

# Allen Water District

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## East Regional Waterline Improvement Project Informational Meeting Sign In Sheet June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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## EAST REGIONAL WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT INFORMATIONAL MEETING FACT SHEET JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

### Project Summary

This waterline project was initiated through an initial request made by the Village of Lafayette and Harrod with a follow-up request to the Allen Water District. The project consists of constructing a waterline with fire hydrants from Westminster to the Villages of Harrod and Lafayette serving all residents of each Village.

### Estimated Project Cost and Funding Assistance

1. Total Estimated Project Cost = \$8,500,000
2. Sources of funding assistance:
  - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - \$1.5 mill (no commitment at this time)
  - Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) - \$730,000 0% loan
  - United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) - \$2.810 mill grant and \$2.675 mill loan
  - City of Lima - \$250,000
  - Allen Water District - \$250,000
  - Allen County Sanitary Engineer's Office - \$150,000
  - Allen County Commissioners (RLF) - \$150,000 (no commitment at this time)

### Estimated Property Owner Cost

1. Monthly water bill to include the following:
  - Estimated monthly water usage with Contract Fee - \$16.95 to \$47.95
  - Estimated monthly project debt service fee - \$28.21 to \$31.89 based on current project cost
  - Allen Water monthly district fee (this fee is charged to all District customers however it may be waived if necessary to keep the monthly water bill in an affordable range)
2. Other cost to property owners:
  - Construction of private service connections. Approximate Cost - \$1,000. (Grant assistance may be available for LMI)
  - City of Lima Connection Fee - \$500 (includes bringing water to property owner side of street, installation of meter and curb stop)

### Tentative Schedule

Informational Meeting	June 26, 2019
Legislation Considered by Villages to move ahead with Project	July 2019
Begin Project Design	July 2019
1st Public Meeting at Commissioners Office (tentative)	August 13, 2019 at 11 a.m.
2nd Public Meeting at Allen East School (tentative)	September 18, 2019 at 7 p.m.
Bid and Award Project	February 2020
Begin Construction	Spring 2020
Complete Construction	Spring 2021
Project Wrap-up Meeting	Summer 2021

EAST REGIONAL WATERLINE  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
INFORMATIONAL MEETING

JUNE 26, 2019

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MEETING OVERVIEW

1. Meeting Objective
2. Overview of the Allen Water District
3. Benefits of Public Water
4. History of the Project
5. Proposed Waterline Layout
6. Use and Source of Funding
7. Cost to Property Owners
8. Tentative Project Schedule
9. Questions

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**1. Meeting Objective**

- Tonight's meeting objective is to present information to property owners regarding the proposed waterline layout, project costs and timelines.
- Answer questions from the public and address concerns.
- At the conclusion of tonight's meeting, the Villages will be asked to make a decision on whether they would like to proceed with the waterline project by passing ordinances at their next Council Meetings.

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## 2. Overview of the Allen Water District

**Allen Water District:** A regional water district formed under Ohio Revised Code Section 6119, and as such, is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio. The District was formed on March 9, 1989 at the request and petition of four townships: American, Bath, Perry and Shawnee. Since the District's formation, it has expanded its responsibilities to the balance of the 8 Townships through an agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the District.

**Mission statement:** The Board of Trustees of the Allen Water District is committed to professionally managing and facilitating the installation of public water infrastructure and providing high quality and reliable public water to the customers of the District through cooperative agreements with other villages and cities supplying the water.

**Board of Trustees:** The Water District's actions are directed by a seven member Board of Trustees: one appointed by American, Bath, Perry and Shawnee townships, one county member and two members-at-large.

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## 3. Benefits of Public Water

- Provides a safe, reliable drinking water supply.
- Enhances fire protection by providing a dependable source of water.
- In many cases, increased fire protection reduces homeowner's insurance.
- Increases marketability when selling home.
- Eliminates the replacement of fixtures/electrical components due to corrosive water.
- Eliminates the need for expensive and troublesome home water treatment systems/maintenance. Salt for softeners can run from \$5-\$25 for a 40 lb. bag depending on purity.



