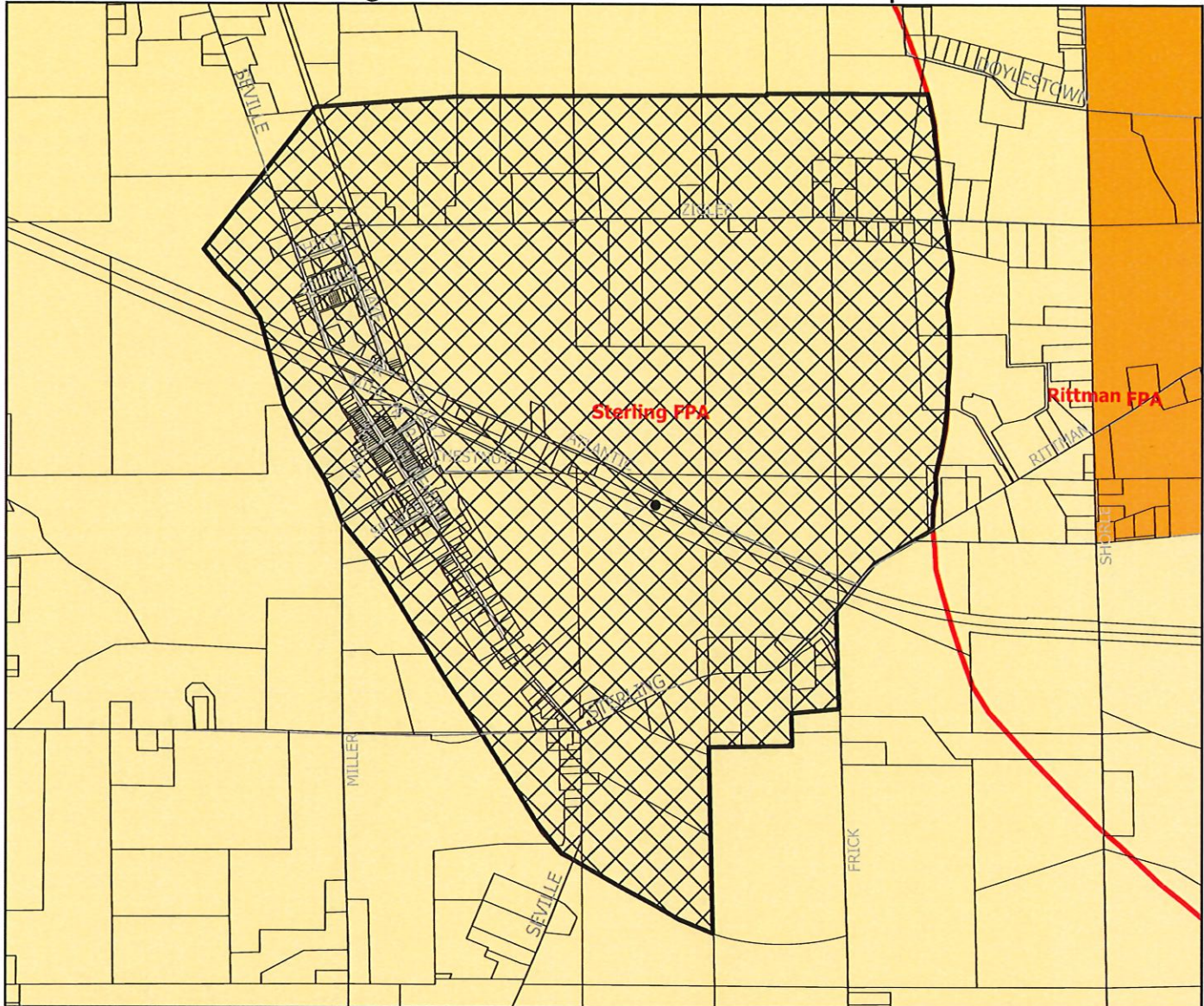
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|  | Lakes and Ponds |  | Numbered Route |
|  | Generalized Amendment Location |  | Other Road |
| | |  | Proposed Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Works (POTW) |
| | |  | Proposed FPA Boundary |








