

NEFCO FY2026 Clean Water (208) Plan Update Online Public Review Map

Thank you for your interest in NEFCO's Clean Water (208) Plan (CWP). The public review and comment period for the FY2026 CWP Update runs from September 26, 2025 through October 26, 2025, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

This web application allows you to review and comment on proposed facilities planning areas (FPAs) and wastewater treatment prescription mapping within each wastewater management jurisdiction (FPA/county) for the FY2026 CWP update. These were developed by the wastewater management agencies with the advice of affected local units of government through NEFCO's 208 Plan update process. You can use this map interactively to:

- View existing and proposed wastewater treatment facilities planning area (FPA) boundaries and wastewater prescription mapping,
- Comment on proposed map updates using the comment tool,
- Link to the NEFCO Clean Water Plan webpages and static Chapter 3 Appendix maps/descriptions for each FPA/county.

NEFCO's General Policy Board approved the four-county CWP 2020 Update on November 18, 2020. In FY2024, 2025, and 2026, NEFCO has offered an optional update process for wastewater treatment management agencies (MAs) to modify wastewater treatment prescriptions (mapping and/or text) and Facilities Planning Area (FPA) boundaries, following NEFCO's 208 Plan Update process. This update process typically takes about ten months.

MAs can change prescriptions/FPA boundaries through the shorter amendment process for specific areas as needed to meet permitting or funding requirements. Following public review and approval by NEFCO's General Policy Board, CWP maps and text are revised to show amendments/updates to all or portions of prescriptions or FPAs. The FPA/County data layers show the most recent approval dates. The NEFCO Board-approved update/ amendment .pdfs since 2020 are posted on the CWP website soon after Board approval. An amendment to the Fish Creek FPA was approved in September 2025 during the FY2026 update process. The online map includes the amendment. The .pdf amendment and Ch. 3 Appendix will be posted online by the end of September/early October.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

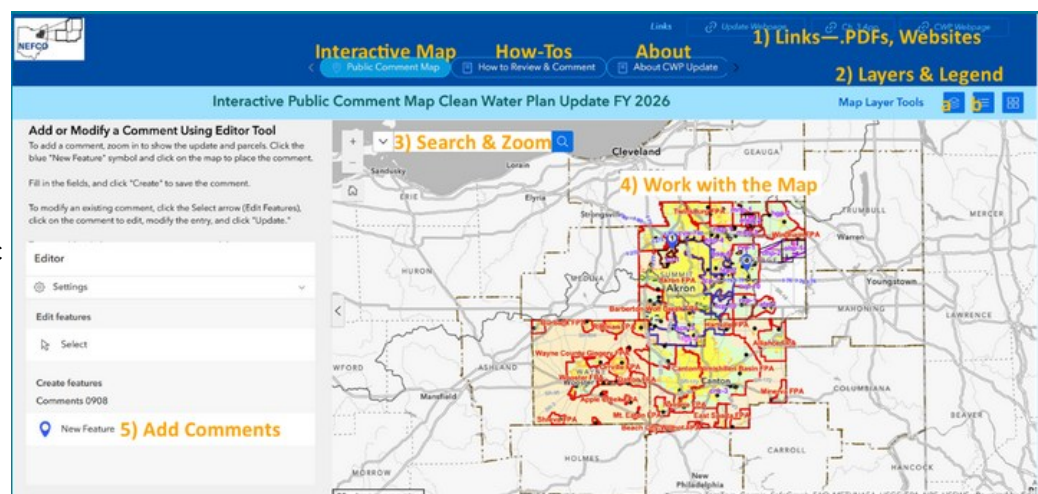
=> Read "How-To Review and Comment" for an overview of the review and comment process and detailed descriptions of map tools.

=> Use the interactive mapping along with Proposed Update and Ch. 3 Appendix .pdfs for overview, prescription text changes, etc. (links found in "links" and FPA pop-up box).

=> Prescription colors and titles refer to general categories. Specific details (e.g., requirements, conditions, prohibitions) are included in the Ch. 3 Appendix text for the FPA/jurisdiction.

=> Use Links in the header (1) to access the CWP and Update webpages, update .PDF packages, and Ch. 3 Appendices (existing prescription .pdfs).