System	Treats	Initial Cost	Annual Maintenance	Life Cycle
Softener	Iron	\$500 - \$3,000	\$200/year and up	10-15 years
Filtration System	Iron/Sulfur	\$2,000 - \$20,000	\$200/year and up	Filter Replacement

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## 4. History of the Project

1. This project was initiated through a request made by the Village of Lafayette in 2014 to explore the possibility of providing public water to the Village.
2. A Preliminary Water Study was completed in April of 2016 to determine the feasibility of supplying public water to the Village of Lafayette including the potential waterline alignments, costs, pressures, etc.
3. A subsequent request was received from the Village of Harrod to be made part of the project study.
4. A Project Funding Committee was formed including a member appointed from each Village in order to keep both Villages involved in the process. This Committee meets monthly to provide project updates to the Village Representatives.
5. In July of 2017, the Allen Water District along with the City of Lima, the Allen County Commissioners and both Villages, entered into an Agreement to have a study completed to determine funding options for the proposed waterline project.

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#### 4. History of the Project (cont'd)

6. In order to determine the potential availability and level of funding from different funding agencies, 19 water samples were taken from a combination of both Villages to determine water quality. Random samples revealed some primary and secondary contaminants in the water:

Approximately 20% of the homes tested contained a Primary Contaminant above the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) determined by Ohio EPA.

Approximately 85% of the homes tested contained some Secondary Contaminant above the Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL) determined by Ohio EPA.

Level of Contaminant	Contaminants Found			
	Total Coliform	Arsenic		
Primary	Either Present or Not Present			
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)	10 ug/L MCL or higher			
Secondary	Total Dissolved Solids	Iron	Manganese	Hardness
Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL)	500 mg/L	0.3 mg/L	0.05 mg/L	120 to 150 mg/L

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#### 5. Proposed Waterline Layout



- Waterline alignment: Ties into 12" line at Westminister and heads east to serve the Village of Harrod, then north on Napoleon Road to serve the Village of Lafayette. The project will include providing a 6" fire line to the Allen East School.

- Waterline will consist of approximately 45,000 linear feet of 12" pipe and 27,000 linear feet of 8" pipe. This will include approximately 150 fire hydrants.

- 150,000 gallon standpipe would be located near the school to provide system pressure.




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#### 5. Westminister Proposed Waterline Layout (cont'd)




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### 7. Estimated Costs to Property Owners

Waterline Project Cost by Debt Service:

Estimated Debt Service Calculation

Total Approximate Loan Amount = \$3,405,153  
 Total Number of Estimated User Equivalencies within the Villages of Harrod and Lafayette = 340 ESFU's  
 Total Number of Estimated User Equivalencies for Allen East School = 44 ESFU's

	Village Residents Including Allen East School	Including 1/3 of Potential Outside Users
Customers (ESFU's)	384	434
USDA RD Loan (3.375% - 40 yrs)	\$26.61	\$23.54
OPWC Loan (0% - 30 yrs)	\$5.28	\$4.67
<b>Total Estimated Monthly Debt Service</b>	<b>\$31.89</b>	<b>\$28.21</b>

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### 7. Summary of Estimated Costs to Property Owners

Description	Cost		
<b>Estimated Up-Front Property Owner Costs:</b>			
Connection Fee (City of Lima)	\$500		
Install Service Line -Property Owner Hires Contractor	\$1,000		
<b>Estimated Monthly Property Owner Costs:</b>			
	HH of 1	HH of 2	HH of 4
Monthly Water Usage with COL Contract Fee <i>(based on current City of Lima Water Rates)</i>	\$16.95 <i>(1,800 gal/month)</i>	\$32.94 <i>(3,500 gal/month)</i>	\$47.89 <i>(6,000 gal/month)</i>
Estimated Monthly Debt Service (Waterline Project Cost)	\$28.21-\$31.89	\$28.21-\$31.89	\$28.21-\$31.89
*Allen Water District Administrative Fee	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Estimated Total Monthly Water Bill</b>	<b>\$45.16-\$48.84</b>	<b>\$61.15-\$64.83</b>	<b>\$76.10-\$79.78</b>

*\*An Allen Water District Administrative Fee shall be charged in the event the total bill based on a HH of 4 (usage of 6,000 gal/month) is less than \$70/month. This fee shall be suspended for a period of 3 years if the total water bill comes in at or above \$70/month.*

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### 9. Tentative Project Schedule

Tonight's Informational Meeting with Villages	Mid Year 2019
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## June 26, 2019 East Regional Waterline Improvement Project Informational Meeting Minutes

An Informational Meeting was held with the public on **Wednesday June 26th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Auditorium of Allen East School located at 9105 Harding Highway, Harrod, Ohio. The purpose of the meeting was to provide general project information to homeowners who live within the Villages of Lafayette and Harrod.

