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December 20, 2023

NEFCO region 201/208 facilities planning areas (FPA) update-requesting management agencies (MAs) (See attached for MA contacts and mailing addresses for the distribution of this letter)

SUBJECT: NEFCO approval of the FY2024 201/208 FPA update

Dear 201/208 FPA update-requesting MA:

Enclosed for your records is a signed resolution from the NEFCO General Policy Board indicating its approval of your requested update to the Clean Water Plan for the 201/208 FPA under your wastewater management jurisdiction. Also enclosed are the pertinent maps and related materials for this update. 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

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MEMORANDUM

TO: NEFCO General Policy Board

FROM: Tom LaPlante, Water Quality/Environmental Planner

DATE: December 13, 2023

SUBJECT: Consideration to approve the FY2024 Clean Water (208) Plan FPA update

Happy Holidays – Because NEFCO is one of six Areawide Planning Agencies in Ohio, the NEFCO General Policy Board controls the water quality management plan (Section 208 Plan) for our four counties and has the authority to approve modifications to facilities planning area (FPA) boundary and wastewater prescriptions that reflect the wastewater options that local and county governments favor for their areas. The Ohio EPA consults NEFCO's Clean Water (208) Plan when it is considering discharge permits, and grants or loans for wastewater infrastructure improvements.

Background:

Part of NEFCO's FY2024 contracts with Ohio EPA includes the completion of the voluntary annual Clean Water (208) Plan FPA update that began in FY2023. The purpose of this activity is to assist the NEFCO region's wastewater management agencies (MAs) that wish to update the boundaries and/or wastewater treatment prescriptions of their respective 201/208 FPAs. The NEFCO staff has worked closely with the Environmental Resources Technical Advisory Committee (ERTAC) and our member agencies and departments on this important update of some of the region's FPAs, and on establishing an annual FPA update process to be utilized in subsequent years.

Seven interested MAs submitted their proposed update application packages on or before the June 30th submittal deadline; and NEFCO staff completed its review of them by mid-July.

What are the products from the update; what's being requested?

The products from the update consist of nine relatively small update areas where six MAs are requesting FPA and district boundary modifications or wastewater prescription changes to the FPA maps for Stark and Summit Counties (see list below and Figures 1-9).

The final draft of the update also consists of text-only wastewater prescription updates that two MAs are requesting for the areas designated as "Currently Served with Sanitary Sewer" in the 208 Plan's Chapter 3 Appendix 3-10-Ravenna FPA and Appendix 3-28-Akron FPA (see list below and Attachment 1). These have not changed since they were sent to the ERTAC on August 30th and November 29th for its technical reviews.

Additionally, some of the MAs took the opportunity during the submittal period to update their contact information shown in the Chapter 3 Appendices. Staff views the updated contact information as 208 Plan 'housekeeping' that wasn't subject to public review and comment. Therefore, the updated contact information isn't attached to this memo but will be included with the FY2024 update.

Outreach to local governments/wastewater management agencies affected:

On or before June 30, 2023, all affected MAs with jurisdiction in the proposed update areas were contacted by the "update-requesting" MAs in accordance with the FPA update guidelines and responded in writing that they had no objections to the updates. MAs without jurisdiction in the pertinent areas were contacted by the update-requesting MAs or by NEFCO staff and either had no objections to the updates, had minor comments that were addressed by NEFCO staff, or had no comments. The update-requesting MAs also contacted the affected local governments/agencies in accordance with the update guidelines and received no objections to the proposed updates.

Public notification efforts:

The Board released the draft FPA update on September 20th for a 30-day public review and comment period. On September 28th, staff notified the public of the 30-day public comment period for the draft FPA update by sending a press release to the four major newspapers in the NEFCO region and to the region's county and city public information departments, and to the region's villages and townships. Staff also sent the press release to all primary wastewater management agencies (MAs) in the region and sent a memo with an attached PDF of the draft FPA updates to the update-requesting MAs and the affected MAs both with and without jurisdiction in the proposed update areas. Staff also had a legal ad published in the Akron Beacon Journal, Record Courier, and Wooster Daily Record on September 30th, and in the Canton Repository on October 3rd. No comments were received by NEFCO during the comment period.