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Figure 2 - Clean Water Plan (208) Amendment Sterling Facilities Planning Area (FPA) Existing Wastewater Treatment Prescription



-  Areas Currently Served with Sanitary Sewer
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-  Areas that will be Served by a POTW or by Home Sewage and Semi-Public Sewage Disposal Systems
-  Areas Without a Wastewater Treatment Planning Prescription
-  Lakes and Ponds
-  Proposed Amendment Location

-  **Name** Existing FPA Boundary
-  Stream
-  **Name** Township Boundary
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-  Proposed Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Works (POTW)
-  **Name** Proposed FPA Boundary

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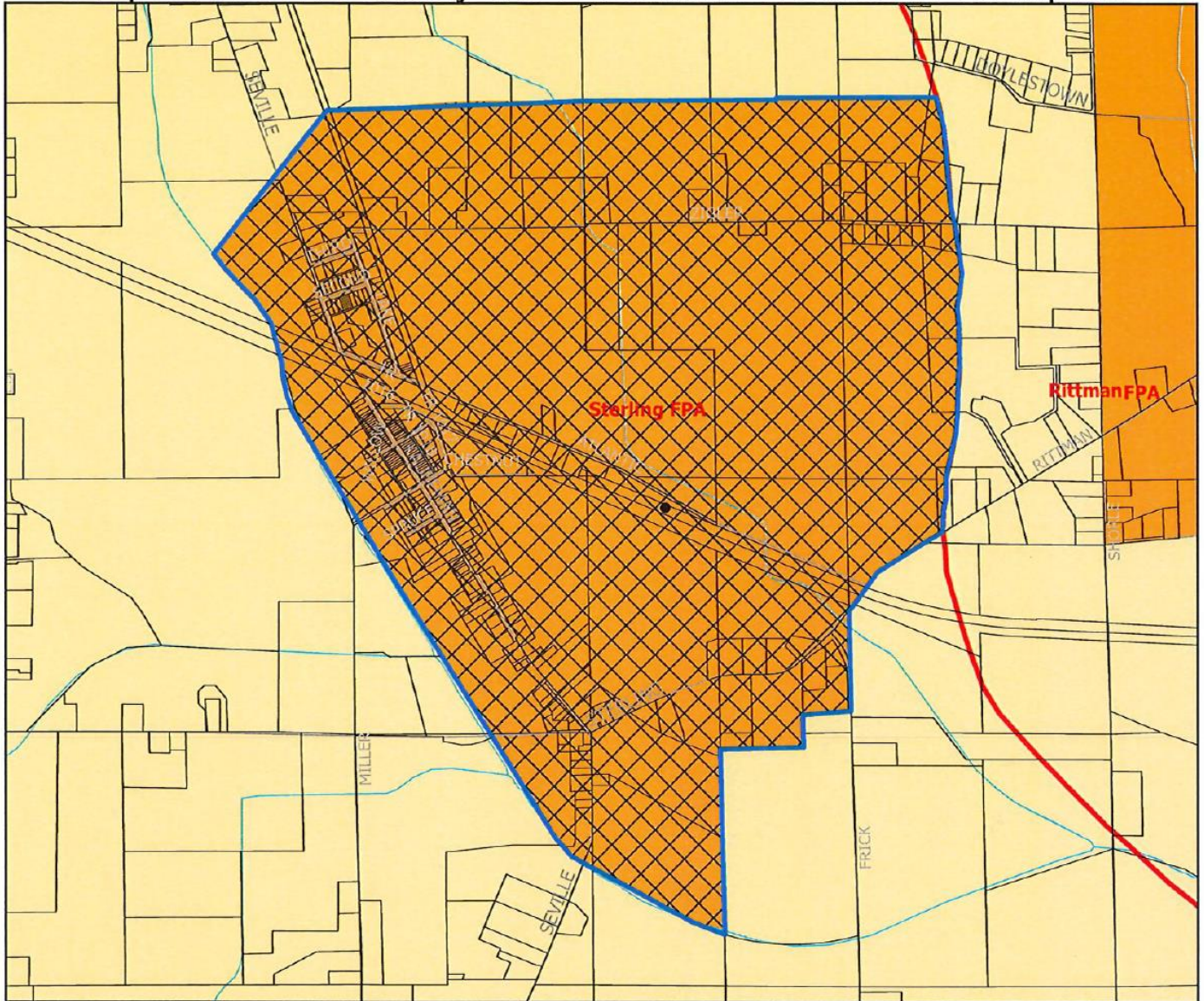


