Ms. Stiles, District Manager for Allen Water District presented the PowerPoint presentation.

### Question and Answer Session

**Who is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the fire hydrants?**

This would be the responsibility of the township and the Village fire departments.

**Which side of the road will the waterline be installed on? Will it stay within the right-of-way?**

The goal is to stay within the right-of-way and the final design will determine on which side of the road the waterline will be constructed.

**Will there be financial compensation for easements?**

Yes, landowners can choose to be paid for easements and this cost has been included as a line item in the project budget.

**Question directed at Village Councils. Why was there a meeting that no one knew about?**

Notice of meetings are posted where sewer bills are dropped off, at the Post Office, posted in the newspaper and noted on sewer bills. In addition, Allen Water District sent out mailers.

**Why does my sewer bill have extremely high fees?**

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the potential waterline project, which is being managed by Allen Water District. The District doesn't have any jurisdiction over sewer systems.

**Is there a plan for Allen Water District to take over the Villages' sewer systems?**

There are no plans to make any changes to the Villages' current sewer systems or operations.

**If a homeowner lives outside of the Villages and does not want to connect to the waterline, do they have to? Will a homeowner who doesn't connect incur any fees?**

Homeowners who live outside of the Villages of Harrod and Lafayette are not required to connect to the waterline and will not incur any costs/fees if they don't connect. This will be covered in more detail at a future meeting.

**How did Allen Water District determine the average household water usage shown in the presentation?**

There are multiple methods for determining average water usage, for example EPA estimates 4,500 gallons per month, for a family of 4. In addition, Allen Water District surveyed 8 four-member households within the City of Lima about their monthly usage to help determine an average, but individual usage can vary significantly.

**How will businesses be billed for monthly water use? The presentation only referred to households.**

It is estimated that most small businesses will be considered 1 ESFU (Estimated Single Family Usage) but a chart is used to determine how many ESFU's a business should be charged depending on the category they fall in (based on typical water usage for that kind of business).

**Who is responsible for paying for the cost of repairing streets and sidewalks damaged during installation?**

The costs of fixing damage which occurs during the installation of the waterline are already factored into the estimated project costs. This will be the responsibility of the contractor.

**Are homeowners who are required to connect to the waterline also required to use city water or can they still use their wells? Are homeowners able to pay their debt service and not actually connect to the waterline?**

Waterlines sourced from city water and well water have to be kept separate and cannot be combined. The ability of a homeowner to pay their debt service and tap fee but not connect to the public waterline will have to be further researched. (After further discussion with USDA, a mailing was sent to all Village residents clarifying this – see attached.).

**What are the possible cost savings in a homeowner's policy with the installation of a fire hydrant near a home?**

The expected cost savings can be considerable. A Village resident estimated a possible 10-20% savings due to a lower ISO rating.

Ms. Stiles mentioned that further research is needed to see if Allen Water District's insurance might cover fire hydrants damaged within the Villages. (After further discussion, the District's insurance does cover hydrants under certain loss. The Township is responsible for the duties of inspecting, maintaining, flushing, repairing and replacing contract fire hydrants and above ground appurtenances. All costs related to maintenance, flushing, repair, and replacement of existing or future contract fire hydrants shall be paid by the Township).

**Does Allen Water District know the anticipated water pressure of the main waterline? Will there be additional pumps installed?**

The estimate is 50-60 pounds minimum. No additional pumps will be installed however the standpipe to be constructed near Allen East School will help maintain proper pressure for the system.

**Where will the water meters be installed? Will homeowners be responsible for the waterline from the meter to the house?**

The water meters for individual homes are expected to be installed at the road. Yes, homeowners are responsible for the waterline from the meter into their home or business. They are typically ground level.

A village resident noted that one of the reasons for this project is because there are contaminants in well water and encouraged residents to have their wells tested. Mr. Kayatin noted that contaminants can affect electrical components. Another resident noted the presence of arsenic found in well water testing. Ms. Stiles noted that Mr. Blake of Harrod has mentioned that banks are starting to include water testing as part of the mortgage process. A long term Lafayette resident countered that he felt the well water in Lafayette is safe.

**A homeowner from Lafayette directed this question to the Village Councils. Do the Villages intend to use this project as a means of promoting further development within and around the Villages in the future?**

Mr. Kayatin noted that in various discussions with both Villages, the Councils have seemed excited about the possibility of this project spurring future development in addition to the potential for increased resale of homes and attracting new homebuyers to the area. Dr. Biery agreed that public utilities can spur economic growth and property values.