Staff recommendation:

At the ERTAC meeting on December 6, 2023, staff recommended approval of the update.

ERTAC recommendation to the **NEFCO** Board:

The ERTAC recommended approval of the update.

What's being requested from the NEFCO Board?

Board approval of the update on December 20th will allow the update to be submitted to Ohio EPA on or before December 29th, the Ohio EPA's deadline for 208 Plan submittals requesting state certification; thus, completing the FPA update for FY2024. Staff is requesting NEFCO Board approval of the FY2024 201/208 FPA update as per Resolution No. FY2024-003.

NEFCO General Policy Board Action:

Approval of Resolution No. FY2024-003.

RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL POLICY BOARD OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (NEFCO) APPROVING AN UPDATE TO THE CLEAN WATER PLAN FOR THE FY2024 CLEAN WATER (208) PLAN UPDATE FOR THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES PLANNING AREAS (FPAS): CUYAHOGA VALLEY INTERCEPTOR; AKRON; SPRINGFIELD NO. 91; HARTVILLE; CANAL FULTON; MASSILLON; AND CANTON-NIMISHILLEN BASIN TO ALLOW FPA AND DISTRICT BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS AND/OR WASTEWATER PRESCRIPTION CHANGES TO THE FPA MAPS IN NINE AREAS IN STARK AND SUMMIT COUNTIES; AND TO UPDATE THE WASTEWATER PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE AREAS DESIGNATED AS "CURRENTLY SERVED WITH SANITARY SEWER" FOR THESE CLEAN WATER PLAN CHAPTER 3 APPENDICES: 3-10-RAVENNA FPA AND 3-28-AKRON FPA

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 included as part of its fiscal year 2024 (FY2024) contracts with Ohio EPA the completion of the voluntary annual Clean Water (208) Plan facilities planning areas (FPA) update that began in FY2023; and

WHEREAS, to assist the NEFCO region's wastewater management agencies (MAs) that wish to update the boundaries of and/or wastewater treatment prescriptions of their respective 201/208 FPAs; and

WHEREAS, NEFCO has been requested by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Bath Township Water and Sewer District, the Cities of Akron and Canton, and the Stark County Metropolitan Sewer District to consider updates to the Clean Water Plan to allow FPA and district boundary modifications and/or wastewater prescription changes to the FPA maps in nine relatively small update areas in Stark and Summit Counties; and

WHEREAS, NEFCO has been requested by the Cities of Ravenna and Akron to update the wastewater prescriptions for the areas designated as "Currently Served with Sanitary Sewer" in the Clean Water Plan's Chapter 3 Appendix 3-10-Ravenna FPA and Appendix 3-28-Akron FPA, respectively; and

WHEREAS, this update modifies the FPA and district boundaries within the Cuyahoga Valley Interceptor FPA, Akron FPA, Springfield No. 91 FPA, Hartville FPA, Canal Fulton FPA, Massillon FPA, and Canton-Nimishillen Basin FPA to reflect current conditions and/or future infrastructure improvements being driven by potential development; and

WHEREAS, this update changes the wastewater treatment prescriptions for various parcels within the Cuyahoga Valley Interceptor FPA, Akron FPA, and Canton-Nimishillen Basin FPA to reflect current conditions; and

WHEREAS, the affected local and county governments and all affected agencies have been contacted regarding the proposed update; and

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

WHEREAS, this update changes the maps from the current Clean Water Plan Chapter 3 Appendices 3-30-Cuyahoga Valley Interceptor FPA, 3-28-Akron FPA, 3-33-Springfield No. 91 FPA, 3-21-Hartville FPA, 3-18-Canal Fulton FPA, 3-22-Massillon FPA, and 3-19-Canton-Nimishillen FPA to reflect the requested change in the FPA and/or district boundaries and wastewater prescriptions; and