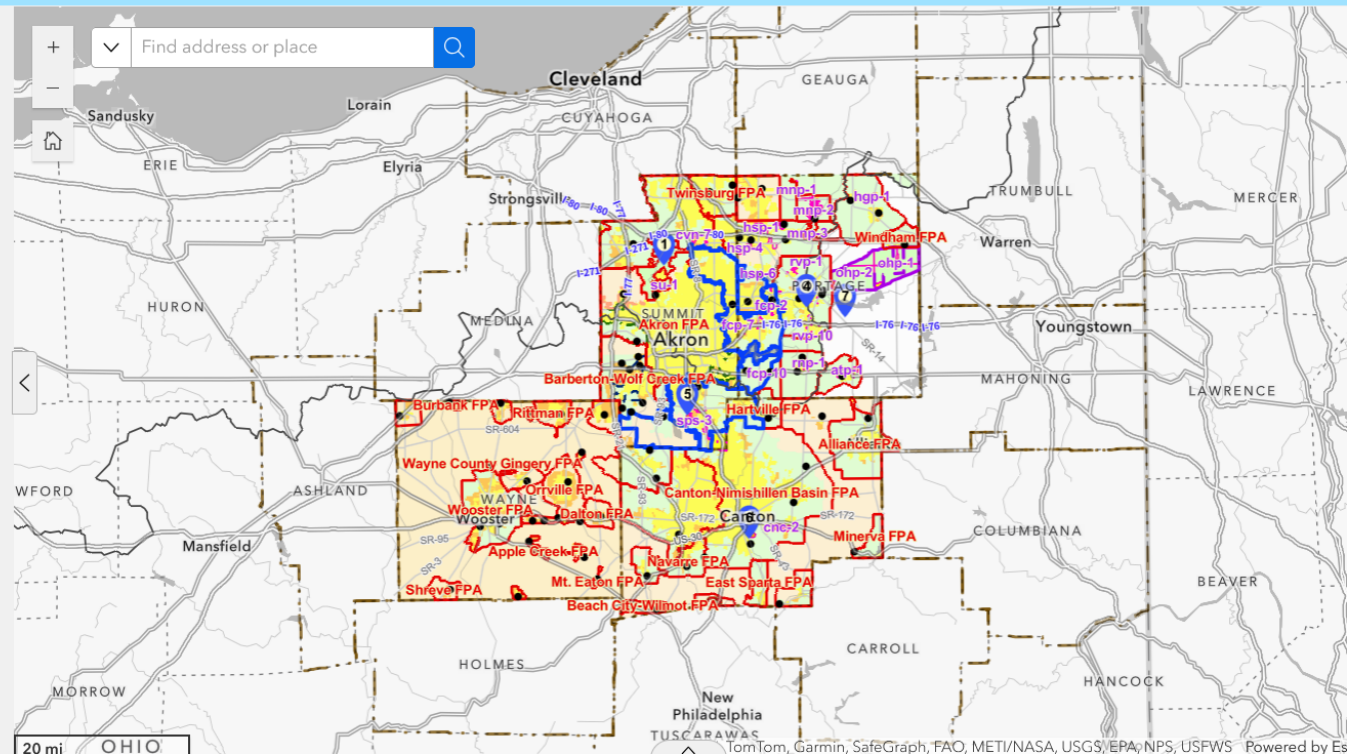
If you have questions or wish to discuss the Clean Water (208) Plan, map, or update, or if the map fails to load correctly, please contact Thomas LaPlante at NEFCO, tlaplante@nefcoplanning.org or 330-643-5042.



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 New Feature





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How to Review and Comment on Clean Water (208) Plan FY2026 Update

Notes:

- For detailed review/comment steps, click on tiles at bottom.
- Click the "Public Comment Map" button for interactive map.
- Use Update Webpage links for detailed update information and a review-tips .pdf.

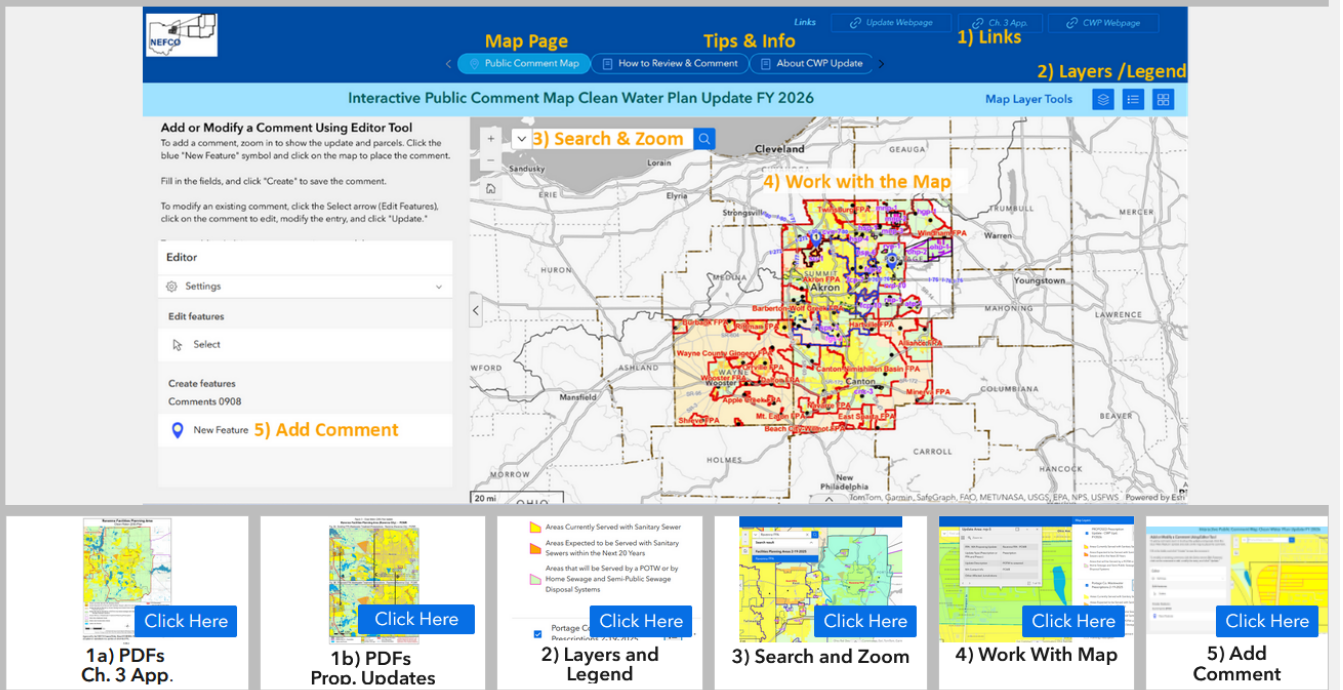
1) Use the static .pdf files for overview/ additional info.
Note: written prescriptions define treatment options, maps show location.
 a. Ch. 3 Appendices - NEFCO Board-Approved FPAs and prescriptions (map, text).
 b. Proposed Update FPA .pdf packages - On Update Webpage (link), alphabetical by county. Includes Maps - location, existing/ proposed conditions zoomed to Update Areas, any proposed text changes. Amendments since July 2026 are not shown but do not affect updates.