Regional planning meetings have shown that the Villages should have fairly good growth over the next 40 years. This waterline project will encourage this growth.

**Will this project increase property values to the point that it will cover the expected debt service to homeowners, which is estimated to be \$15,000?**

Mr. Kayatin stated the debt service is estimated at \$7,000-\$8,000. He also noted that having public water and sewer can increase the attractiveness of a home for sale because realtors frequently call his office to inquire about the utilities and often homebuyers are looking to avoid wells and septic tank systems. A village resident noted that he hasn't noticed a problem with houses selling in the area due to a lack of public utilities and it was noted that it might be because it is currently a buyer's market.

Another village resident noted that there was opposition to the public sewer system when it was built 30 years ago however the current system handles waste removal far better than previous methods and therefore is well worth it. He feels that in the same way, the public waterline will provide better water to the residents and students of Allen East than the contaminated water currently being provided by the wells. He encouraged residents to look at not only the current value of the project but the value to future residents and students and to take advantage of the funding available right now.

**Are landowners of vacant lots required to connect to the waterline and pay debt service?**

Vacant lots are not required to connect to the waterline. Only properties with homes or businesses will be required to connect to the waterline and incur debt service charges. Debt service is tied to a water bill.

**How will duplexes be billed?**

Properties with multiple residences will be required to have separate service lines and meters for each unit although it may depend on how many sewer taps are currently being billed. City of Lima may be able to answer this question.

**What will be the cost to tap in for homeowners who live along the expected waterline but outside of the Villages? Will it be \$500?**

Yes, the City of Lima's connection fee of \$500 will be honored for everyone participating in this project.

**Is government or grant money available to pay City of Lima's tap fees? The Villages collect a 1% RITA tax, could that be used?**

There may be grant money available to cover tap fees for low to moderate income households. Mr. Kayatin thinks that if a household of one person makes less than \$35,000 he or she may be eligible. Mr. Hartley noted that it usually depends on percentages and the household income would need to be 51% or greater of LMI to be eligible.

Harrod's Village Council responded that the possibility of using the RITA tax to help cover connection fees for low income residents has been discussed but that a decision hadn't been made. Mr. Kayatin noted that there are federal standards concerning eligibility and availability of funds for individuals but that it's important to note that the project has already received five million in grants.

Mr. Kayatin also noted that the issue of mandatory connections is not a requirement of Allen Water District but rather a strong recommendation of USDA to assure repayment of loans extended for the project.

Ms. Stiles noted that the Villages of Harrod and Lafayette will be voting on legislation to move forward with the East Regional waterline project during the month of July and encouraged residents to give their feedback to their Village Councils by July 10<sup>th</sup>. Email addresses for both Villages were provided by Ms. Stiles in addition to noting that tonight's PowerPoint presentation and Fact Sheet will be available on Allen Water District's website.

Lafayette Mayor Ron Moots noted that village has been waiting on the most current cost estimates to come in before they made any decisions because they wanted to use the most accurate information possible. They noted the Village hasn't committed to the project at this point and encouraged Village residents to give their input as soon as possible because moving forward with the project at this point will result in financial commitments for the Village. The Village Council wants to be pro-active about taking advantage of available funding but doesn't want to move forward with a project that the residents don't want.

Ms. Stiles reiterated Mr. Moots' point that the District wanted to give property owners the most up-to-date information and now that USDA has given some assurances concerning loan and grant amounts, the Allen Water District feels comfortable presenting the current project estimates.

A member of Harrod's Village Council asked the audience if they are happy with the Village's current public sewer system or if anyone would go back to a septic system, if he or she could? He noted that when that project was started Village Council had to make the difficult decision to move forward even though there was opposition at the time. He believed currently most Village residents are happy with their sewer services and wouldn't want to go back to the old way. He believed that public water could be the same way and that it might be a good thing for Harrod in the long run. He reiterated the fact that any future rate increases from the City of Lima would impact every household receiving their water and couldn't be targeted to the Villages.

**Why has the City of Lima continually raised their water rates over the years? Would customer know about rate increases beforehand?**

Mr. Kayatin acknowledged that while rates have increased over the years, for all residents and businesses who receive public water from the City of Lima, rate increases are often a result of improvements and requirements of the EPA. He noted that customers are informed well before rate increases take effect.

Ms. Stiles thanks everyone for attending and reiterated the information covered in tonight's meeting will be available at [allenwaterdistrict.com](http://allenwaterdistrict.com).