WHEREAS, this update changes the written wastewater treatment prescription for the areas designated as "Currently Served with Sanitary Sewer" in the current Clean Water Plan's Chapter 3 Appendices 3-10-Ravenna FPA and 3-28-Akron FPA; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NEFCO General Policy Board approves this update to the Clean Water (208) Plan for the Cuyahoga Valley Interceptor Facilities Planning Area (FPA), Akron FPA, Springfield No. 91 FPA, Hartville FPA, Canal Fulton FPA, Massillon FPA, and Canton-Nimishillen Basin FPA to allow FPA and district boundary modifications or wastewater prescription changes to the FPA maps in nine relatively small update areas in Stark and Summit Counties; and to update the written wastewater prescriptions for the areas designated as "Currently Served with Sanitary Sewer" for Chapter 3 Appendix 3-10-Ravenna FPA and Appendix 3-28-Akron FPA. Furthermore, the Board directs staff to incorporate this update into NEFCO's Clean Water Plan and to transmit pertinent update materials to the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Bath Township Water and Sewer District, Cities of Akron, Canton, and Ravenna, Stark County Metropolitan Sewer District, and Ohio EPA.

Certified as action taken by the NEFCO General Policy Board at its regular meeting held on December 20, 2023

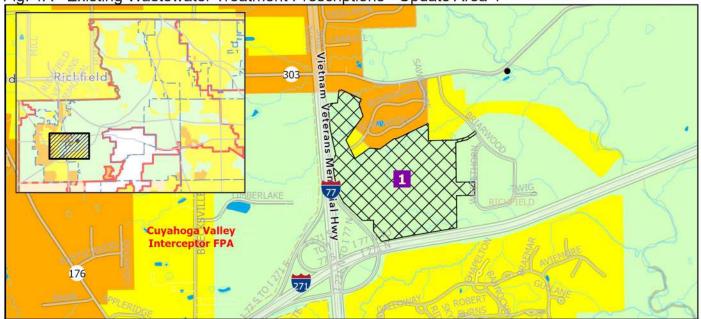
Todd Peetz, Secretary
NEFCO General Policy Board

FY2024 201/208 Facilities Planning Area (FPA) Update

- 1. The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District requested an update to the Clean Water (208) Plan's Chapter 3 Appendix 3-30-Cuyahoga Valley Interceptor FPA to update the wastewater treatment prescription for the 'Briarwood Estates' residential subdivision within the Village of Richfield to reflect current conditions (Figure 1/Update Area 1).
- 2, 3, The Bath Township Water and Sewer District (BTWSD) requested an update to the Clean Water and 5. (208) Plan's Chapter 3 Appendix 3-28-Akron FPA to modify the BTWSD boundary along Everett, N. Revere, and Spring Valley Roads in Bath Township (Figures 2 and 3 and Update Areas 2 and 3) and to update the wastewater treatment prescription for the 'Reserve at North Revere' residential subdivision to reflect current conditions (Figure 5/Update Area 5).
 - 4. The City of Akron requested an update to the Clean Water (208) Plan's Chapter 3 Appendix 3-28-Akron FPA to modify the Akron JEDD boundary at the northeast corner of Medina and N. Hametown Roads in Bath Township (Figure 4/Update Area 4).
 - 6. The Stark County Metropolitan Sewer District (SCMSD) requested an update to the Clean Water (208) Plan's Chapter 3 Appendix 3-33-Springfield No. 91 FPA and Appendix 3-21-Hartville FPA to modify the FPA boundary along Edison Street NW in Lake Township (Figure 6/Update Area 6).
 - 7. SCMSD requested an update to the Clean Water (208) Plan's Chapter 3 Appendix 3-18-Canal Fulton FPA and Appendix 3-22-Massillon FPA to modify the FPA boundary along High Mill Ave NW in Jackson Township (Figure 7/Update Area 7).
 - 8. SCMSD requested an update to the Clean Water (208) Plan's Chapter 3 Appendix 3-19-Canton-Nimishillen Basin FPA and Appendix 3-22-Massillon FPA to modify the FPA boundary between Everhard Road NW and Fulton Drive NW in Jackson Township (Figure 8/Update Area 8).
 - 9. The City of Canton requested an update to the Clean Water (208) Plan's Chapter 3 Appendix 3-19-Canton-Nimishillen Basin FPA to update the wastewater treatment prescription north and south of Trump Avenue NE within the City of Canton to reflect current conditions (Figure 9/ Update Area 9).
 - 10. The City of Ravenna requested an update to the Clean Water (208) Plan's Chapter 3 Appendix 3-10-Ravenna FPA to update the written wastewater treatment prescription for the areas designated as "Currently Served with Sanitary Sewer" (Attachment 1).
 - 11. The City of Akron requested an update to the Clean Water (208) Plan's Chapter 3 Appendix 3-28-Akron FPA to update the written wastewater treatment prescription for the areas designated as "Currently Served with Sanitary Sewer" (Attachment 1).