2) Turn on layers and legends.

- Use layer icon (a) to show layers, turn on county parcels and individual legends.
- Legend icon (b) turns on the entire legend.

3) Search and Zoom - Use +/- icons to zoom. Use search bar to find locations, zoom to them. =>This a good way to find Update Areas by ID. (Note: There is no hsp-5 - the

General Map Layout



1a) PDFs Ch. 3 App. [Click Here](#)

1b) PDFs Prop. Updates [Click Here](#)

2) Layers and Legend [Click Here](#)

3) Search and Zoom [Click Here](#)

4) Work With Map [Click Here](#)

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How-To 1: Static Ch. 3 Appendices—Use Ch. 3 App. Link

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Ch. 3 Appendices (Alphabetical by county on webpage)

=> It is important to use the static Ch. 3 Appendix .PDFs and the interactive map together to understand the exact definitions and precise locations of wastewater treatment prescriptions.

For each Facilities Planning Area (FPA) or county wastewater treatment jurisdiction there is a Clean Water Plan Ch. 3 Appendix with *mapped* and *written* prescriptions that define:

- Facilities Planning Areas (FPAs);
- Wastewater treatment jurisdictions (e.g., county or municipality)
=>FPAs may include multiple wastewater treatment jurisdictions (e.g., county, municipality);
- Written Prescription: the management agency (MA) for each jurisdiction defines the types of wastewater treatment measures that are required, allowed, or prohibited, and conditions or exceptions, in the jurisdiction(s);
- Mapped Prescriptions - Locations of FPAs and wastewater treatment types.

Different MAs, even in the same FPA, may define wastewater treatment types differently - conditions, prohibitions, requirements, etc. (For instance, "yellow" for one may not have the same definition as "yellow" for another.) See example to the right. =>

The interactive online CWP mapping presents the same spatial data.

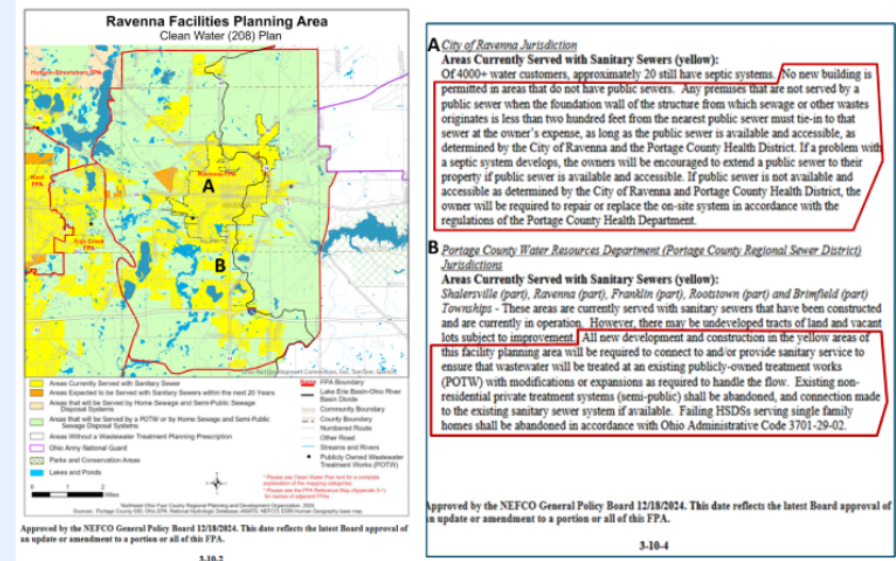
- It can be queried and zoomed - from the region to parcel levels - to see the precise location of boundaries and prescription types.
- The interactive map has links to the static .PDF Ch. 3 Appendices.