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That she is Classified Sales Representative of the LIMA NEWS, a Daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in LIMA, ALLEN County, OHIO; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

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That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:

*Melissa Sanchez*

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 29th day of Jul 2019

*Ginger Hollar*

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My commission expires: 06/13/2023

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**GINGER HOLLAR**  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires  
*6-13-2023*

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Brandy Aller  
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**NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK  
GRANT PROGRAMS  
RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM  
GRANTS ALLEN COUNTY**

The Allen County Board of Commissioners intend to make application to the Ohio Development services agency (ODSA) to access U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fiscal Year 2020 funding available under the Ohio Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs listed below:

Programs under Community Development: Allocation Program, Economic Development, Critical Infrastructure, Downtown Revitalization, Residential Public Infrastructure, Neighborhood Revitalization, Microenterprise, Discretionary and any other programs announced by ODSA,

Programs Under Affordable Housing: Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP), Housing Assistance Grant Program (OHTF funds), Housing Development Assistant Program (HDAP), Discretionary and any other programs announced by ODSA.

Program under Homeless and Supportive Housing: Homeless Assistance Grant Program (HAGP), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program, Supportive Housing Program, Emergency Shelter Grant Program, Discretionary and any other programs announced by ODSA.

The first of the required two public hearings for any of the grant programs listed above will be held at 11:00 a.m. on August 13th 2019 at the County Courthouse, 204 N. Main Street, Suite 301, Lima, Ohio 45801. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the CDBG, CHIP and other programs, including an explanation of eligible activities and program requirements.

Citizens and officials from villages and townships are encouraged to attend this meeting on August 13th, 2019 to provide their input on the County's proposed applications to the CDBG RPIG program.

**Allen County Board of Commissioners  
Allen County Ohio**

Legal #310 - July 29, 2019 (1t)



County Commissioners' Office  
Allen County, Ohio  
July 11, 2019 Resolution #575-19

**RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SUBMISSION OF CDBG APPLICATIONS FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS.**

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The Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Ohio met in regular session on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019 with the following members present: Jay Begg and Cory Noonan.  
Not Present: Greg Sneary

Commissioner Noonan moved the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Public Hearings related to the proposed submission of CDBG applications are required; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Kayatin, Allen County Sanitary Engineer, has requested that the first Public Hearing for the three (3) Residential Public Infrastructure grants be set for Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. in the office of Allen County Commissioners 204 N. Main Street, Suite 301, Lima, Ohio 45801 and that the advertisement for the same be authorized; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board deems this request to be in order and wishes to grant the same; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO**, hereby establishes 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 in the office of the Board of County Commissioners 204 N. Main Street, Suite 301, Lima, Ohio 45801 as the time, date and place for the first public hearing on the Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program Applications by Allen County; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, hereby authorizes Steve Kayatin, Allen County Sanitary Engineer, to advertise the same in the Lima News.

Commissioner Begg seconded the resolution and upon the roll being called, the vote resulted as follows: Commissioner Sneary, Not Present; Commissioner Begg, yes; Commissioner Noonan, yes

Adopted this 11th  
day of July, 2019

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ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO**

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Clerk of the Board

# ***Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)***

**FIRST PUBLIC MEETING – AUGUST 13, 2019 AT 11:00 A.M.**

Allen County Courthouse, Commissioners' Office  
204 N. Main, Suite 301 Lima Ohio 45801

## **AGENDA**

Gomer New Wastewater Collection and Conveyance Project  
Allen Water District East Water Line Extension Project

### **Eligibility Requirements/HUD National Objectives**

- Activities designed to benefit at least 51% low/moderate income people
- Activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight
- Activities designed to meet community development needs having a particular uniqueness or urgency

### **CDBG Programs**

- Housing Shelter & Supportive Program
- Community & Economic Development
- Target of Opportunity Grant Program

### **CDBG Residential Public Infrastructure Program**

- Application Submittal Timeline – Both applications will be submitted when the PTI/Plan Approval is obtained (Fall 2019).
- Application Amount – Both applications will be for \$750,000.

### **Public Meetings #2**

- Gomer: Tuesday August 10, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. Gomer Dad's Club, Nicholas Avenue
- Allen Water District: Thursday August 18, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Allen East School (Library) 9105 Harding Highway, Harrod
- The second public meeting will cover more specific information on the projects.

### **Citizen Comment and Questions**

## Minutes

### Allen County CDBG First Public Hearing

Tuesday August 13, 2019 11:00 a.m.