Figure 1 - Clean Water Plan (208) Update Cuyahoga Valley Interceptor Facilities Planning Area (FPA)

Fig. 1A - Existing Wastewater Treatment Prescriptions - Update Area 1



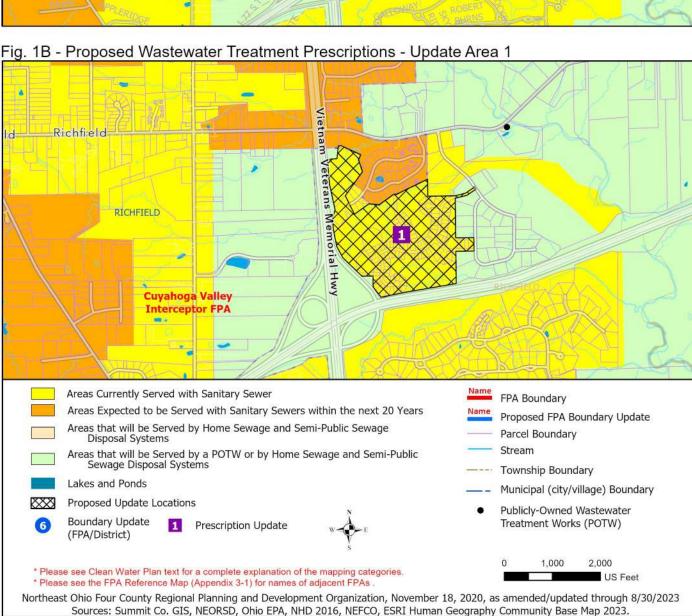


Figure 2 - Clean Water Plan (208) Update Akron FPA - Bath Township Water and Sewer District (BTWSD)

Fig. 2A - Existing BTWSD Boundary and Wastewater Treatment Prescriptions - Update Area 2 Paula Dr



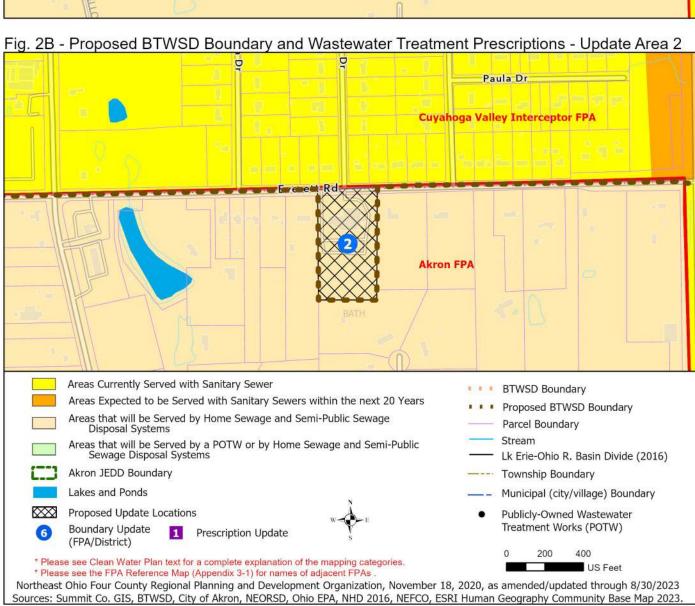
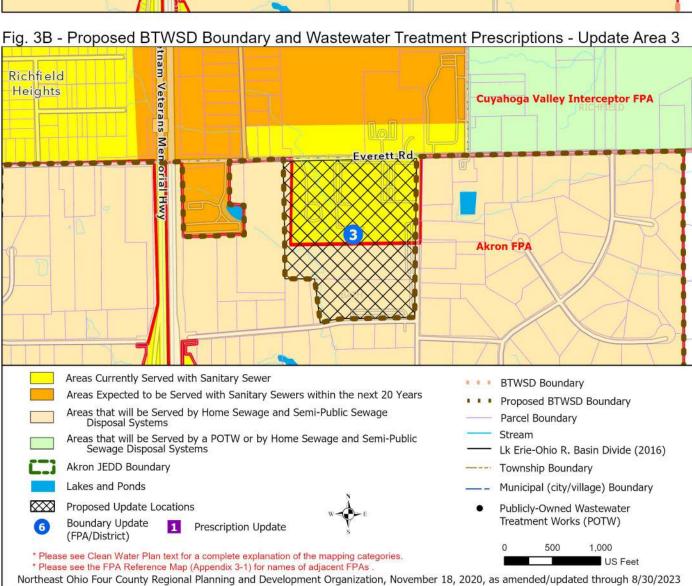