The most current Ch. 3 Appendices and online FPA/prescription information have been approved by the NEFCO General Policy Board and are used by Ohio EPA, health departments, and other agencies for permitting, funding and planning decisions. The most recent approval dates for updates or amendments for all or part of an FPA are shown on the Ch. 3 Appendix pages, posting date on the Ch. 3 Appendix web page, and in the online data layers.

Ravenna FPA Prescription .PDF - Ch. 3 App. Map, prescription text excerpt

Written Prescription: "Currently Served with Sanitary Sewers (yellow)"

=> In the same FPA, different jurisdictions can define treatment prescription differently (not all "yellow," etc. is created equal).



Map and text highlighted for graphic

Summary of Ravenna FPA WW Treatment Written Prescription for Two Jurisdictions in FPA "Areas Currently Served with Sanitary Sewer (yellow)"

- A) City of Ravenna Jurisdiction** (Within municipality, blue dash) - All new development, existing within 200 feet of sewer line, and problem septic systems to tie-in **if sewers are available & accessible**. Option for problem systems to be repaired/replaced by owner.
- B) Portage County Water Resources Department (Portage County Regional Sewer District) Jurisdictions** (Outside municipal boundary) - All new development **required to** connect to sewer. Semi-public and failing systems **shall be** abandoned.

Double down-carats indicate scroll down



Links

Update Webpage

Ch. 3 App.

CWP Webpage

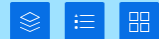
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Fig 1b Static PDF Update Maps

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Use the Update .PDF maps for an overview and to see any updates to written prescriptions.

=> Links to .PDF maps, alphabetical by county are on the CWP Update webpage - see link on this page and the interactive map header by "Links" Each FPA update. PDF set includes proposed prescription text updates (if any) and two or more figures, the titles designating the FPA and the management agency proposing the update(s). The Ravenna example below shows typical Fig. 1 (location) and Fig. 2A/2B, 3A/3B etc. "split-screen" maps.

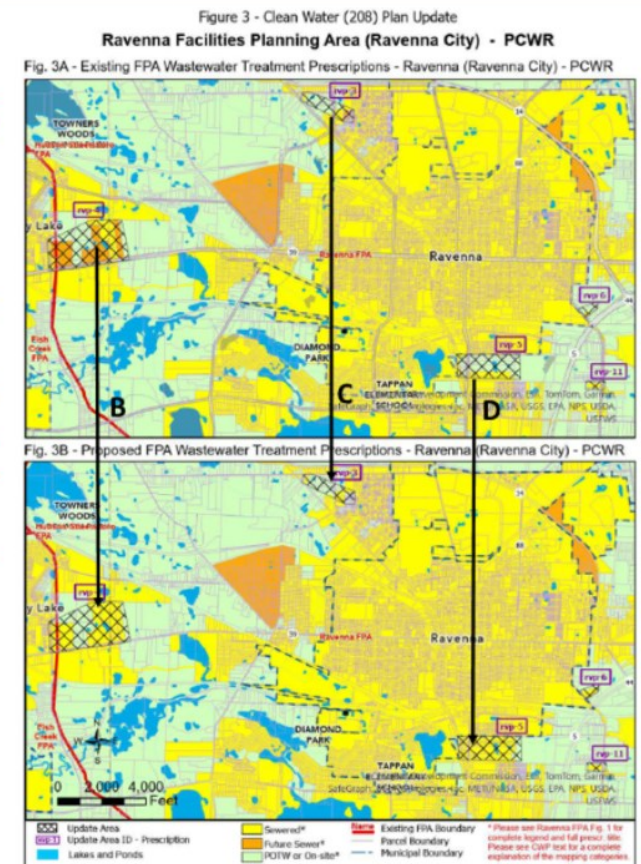
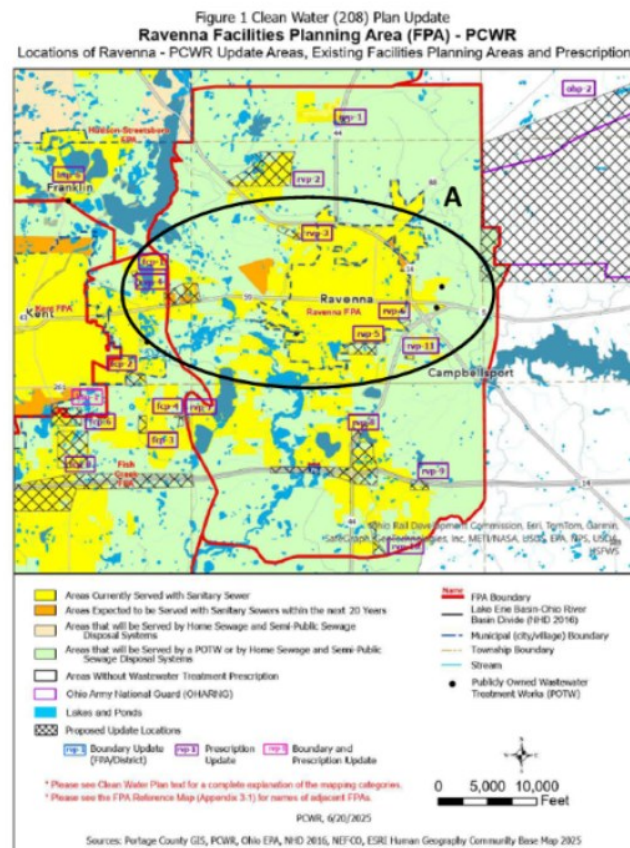
Fig. 1 - Location map with numbered Update Areas (clusters of proposed updates, which may also include areas not changing).

