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### LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AVAILABILITY NOTICE

The Ohio EPA, through the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) program, is considering funding a \$20.76 million publicly owned treatment works (POTW) improvements project in Girard, Ohio, which is subject to environmental review requirements. Currently, the city expects to receive a blended interest rate loan of 0.35% in February 2018 for this project.

**Project Description:** According to the City of Girard, the proposed project consists of improvements needed to provide 12 million gallons per day in wet weather treatment capacity, as well as to upgrade existing POTW components. These components include its Broadway and Syro Wastewater Pump Stations, its Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Station #003, and its Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). More specifically, the city's project consists of replacing the pumps, valves, controls, screens, and related electrical equipment in its two pump stations; rehabilitating its existing CSO Station 003 and WWTF components; increasing its wet weather capacity by about 68% through the construction of two earthen equalization basins; and purchasing a truck with close-circuit television (CCTV) equipment. Within the city's WWTF, the focus is on adding six new components and modifying three existing facilities within an enlarged WWTF property. Expanded electrical, instrumentation, controls, and SCADA systems are also proposed as part of this project. Other work proposed as part of this overall project is expected to include mobilization; minor, miscellaneous demolition; sheeting, shoring, dewatering, and excavation; temporary dewatering; storm water pollution prevention; equipment/system start-up and testing; and demobilization.

All the proposed POTW improvements will be made within prior disturbed areas where the main vegetation is grass, brush, and four larger trees that need to be cut down. By completing this proposed project in about two years, Girard expects to have a more reliable means of handling its wet weather flows at its WWTF. In turn, this should also help reduce, if not eliminate, CSO events from Station #003 and bypassing within the WWTF. Restoring the project areas to their existing (or better) condition and not impacting existing wetlands on the property the city has acquired are additional components of this proposed project.

As Ohio EPA will issue a Limited Environmental Review (LER) document and an accompanying Final Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) on this project shortly, this notice is to advise the public that it will have through January 31, 2018 in which to access the LER. This public information period will begin with the release of the LER to the public at the city's offices, Ohio EPA's web site, and distribution of the document to interested parties. Upon its release, the LER document may be viewed at either: the city's main offices located at 100 West Main Street, Girard, OH 44420; Girard's website; or on Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) website at:

<http://www.epa.ohio.gov/defa/ofa.aspx>

Once there, please scroll down to the "Documents Available for Review and Comment" heading at the bottom of the linked page. Then, please click on the WPCLF Documents for Review and Comment heading to see a list of documents available for downloading. A copy of the referenced LER will be posted there. On the other hand, if you would like to receive either an electronic copy via email, or a paper copy of the document via U.S. mail, please contact Kevin Hinkle of Ohio EPA at either: [kevin.hinkle@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:kevin.hinkle@epa.ohio.gov) or (614) 644-3712.