Figure 3 - Clean Water Plan (208) Update Akron FPA - Bath Township Water and Sewer District

Fig. 3A - Existing BTWSD Boundary and Wastewater Treatment Prescriptions - Update Area 3



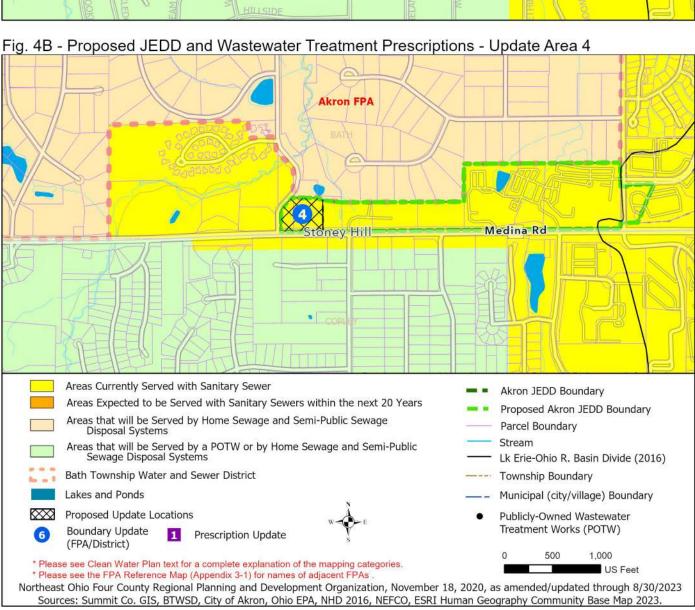


Sources: Summit Co. GIS, BTWSD, City of Akron, NEORSD, Ohio EPA, NHD 2016, NEFCO, ESRI Human Geography Community Base Map 2023.

Figure 4 - Clean Water Plan (208) Update Akron FPA - Akron Joint Economic Development District (JEDD)