Figs. 2A/2B, 3A/B, etc., are paired Existing and Proposed maps zoomed in to Update Areas, and often to parcel levels. These show the change from current to proposed.

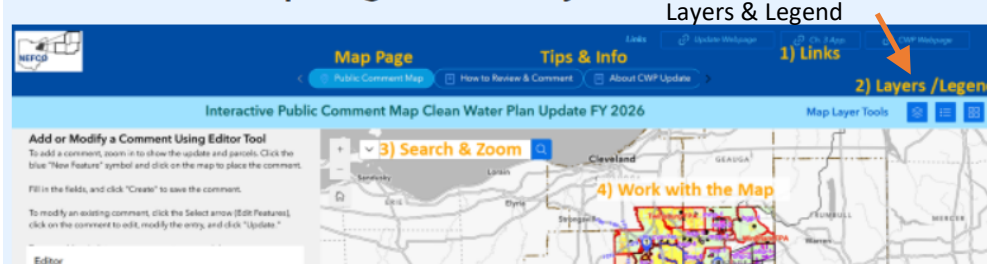
On the example to the right, the Fig. 1 Update Areas in Oval A (rvp-3, -4, -5, -6, and -11) are shown on Fig. 3 (3A Existing, 3B Proposed), zoomed in to show Update Areas and parcels.

The paired existing/proposed figures show the contrast between the current and proposed prescriptions. Proposed changes are visible at B and D (rvp-4 and -5).

Very small proposed updates (C) or parcel level changes are hard to see even zoomed in on the .PDF. Use the interactive map to zoom in close enough to determine exactly which parcels and jurisdictions are affected.



2) Interactive Map: Legend and Layers



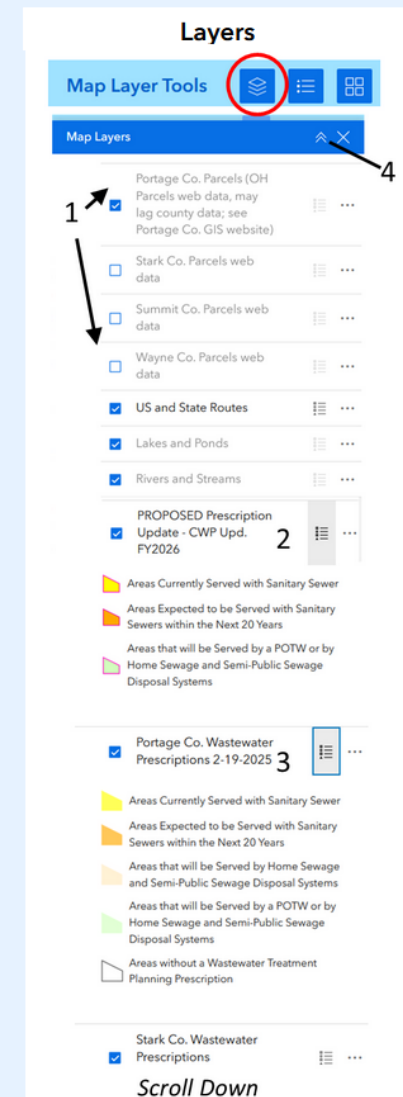
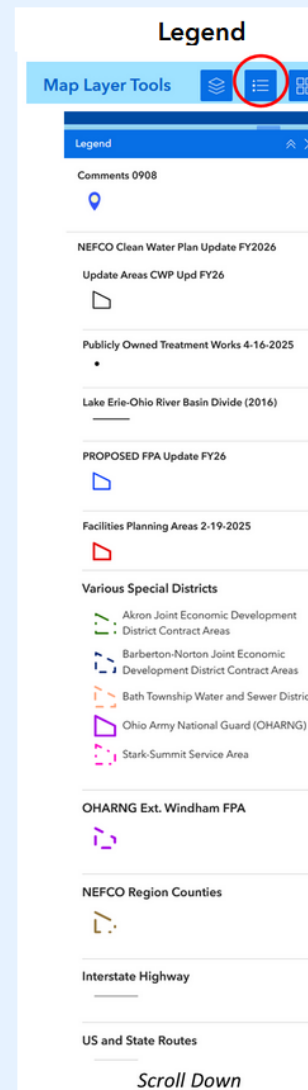
Legend

Click the legend tool and scroll down to scan through the entire legend, including duplicate layers for each county. Close or compress the legend with x or double-carat (4).