The first public hearing for potential submission of two applications to the Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program was conducted on Tuesday August 13, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Allen County Commissioners Office at 204 N. Main, Suite 301, Lima, Ohio 45801. The purpose of the meeting was to give citizens pertinent information about CDBG Funding Programs including an explanation of eligible activities and program requirements. The public hearing also provided information on a range of activities funded by the Community Development Block Grant Program and administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency. The proposed projects are: 1) Gomer Wastewater Collection and Conveyance Project, and 2) Allen Water District East Waterline Extension Project.

Six people were in attendance at the meeting including representatives from the following entities: Lima-Allen County Regional Planning, the Allen County Board of Commissioners, Allen County Sanitary Engineer's Office, and Ohio RCAP.

Discussion covered list of eligible activities for the CDBG Programs. The submission date for the applications will be determined once the PTI/Plan Approval has been obtained. Anyone needing additional information should contact Steven Kayatin, County Sanitary Engineering Department. It was noted that second public hearings will be held for the CDBG RPIG program in each community (Gomer, Allen East School).

Respectfully Submitted,



James Mehaffie, Ohio RCAP

**NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS  
RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANTS  
ALLEN COUNTY**

The Allen County Board of Commissioners intend to make application to the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) to access U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fiscal Year 2020 funding available under the Ohio Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs listed below:

Programs under Community Development: Allocation Program, Economic Development, Critical Infrastructure, Downtown Revitalization, Residential Public Infrastructure, Neighborhood Revitalization, Microenterprise, Discretionary and any other programs announced by ODSA,

Programs Under Affordable Housing: Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP), Housing Assistance Grant Program (OHTF funds), Housing Development Assistant Program (HDAP), Discretionary and any other programs announced by ODSA.

Program under Homeless and Supportive Housing: Homeless Assistance Grant Program (HAGP), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program, Supportive Housing Program, Emergency Shelter Grant Program, Discretionary and any other programs announced by ODSA.

The first of the required two public hearings for any of the grant programs listed above will be held at 11:00 a.m. on August 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the County Courthouse, 204 N. Main Street, Suite 301, Lima, Ohio 45801. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the CDBG, CHIP and other programs, including an explanation of eligible activities and program requirements.

Citizens and officials from villages and townships are encouraged to attend this meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 to provide their input on the County's proposed applications to the CDBG RPIG program.

**Allen County Board of Commissioners  
Allen County Ohio**

Date of Publication: 7/29/19, in legal section of Lima News

## **EXHIBIT 12**

**COMBINED NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF A FINDING OF NO SIGIFICANT IMPACT ON THE  
ENVIRONMENT (FONSI) COMBINED NOTICE  
&  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS  
  
REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS AND CERTIFICATION**

**RE: BOARD OF ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES THE BOARD PRESIDENT TO ADVERTISE NOTICES REQUIRED FOR THE CDBG-RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FUNDING FROM THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY (ODSA) FOR THE VILLAGE OF LAFAYETTE, ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO.**

The Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Ohio met in regular session on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020, with the following members present: Beth Seibert, Brian Winegardner and Cory Noonan.

Commissioner Winegardner moved the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Allen Water District has agreed to construct a water distribution system within the Village of Lafayette and construct a water main to the existing waterline owned by the Allen Water District near Westminster; and,

**WHEREAS**, Allen County has entered into a Grant Agreement with the State of Ohio CDBG Program for grant monies for the Village of Lafayette, Allen County, Ohio, for said waterline project; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Grant Agreement requires the following notices to be advertised to the public: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds, which are attached to this resolution;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners, Allen County, Ohio:

**Section 1:** The President of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized to advertise the following notices to be advertised to the public: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds; and,

**Section 2:** This resolution shall take effect and be in full force upon final passage; and be it further

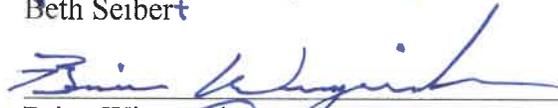
**RESOLVED**, this Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board; and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

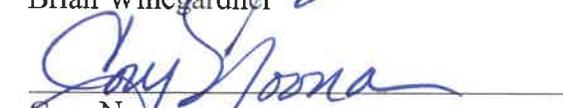
Commissioner Noonan seconded the resolution and upon the roll being called the vote resulted as follows: Commissioner Seibert, yes; Commissioner Winegardner, yes; Commissioner Noonan, yes;

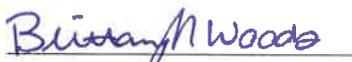
Adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup>  
day of December, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO

  
Beth Seibert

  
Brian Winegardner

  
Cory Noonan

  
Brittany N. Woods  
Asst. Clerk of the Board

12/29/2020

Allen County Board of Commissioners  
204 Main Street, Suite 301  
Lima, OH 45801  
419-228-3700 (Ext. 8725)

To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Allen County Board of Commissioners.

#### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about, but not before January 15, 2021 the Allen County Board of Commissioners will submit a request to the State of Ohio for the release of Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the following project(s):

Project Name: Village of Lafayette Water Line Extension

Source of Federal Funds: Community Development Block Grant Residential Public Infrastructure Funds, Ohio Public Works Commission, USDA Rural Development and Allen County Revolving Loan Fund.

Project Description: The overall project involves the extension of water service from the Allen Water District's existing 12-inch water supply in Westminster to the Villages of Harrod and Lafayette, known at the East Regional Water Line Project. A 12-inch line main will extend east on Kartina Road, south on Cardinal Drive, east on Faulkner Road, north on Johnston Road and west on Harrod Road into the Village of Harrod. From Harrod the 12-inch water line main will extend northwest along Napoleon Road into the Village of Lafayette. Within Lafayette, the water distribution system will consist of approximately 14,211 linear feet (LF) of 8-inch PVC waterline; 3,624 LF of 12-inch PVC waterline; 36 fire hydrants, 77 gate valves, residential connections, etc. The project also includes a 200,000 gallon water standpipe proposed to be constructed south of the Village of Lafayette, along Napoleon Road and north of SR 309.

Location: Village of Lafayette, Allen County, Ohio. Single Year Project and total estimated cost of project: \$2,783,000.

#### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The Allen County Board of Commissioners has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) which is available for review on the Allen County website at [www.allencountyohio.com](http://www.allencountyohio.com) or on the Allen Water District website at [www.allenwaterdistrict.com](http://www.allenwaterdistrict.com). The ERR may also be provided upon request electronically via email. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Allen County Commissioners, 204 Main Street, Suite 301, Lima, Ohio, 45801 or by email at [commissoners@allencountyohio.com](mailto:commissoners@allencountyohio.com).

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Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Allen County Board of Commissioners by U.S. mail or email at the addresses above. All comments received

before January 15, 2021 will be considered by the Allen County Board of Commissioners prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The Allen County Board of Commissioners certifies to the State of Ohio that Cory Noonan in his capacity as President of the Board consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State of Ohio's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Allen County Board of Commissioners to use Program funds.

#### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The State of Ohio will accept objections to its release of funds and the Allen County Board of Commissioners certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Allen County Board of Commissioners; (b) the Allen County Board of Commissioners has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State of Ohio; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development at [OCD@development.ohio.gov](mailto:OCD@development.ohio.gov). Potential objectors should contact the State of Ohio to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Cory Noonan, President of Board of Commissioners.

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**State of Ohio  
Ohio Department of Development - Office of Community Development**

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS AND CERTIFICATION (RROF)  
FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED STATE PROJECTS**

Pursuant to Section 104 (g) of Title I, Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended.

**PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION**

<p>1. CEO Name, Responsible Entity Name, and Mailing Address:</p> <p><b>Cory Noonan, President Allen County Board of Commissioners 204 Main Street, Suite 301 Lima, OH 45801 419-228-3700 (Ext. 8725)</b></p>	<p>2. Administering Agent Name and Address:</p> <p><b>Great Lakes Community Action Partnership 127 Front Street Fremont, OH 43420</b></p>	<p>3. Mail Form To:</p> <p><b>Ohio Development Services Agency Community Development Division Environmental Review Specialist P. O. Box 1001 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001 (614) 466 - 2285</b></p>
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**PART 2: PROJECTS REQUESTED FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The responsible entity of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following:

