

RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL POLICY BOARD OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (NEFCO) APPROVING THE 2020 CLEAN WATER PLAN CHAPTER 3 UPDATE AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE UPDATE TO THE OHIO EPA FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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 received funding from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) and NEFCO member dues to complete a comprehensive update of Chapter 3 of the Clean Water Plan for Portage, Stark, Summit, and Wayne Counties; and

WHEREAS, this Clean Water Plan update includes Chapter 3, its Appendices, and an interactive online Clean Water Plan (208 Plan) map from which the FPA maps in the Chapter 3 Appendices are excerpted; and

WHEREAS, public notification of and input to this update have been accomplished through news releases; NEFCO's Board meetings, NEFCO newsletters, NEFCO's website; and in separate public meetings held in Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne Counties from January 21, 2020 through February 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, upon approval on this date by the NEFCO Board, this update shall be in effect on this date and shall be used for water quality management planning decisions by the Ohio EPA when it considers the issuance of permits-to-install (PTIs) for wastewater treatment facility improvements and sewer extensions; and the granting of facility improvement loans; and

WHEREAS, upon the Board's approval, staff will be permitted to correct minor errors to the interactive online map and/or Chapter 3 text and Appendices that have been identified by staff and members; and

WHEREAS, at its October 7, 2020 meeting, the NEFCO Environmental Resources Technical Advisory Committee (ERTAC) discussed the Clean Water Plan Chapter 3 update, considered public comments received, and recommended NEFCO General Policy Board approval of this update; and

WHEREAS, at its October 21, 2020 meeting, the NEFCO Board tabled its action on this update to allow more time for the City of Wooster to secure an agreement with the Village of Smithville for a proposed modification of Wooster facilities planning area (FPA) into the Smithville FPA; and

WHEREAS, at its November 4, 2020 meeting, the ERTAC learned that the City of Wooster had not to date secured an agreement with the Village of Smithville for the FPA boundary modification; and that the City of Wooster proposed a 127 acre 'exchange' of land areas between the Wooster and Smithville FPAs; and

WHEREAS, this 127 acre 'exchange' proposal had not been part of the NEFCO 2020 Clean Water Plan update and had not been posted for public comment; and

WHEREAS, the ERTAC on November 4, 2020 advised the City that it could not support the 'land exchange' proposal because it had not received public review and comment; and on that basis the ERTAC recommended that the NEFCO Board approve the final draft Chapter 3 update as it was presented on October 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is noted that the City of Wooster could use NEFCO's 208 Plan amendment process to achieve the desired adjustment to its FPA boundary with Smithville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NEFCO General Policy Board approves the 2020 Clean Water Plan Chapter 3 update and authorizes staff to submit the update to the Ohio EPA for certification by the Governor as part of the next State plan update. Furthermore, staff is directed to notify all Management Agencies in the NEFCO region of the Board's Clean Water Plan action.

Certified as action taken by the NEFCO
General Policy Board at its regular
meeting held on November 18, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Todd Peetz', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat illegible.

Todd Peetz, Secretary
NEFCO General Policy Board