Layers

You can turn layers off/on and turn on individual legends. You will use the layers tool a lot to compare current FPAs/prescriptions with proposed.

- 1) Turn on the parcels layer for your county by clicking the box. The layer will remain greyed out until you zoom in very close (e.g., to most Update Areas).
- 2) Turn on the individual legend for PROPOSED prescriptions and FPA Update Areas.
- 3) Turn on the individual legend for your county wastewater prescriptions.
- 4) If the layers column is getting in the way of viewing, collapse it with the double-carat - this keeps the individual legends open while collapsed.



3) Interactive Map - Zoom and Search

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Add or Modify a Comment Using Editor Tool

To add a comment, zoom in to show the update and parcels. Click the blue "New Feature" symbol and click on the map to place the comment.

Fill in the fields, and click "Create" to save the comment.

3) Search & Zoom

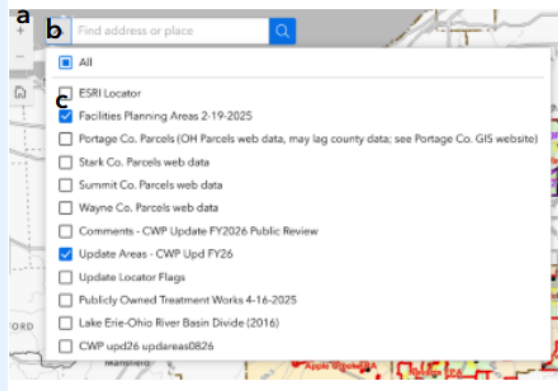
4) Work with the Map

Zoom

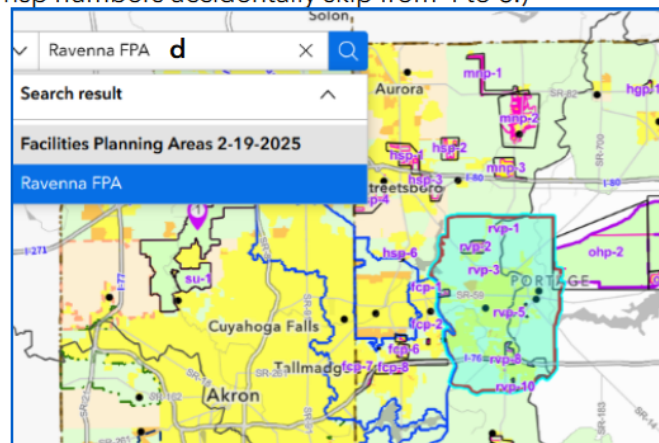
Use + or - buttons **a** to zoom in/out (See figure below). Click home symbol to return to original view.

Search & Zoom

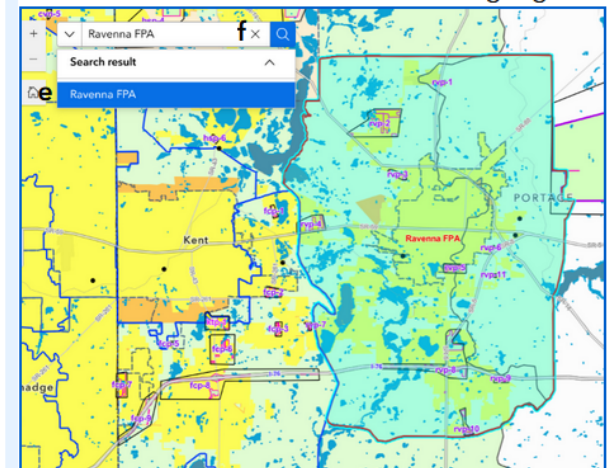
1 - Click down-arrow on search bar **b** to show search list of layers. Click them OFF **c** except the ones that will be searched, e.g., Facilities Planning Areas, Update Areas (reducing unnecessary/incorrect results).



2 - Type the search phrase into the box **d** (e.g., FPA name or Update Area ID).
=> Some Update Areas are so small that this tool is the best way to find them. (Note: There is no hsp-5. The hsp numbers accidentally skip from 4 to 6.)



3 - Click the correct highlighted option **e** (maybe twice) - the map automatically zooms in. Click x in search box **f** to remove highlight.