Fig. 4A - Existing JEDD and Wastewater Treatment Prescriptions - Update Area 4





Akron Facilities Planning Area (FPA) - Bath Township Water and Sewer District

Fig. 5A - Existing Wastewater Treatment Prescriptions - Update Area 5



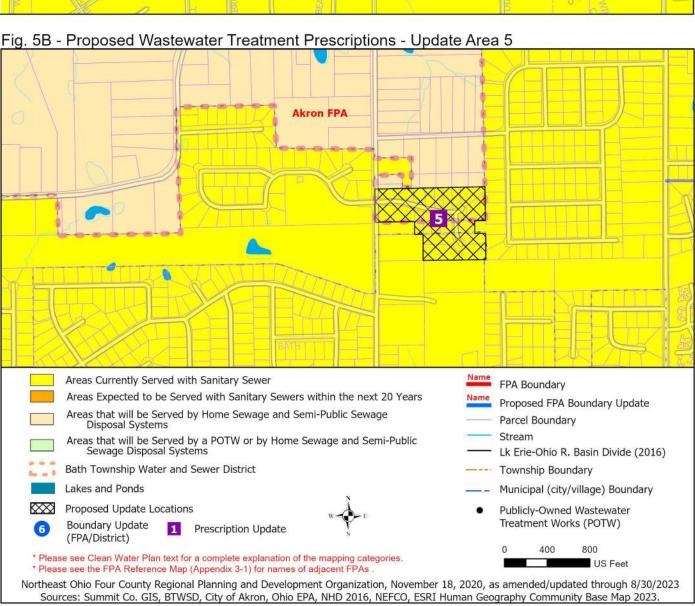
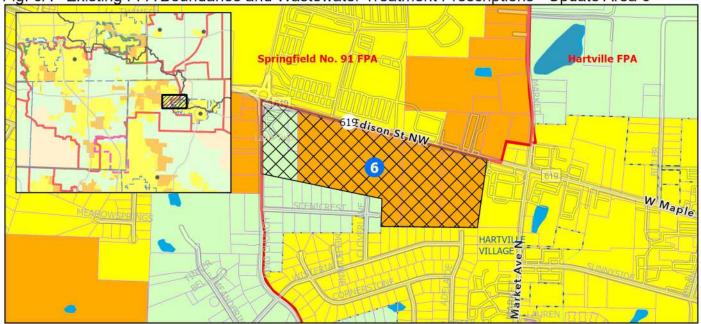


Figure 6 - Clean Water Plan (208) Update Springfield No. 91 and Hartville Facilities Planning Areas (FPAs)

Fig. 6A - Existing FPA Boundaries and Wastewater Treatment Prescriptions - Update Area 6



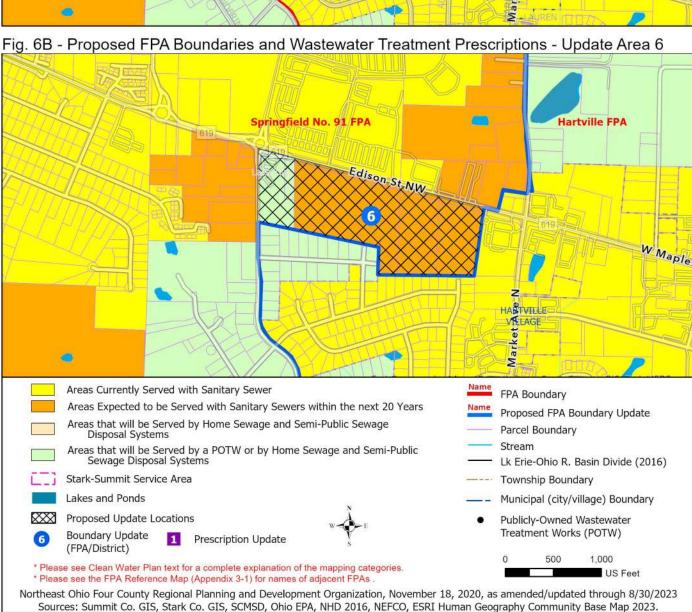
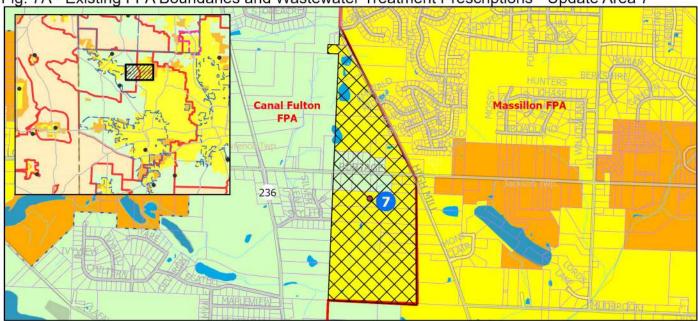
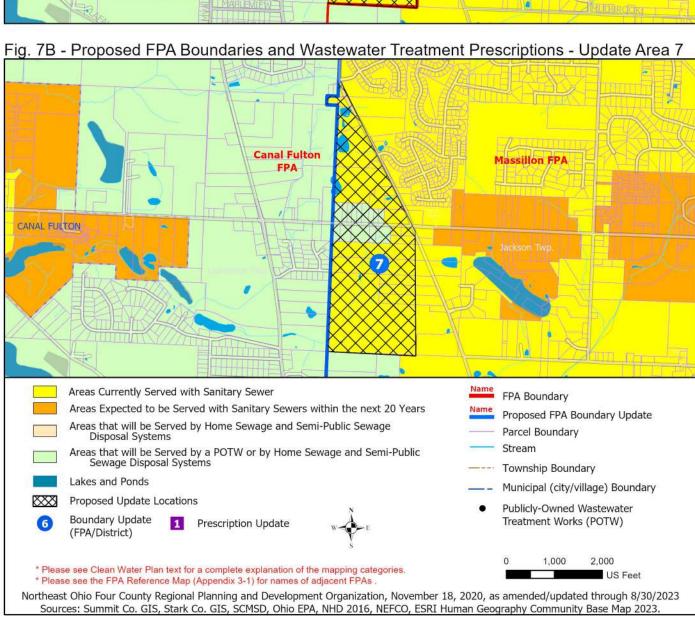