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Figure 3 - Clean Water Plan (208) Amendment Sterling Facilities Planning Area (FPA)

Proposed FPA Boundary and Wastewater Treatment Prescription



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Proposed Sterling FPA update map created by Wayne SWCD, Wooster, Ohio, 2/20/2024
 Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization, November 18, 2020
 Sources: Wayne County GIS, Ohio EPA, National Hydrologic Database, AMATS, NEFCO, ESRI BASE MAP

(SAMPLE LETTER)



Consideration of an Amendment to the NEFCO Clean Water (208) Plan to create a Sterling Facilities Planning Area in Milton Township in Wayne County

TO: Milton Township Trustees
City of Rittman- Mike Brown, Utilities Director
Village of Creston- Marcus Allen
Wayne County Farm Bureau-Lindsay Tournoux
Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District- Rob Kastner
Wayne County Health Department- Vaughn Anderson, Director of Environmental Health

FR: Wayne County Planning Department
c/o Jenn Kiper

DATE: February 26, 2024

The Wayne County Office of Environmental Services (WCOES) is requesting an amendment to the NEFCO Clean Water (208) Plan to create a new Sterling Facilities Planning Area (FPA) to allow the construction of a publicly owned wastewater treatment plant and to provide sanitary sewer service to the hamlet of Sterling and surrounding area (referred to henceforth as the Sterling area) in Milton Township in Wayne County (see attached Figures 1-3 and draft Appendix 3-56 Sterling FPA).

The Sterling area in Milton Township has previously been identified by the Wayne County Health Department and Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District as having a high rate of failing home sewage treatment systems (HSTSs). Because of this, the Sterling area was included in NEFCO's collaborative priority unsewered areas mapping project in state fiscal year 2022. To address the resulting public health nuisance and negative water quality impacts caused by these failing HSTSs, WCOES is in the design phase of constructing a publicly owned wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) to provide sewer service to Sterling. The new WWTP, which will be located at the east end of Atlantic Avenue, is being designed to have the capacity to treat all flow and loading from the Sterling area within the new Sterling FPA. The new WWTP's receiving stream will be Fall Creek, tributary to Chippewa Creek.

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the wastewater from Sterling. WCOES has been communicating with Ohio EPA and plans to apply for the permit-to-install (PTI) through the agency this spring and get bids from contractors in early fall. The Wayne County Board of Commissioners has authorized using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funds to pay for the WWTP design and construction costs. Under federal guidelines, the ARPA funds must be appropriated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

The proposed FPA shown in attached Figure 3 is approximately 1.5 square miles in area. The attached wastewater treatment prescriptions (options) in draft Appendix 3-56 Sterling FPA were modeled after the current "Prescription for the Balance of Wayne County..." with the exception that the "Existing (developed) Properties (not required to tie into the sanitary sewer when the system was initially constructed)" under the Yellow and Orange prescriptions was removed. The Sterling area in Milton Township is outside of any established FPA. The amendment will create a new Appendix 3-56- Sterling FPA in Chapter 3 of the Clean Water (208) Plan.