4) Work With Interactive Map - Pop-up Boxes, Compare Existing/Proposed

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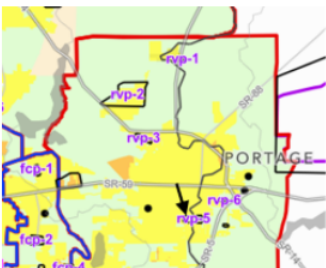
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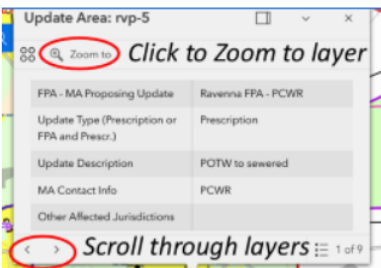
3) Search & Zoom

4) Work with the Map

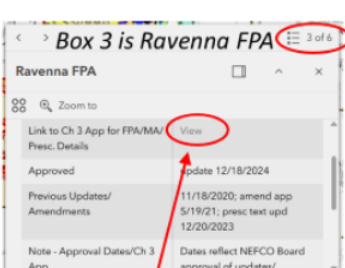
Pop-up Box



Click on Map for info



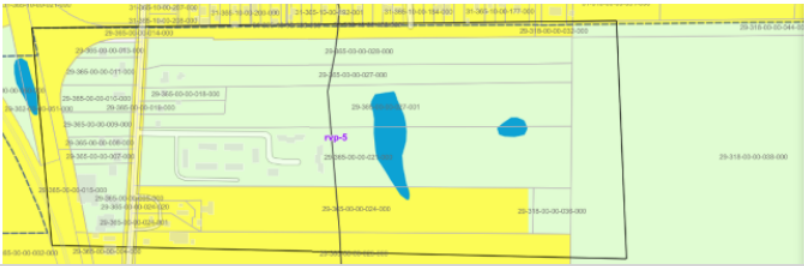
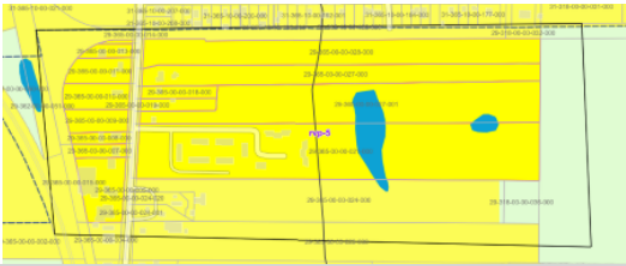
Pop-up Box - box for each layer (this one is Update)



Click View to go to FPA Ch. 3 App.

Compare Proposed and Existing

Zoom in to Update Area or closer. Parcels are visible for most Update Areas. Proposed updates brighter and outlined in magenta. Turn PROPOSED OFF to see Existing prescriptions and/or FPA boundary underneath. Some parcels are not being updated.



☐ PROPOSED Prescription Update - CWP Upd. FY2026

☒ Portage Co. Wastewater Prescriptions 2-19-2025

Areas Currently Served with Sanitary Sewer

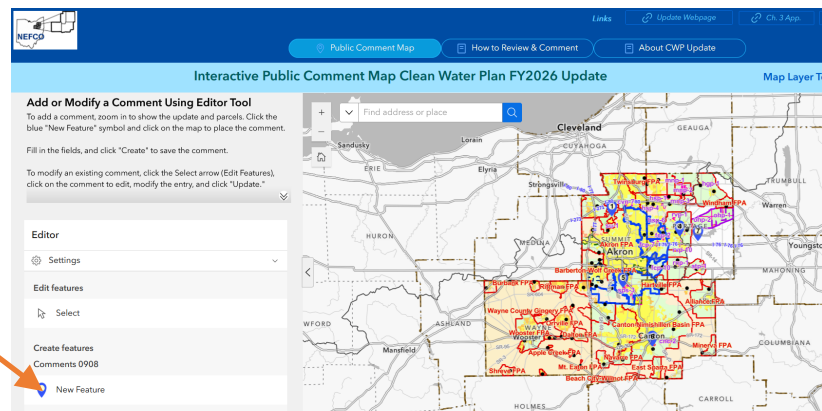
Areas Expected to be Served with Sanitary Sewers within the Next 20 Years

Areas that will be Served by Home Sewage and Semi-Public Sewage Disposal Systems

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

How-To 5—Add, View, Edit a Comment



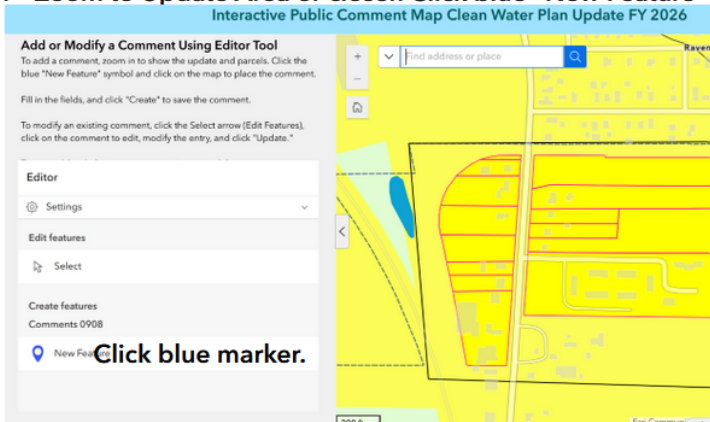
5) Interactive Map - Add, View, Edit a Comment

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New Feature **5 Add Comment**