Figure 7 - Clean Water Plan (208) Update Canal Fulton and Massillon Facilities Planning Areas (FPAs)

Fig. 7A - Existing FPA Boundaries and Wastewater Treatment Prescriptions - Update Area 7





Canton-Nimishillen Basin and Massillon Facilities Planning Areas (FPAs)

Fig. 8A - Existing FPA Boundaries and Wastewater Treatment Prescriptions - Update Area 8



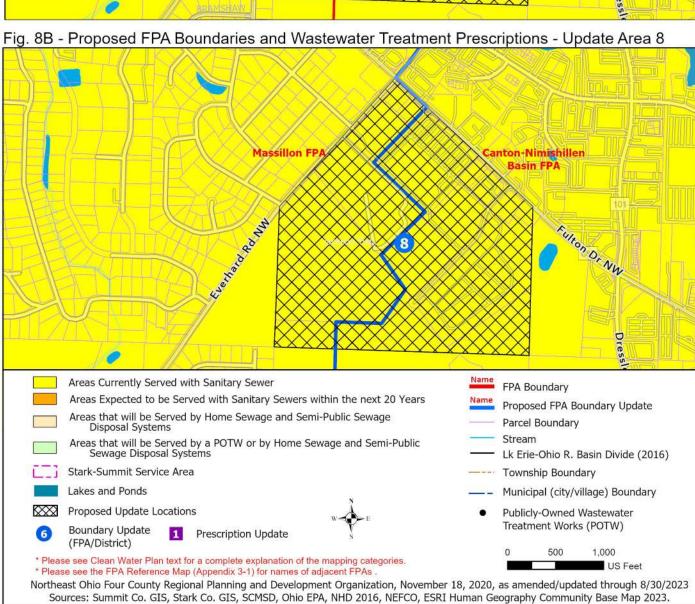
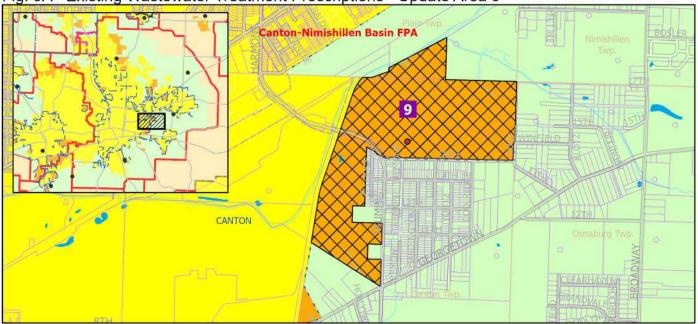
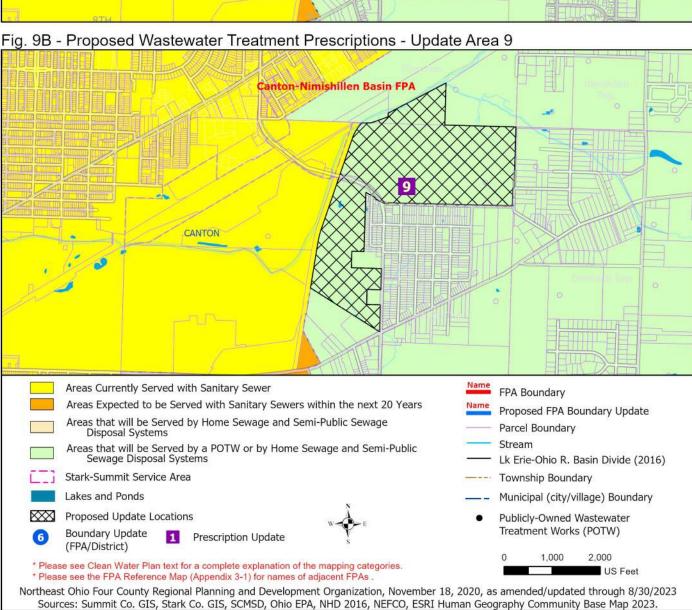