Please complete the attached Response Form prior to **Wednesday, March 13th** and return it to the Wayne County Planning Department at 428 W. Liberty Street, Wooster, Ohio 44691 c/o Jenn Kiper or e-mail the Response Form to jkiper@wayneohio.org. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call the Wayne County Planning Department at (330) 287-5423. Thank you in advance for your valuable participation in this process.

Proposed Clean Water (208) Plan FPA Amendment Response Form

2/21/2024

Contact Information for Management Agency (MA) Requesting a 208 Plan FPA Amendment

To: Jenn Kiper, Wayne County Planning Department
On behalf of the Wayne County Commissioners
428 W. Liberty Street, Wooster, Ohio 44691
E-mail: jkipper@wayneohio.org.

Contact Information for 208 Plan FPA Amendment-Affected Government Entities

From: Name: Rob Kastner
Government Entity: Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District-
USPS Address: 428 W. Liberty Street
Email Address: Robert Kastner (rkastner@wayneoh.org)

Please review the attached draft 208 Plan Facilities Planning Area (FPA) amendment maps and proposed new 208 Plan FPA Appendix regarding a proposed update to the 208 Plan’s FPA within or near to your jurisdiction; then complete this response form by selecting one of the following options. Please return the completed form to requesting MA above **by Wednesday, March 13th**:

- Agree with the proposed 208 Plan FPA amendment
- No objection to the proposed 208 Plan FPA amendment
- Recommend the following comments (attach additional sheet if needed):

- Object to the proposed 208 Plan FPA amendment for the following reason(s):

Authorized Signature

Representing

Date



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New Sterling FPA and Prescriptions Amendment

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The Wayne County Office of Environmental Services would appreciate your comments prior to Wednesday, March 13th. Comments and request for additional information may be directed to Marcy Stoller, billing

Specialist, Wayne County Environmental Services Department, 428 W. Liberty Street, Ohio 44691, Contact information is 330-287-5400 by telephone and mstoller@wayneohio.org by email.
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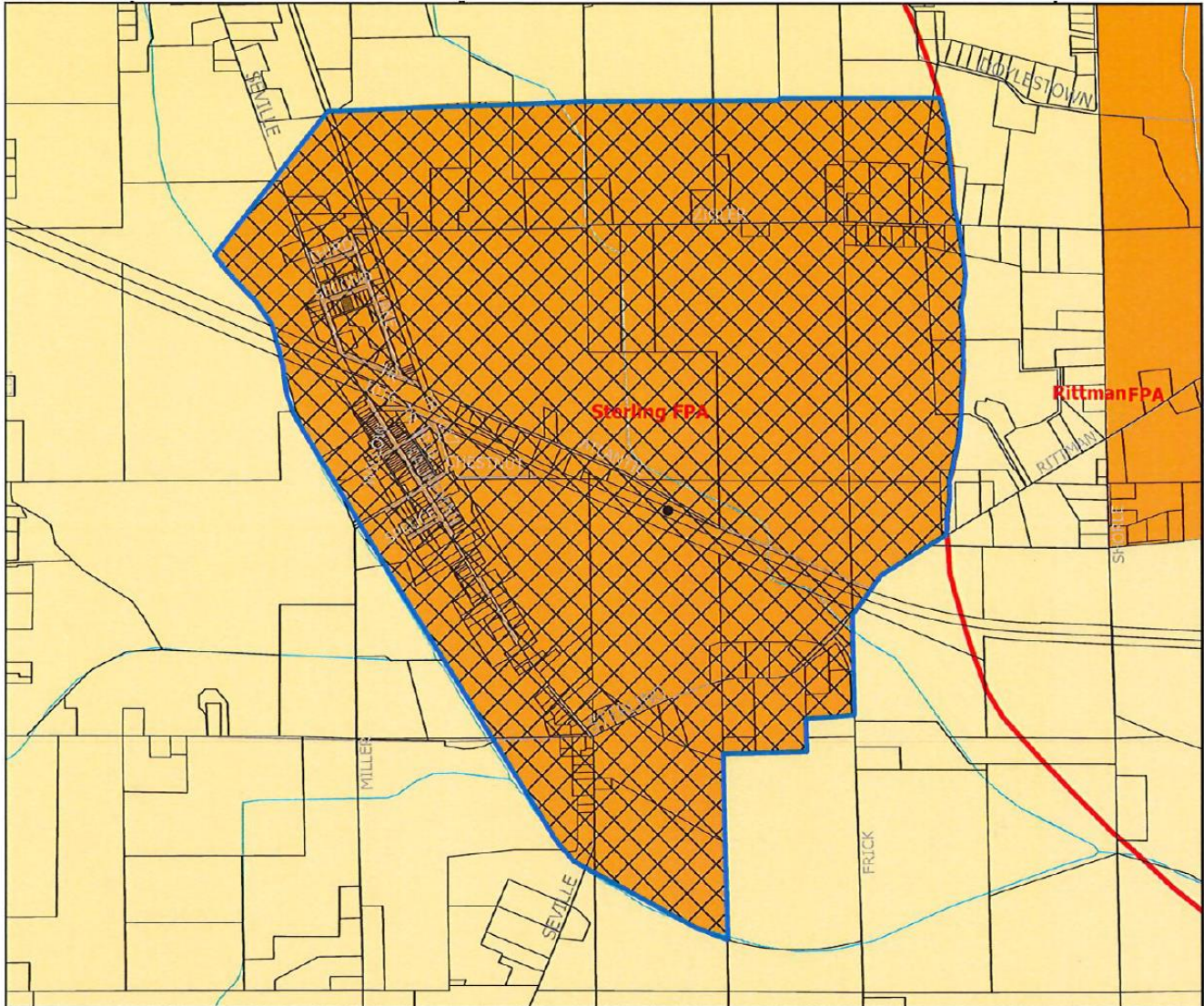
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**Proposed Sterling
Facilities Planning Area**