List Project Name(s). Under the Project Name, List Its Activities, and its Activity Number As Listed In the Grant Agreement's Attachment A(s):	For Each Activity, List the Corresponding Source of Funds and Grant Agreement No.:	List the Amount of Federal Funds Budgeted for Each Activity:	List the Project Location, As Designated in the Grant Agreement:	Describe the Entire Project:	List the Project's Environmental Finding; Categorically Excluded (CE) or, Environmental Assessment (EA):
1-Lafayette Waterline/ 1-Water Fac. Improvements	<b>B-W-20-1AB-1</b>	<b>\$730,000</b>	<b>Village of Lafayette Allen County</b>	Allen County requests \$750,000 to assist with the construction of water lines to the Village of Lafayette. The wells that serve the residents of Lafayette have been tested and indicate that coliform and other total dissolved solids are well above the thresholds allowable by the EPA. In conjunction with a project that will extend waterlines to the nearby Village of Harrod, 17,800 linear feet of waterlines will then be extended north from Harrod to Lafayette to serve the village and remedy concerns about the water supply from the wells. This project will primarily benefit the 453 residents of Lafayette who were surveyed and found to be 67.18% Low-to-Moderate Income.	<b>EA</b>
<b>2-Administration/ 1-General Admin</b>	<b>B-W-20-1AB-1</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>			

**PART 3: CEO ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

With reference to the Projects identified on the reverse side of this form, I, the undersigned, chief executive officer, and certifying officer of the responsible entity, CERTIFY THAT: (Note: Items 4 and 5 below require additional action.)

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision making and action pertaining to the projects(s) listed herein.
2. The responsible entity has complied with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, (NEPA) and with the environmental procedures, permit requirements, and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5 and 58.6 for each project listed herein.
3. The responsible entity has taken or will take into account the environmental criteria, standards, permit requirements, and other obligations applicable to each project(s) or program activity(ies), listed herein, under other Federal, State, and local laws that the responsible entity has the direct responsibility to comply with.
4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review(s) completed for the proposed projects described herein, I have found that the proposal (CHECK ONE)  DID ; OR;  **DID NOT** ; require the preparation and dissemination of an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.
5. (STAPLE COPY(ies) OF NEWSPAPER NOTICE(S) HERE; i.e. NOI/RROF; Combined Notice; Floodplain/Wetland Notices,)  
The responsible entity has, prior to submitting this request for the release of funds and certification, published, in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43, a notice(s) to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy(ies).
6. The dates upon which all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment, or other action, following the completion of the environmental review for the project(s)/program activity(ies), began and ended as indicated below in compliance with the procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58. A summary of these dates are listed below:

CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED PROJECTS (CE)	(List dates in the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF) Following blanks)	Date of Publication:	Last Day of Local Comment Period (at least 7 Calendar Days):	Date Community Anticipated Submitting the Request for Release of Funds: (Published Date)	Estimated Last Day of State Waiting Period to Receive Objections:	Publication Date of Other Notices (Floodplain, Wetlands, Etc.):
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROJECTS</b> (with a Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI)) →	Combined Notice FONSI & NOI/RROF  (If published separately, list both dates in the following blanks)	Date of Publication:  <b>12/29/2020</b>	Last Day of Local Comment Period (at least 15 Calendar Days)  <b>1/15/2021</b>	Date Community Anticipated Submitting the Request for Release of Funds:  <b>1/19/2021</b>	Estimated Last Day of State Waiting Period to Receive Objections:  <b>2/04/2021</b>	Publication Date of Other Notices (Floodplain, Wetlands, Etc.)  <b>Floodplain 11/27/2020 12/29/2020</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROJECTS</b> (with a Finding of Significant Impact (EA/FOSI))	<u>Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS</u>  Publication Date:  Last Day to Comment:	<u>Draft EIS</u>  Publication Date:  Last Day to Comment:	<u>Final EIS</u>  Publication Date:  Last Day to Comment:	<u>Request for Release of Funds</u>  Publication Date:  Last Day for Local Comments:	<u>Estimated Last Day of State Waiting Period to Receive Objections:</u>	<u>Publication Date of Other Notices (Floodplain, Wetlands, Etc.):</u>

7. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of responsible federal official under the national Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provision of these laws apply to the State's responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and actions that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
8. By so consenting, I have assumed the responsibilities for the conduct of environmental review, decision-making, and actions as to environmental issues, preparation and circulation of a draft, final, and supplemental environmental impact statements, and legal or cooperating agency responsibilities for preparation of such statements on behalf of state or federal agencies, including HUD and the State of Ohio, when these agencies consent to such assumptions.
9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the responsible entity and personally, the jurisdiction of the federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Type or Print Name of CEO	Signature	Title	Date
Cory Noonan		President	

**WARNING:** Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and the Criminal Procedure shall apply to this certification. Title 18 provides, among other things, that whoever knowingly makes or uses a document or writing containing any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry, in any manner within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than 5 years or both.