Figure 9 - Clean Water Plan (208) Update Canton-Nimishillen Basin Facilities Planning Area

Fig. 9A - Existing Wastewater Treatment Prescriptions - Update Area 9





Attachment 1

Proposed Text-Only Wastewater Prescription Updates for the 208 Plan's Chapter 3 Appendices

Excerpt from Page 3-10-4 of Chapter 3 Appendix 3-10-Ravenna Facilities Planning Area with proposed text-only changes shown with strikethroughs (deletions) and highlighted text (additions):

"...City of Ravenna Jurisdiction

Areas Currently Served with Sanitary Sewers (yellow):

Of 4000+ water customers, approximately 20 still have septic systems. No new building is permitted in areas that do not have public sewers. Any property owner's boundary within 100 feet of a public sewer Any premises that are not served by a public sewer when the foundation wall of the structure from which sewage or other wastes originates is less than two hundred feet from the nearest public sewer must tie-in to that sewer at the owner's expense, as long as the public sewer is available and accessible, as determined by the City of Ravenna and the Portage County Health District. None of the 20 on-site systems are presently a known health problem. If in the future a problem with a septic system develops, the owners will be encouraged to extend a public sewer to their property if feasible public sewer is available and accessible. If a public sewer is not feasible available and accessible as determined by the City of Ravenna and Portage County Health District, the owner will be required to repair or replace the on-site system in accordance with the regulations of the Portage County Health Department..."

Excerpt from Page 3-28-5 of Chapter 3 Appendix 3-28-Akron Facilities Planning Area with proposed text-only changes shown with strikethroughs (deletions) and highlighted text (additions):

"... Akron Jurisdictions (City of Akron, City of Barberton (part), City of Cuyahoga Falls (part), City of Fairlawn, City of Tallmadge (part), Village of Lakemore (part), Village of Silver Lake, Copley Township (part), Coventry Township (part), Springfield Township (part)) Areas Currently Served with Sanitary Sewers (yellow): - These areas are currently served with sanitary sewers that have been constructed and are currently in operation. However, there are undeveloped tracts of land and vacant lots subject to improvement. All new development and construction in the yellow areas of this facilities planning area will be required to connect and/or provide sanitary service to ensure that wastewater will be treated and discharged at an existing publicly-owned treatment facility (POTW). Existing HSTSs which fail to operate properly will be required to connect and/or provide sanitary sewer service to ensure that wastewater will be treated at an existing POTW. Failing HSTSs serving single-family homes shall be abandoned in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 3701-29-02. Exceptions may be (granted/requested) based on sanitary sewer availability and/or accessibility, soil conditions, extent of failure, and cost of repair as determined by the City of Akron and/or Summit County Public Health in which case the HSTS must be repaired or replaced to meet the standards found within OAC 3701-29.

Updates, revisions, and exceptions shall be approved by NEFCO..."

NEFCO 8/30/2023