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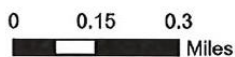
Proposed Sterling Facilities Planning Area

Clean Water (208) Plan



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Sterling Facilities Planning Area

I. Existing Situation

A. County/Basin:

Wayne /Ohio River Basin

B. Facilities Planning Area:

Wayne County/Sterling

C. Management Agency(MA):

- 1. Primary MA
 - a) Wayne County Office of Environmental Services

D. Publicly Owned Treatment Works:

Wayne County – Sterling WWTP, 0.070 MGD

E. Facilities Plan:

Sterling General Plan prepared by Engineering Associates, Inc., June 2023.

F. Area Served:

Wayne County – (Sterling) Milton Township (part)

G. Receiving Stream:

Fall Creek, tributary to Chippewa Creek

H. Contact Person/Address/Phone:

Mr. Robert Kastner, P.E., Water Management Engineer
 Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District
 428 W. Liberty Street
 Wooster, Ohio 44691
 Phone: (330) 263-5376

I. Population Served:

The population projections used in the 201 Plan and those in the NEFCO 208 Clean Water Plan are compared below:

Sterling	<u>2000</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2025</u>
201	-----not prepared-----					
Approved 208	-----not prepared-----					

II. Wastewater Treatment Planning Prescription and Wastewater Planning Options

Original source information provided by the Wayne County Office of Environmental Services, January 31, 2024.

Wayne County Office of Environmental Services Jurisdiction

Areas Currently Served with Sanitary Sewers (yellow):

These areas are identified in the Wayne County Comprehensive Plan as Growth Areas. A common policy of these areas is that public water and sanitary sewer service shall be

required and sewage treatment systems (STSs) and/or semi-public systems should be prohibited. These areas are currently served with sanitary sewers. Development within these areas shall be subject to the following:

1. **New Development:**

- a. New development in this area shall be required to connect and/or provide necessary sanitary sewer infrastructure to connect to the existing sanitary sewer system to ensure that wastewater will be treated at a County or municipality owned wastewater treatment plant. The cost to connect and/or furnish and install the necessary sanitary sewer infrastructure to connect to the existing sanitary sewer shall be borne by the developer.