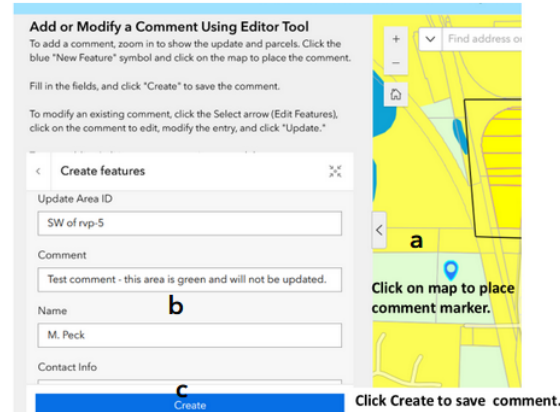
Add Comment:

1 - Zoom to Update Area or closer. Click blue "New Feature" marker.



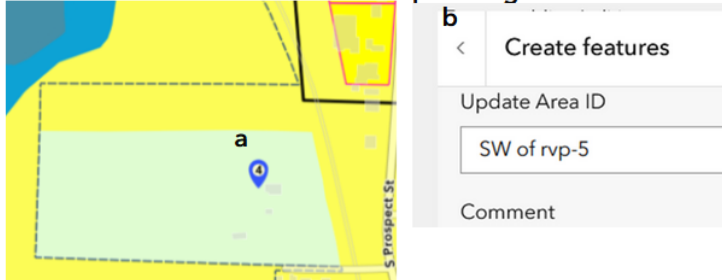
2a - Click on map to place comment marker.

b - Fill in the information. c - Click Create to save.



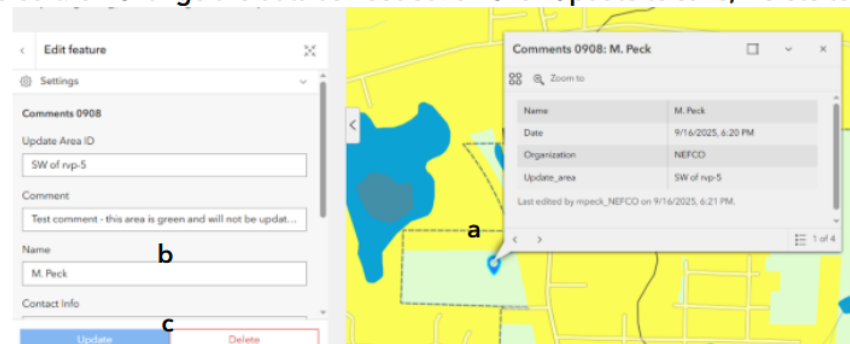
3a - The saved comment has a number.

b - Click < on Create Features to stop adding comments.



View Pop-Up Box/Edit Comment: a - click on comment marker.

To edit: b - Change the data as needed. c - Click Update to save, Delete to erase.



Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization (NEFCO)

=> NEFCO's General Policy Board approved the 208 Clean Water Plan 2020 Update on November 18, 2020. Subsequent amendments/updates to all or portions of wastewater Facilities Planning Areas (FPAs), prescriptions, or special districts through 12/18/2024 have been included in this mapping.

About The Map

This web application allows you to view current and proposed facilities planning areas (FPAs) and wastewater treatment prescription mapping within each wastewater management jurisdiction (FPA/county). These were developed by the wastewater management agencies with the advice of affected local units of government through NEFCO's 208 Plan update process.

The updated FPAs and wastewater treatment prescription mapping and text were approved by the NEFCO General Policy Board on November 18, 2020, when it adopted the Clean Water Plan Update. Subsequent amendments/updates to all or portions of FPAs, prescriptions, or districts have been incorporated in the map, as noted in the FPA/County data. Static maps and written prescription elements are available on the NEFCO Clean Water (208) Plan websites using **Links** above.

The mapping and prescriptions were developed by wastewater Management Agencies in coordination with local/county jurisdictions, and compiled by NEFCO. For the 2020 update, the mapping and prescriptions were available on-line for public review between December, 2019 and February, 2020, and September and October, 2020, in accordance with NEFCO procedures. Subsequent amendments and updates have been publicly noticed in accordance with NEFCO procedures. NEFCO staff addressed the comments received in coordination with the Management Agencies. This map is interactive, allowing viewers to obtain information about areas on the map and submit comments.

Links to written prescriptions for individual FPAs and counties are in FPA/county informational pop-up boxes that appear as you click the map.

The colors on the map and legend categories reflect general prescription categories for current approved and draft update prescriptions. The prescription text found in Chapter 3 Appendices defines the wastewater treatment alternatives that have been approved for each area. Links are found in the FPA and County pop-ups. Mapping has been developed over time, at varying scales. In some cases, FPA or prescription boundaries may not exactly match features such as jurisdiction boundaries, roads, or property boundaries.

=> If you have questions about the Clean Water Plan, Update, or which FPA or prescription applies to an area, please contact Thomas LaPlante at NEFCO, 330-643-5042, tlaplante@nefcoplanning.org.

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