2. **Existing (developed) Properties:**

- a. Existing STSs shall be abandoned and required to connect to the existing sanitary sewer system to ensure that wastewater will be treated at a County or municipality owned wastewater treatment plant when sanitary sewer becomes available and accessible, as determined by the Ohio EPA and/or the Wayne County Board of Health. The cost to connect to the existing sanitary sewer shall be borne by the property owner.

Areas Expected to be Served with Sanitary Sewers within the next Twenty (20) Years (orange):

These areas are identified in the Wayne County Comprehensive Plan as the Future Expansion and Transitional Areas. The infrastructure policy in these areas is that public water and sanitary sewer service is preferred where logical extensions are recommended by the appropriate utility facilities plan, however, private water and sewage treatment systems are expected (with Wayne County Health Department and Ohio EPA approvals). Centralized spray irrigation is prohibited as a wastewater treatment option in these areas. Development within these areas shall be subject to the following:

1. **New Development:**

- a. Major Subdivisions, as defined by the Wayne County Planning Subdivision Regulations, shall be required to connect to the existing sanitary sewer system, fully observing all regulations of governing agencies. The cost to connect and/or furnish and install the necessary sanitary sewer infrastructure to connect to the existing sanitary sewer shall be borne by the developer.
- b. Minor Subdivisions and metes and bounds lots for single-family and multi-family (three units or less) development, where existing sanitary sewer is not available and accessible, may be developed, as determined on a case-by-case basis by the Board of County Commissioners for using sewage treatment systems (STSs), in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3701-29.
- c. Multi-Family (four units or more), Commercial, and Industrial Development shall be classified as either low density/low flow or high density/high flow, as determined by the Ohio EPA. High density/high flow development shall be required to connect to the existing sanitary sewer system, fully observing all regulations of governing

agencies. The cost to connect and/or provide the necessary sanitary sewer infrastructure to connect to the existing sanitary sewer shall be borne by the developer. Low density/low flow development may occur using non-discharging semi-public sewage disposal systems, in accordance with Ohio EPA requirements.

2. **Existing (developed) Properties:**

- a. Existing STSs shall be abandoned and required to connect to the existing sanitary sewer system as sanitary sewer becomes available and accessible, as determined by the Ohio EPA and/or the Wayne County Board of Health. The cost to connect to the existing sanitary sewer shall be borne by the property owner.

Areas expected to remain on private household sewage treatment systems or semi-public systems, and where local officials are oriented to maintaining an unsewered status for the foreseeable future (cream):

These areas are identified in the Wayne County Comprehensive Plan as the Conservation Areas. The infrastructure policy in the Conservation Areas is that private water and sewage treatment systems are expected (with County Health Department and Ohio EPA approvals) with alternative wastewater technologies supported where meeting current health standards and practices. The extension of central sewers to these areas is prohibited. Centralized spray irrigation is prohibited as a wastewater treatment option in these areas. Development within these areas shall be subject to the following:

1. **New Development:**

- a. These are rural areas with large undeveloped tracts of land. These are areas in which new development is expected to be large-lot, low density with sewage treatment systems (STSs) per OAC 3701-29 and semi-public sewage disposal systems (SPSDSs) as approved by the Ohio EPA. The primary method of treatment of wastewater is an on-site system.

2. **Existing (developed) Properties:**

- a. Existing STSs and SPDSs which fail to operate or are illegal may be replaced and/or upgraded as necessary.
- b. A proposed expansion of an existing multi-family (four units or more), commercial, and industrial development that will result in an increase in discharge loadings of the facility's NPDES Permit may be considered provided the receiving stream has adequate assimilative capacity, as determined by the Ohio EPA.

If the receiving stream of the discharge does not have adequate assimilative capacity for the resulting increase in discharge loadings from the proposed expansion, utilization of alternative wastewater technologies resulting in a "no net gain" of discharge loadings will be considered, as determined by Ohio EPA.