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## **High-Priority Drinking Water Projects Proposed for Stimulus Funding**

### **Brewster- Hillview Mobile Home Park**

Hillview Mobile Home Park is located in Stark County. The system serves a population of 50 with an unknown median household income. Hillview has the highest arsenic level in an Ohio community public water system. Hillview is under enforcement action for both drinking water and wastewater infrastructure issues and plans to tie in both systems to the Village of Brewster. Hillview will tie in to Brewster in summer or fall of 2009. Brewster is eligible for disadvantaged community assistance for the drinking water portion of the project. Approximate project cost- \$155,000.

### **Buckeye Lake**

The Village of Buckeye Lake is located in Licking County. The population is 3,049 and the median household income is \$28,889. It is one of the largest villages in the state that does not have a public drinking water system. All residents and businesses rely on individual wells for their drinking water. Buckeye Lake has been planning a public water system for many years and is slated for a construction loan in spring 2009 to make this vision a reality. Buckeye Lake will be installing water lines and a storage tank in the village and then connecting to the Village of Millersport transmission lines and utilizing their source. This new water system will rectify compliance and public health concerns with many of the small businesses in Buckeye Lake and give residents a safe, reliable source of drinking water. Approximate project cost- \$6.5 million.

### **Buckeye Water District -- Salineville**

Salineville is located in Columbiana County. The population is 1,397 and the median household income is \$27,473. Salineville has a deteriorating plant that had many operation and maintenance issues until Buckeye Water District took over operation a few years ago. Salineville is planning to tie in to the Buckeye Water District. This project has approved detailed plans, but the community could not afford several miles of pipe from Buckeye Water District to Salineville. A subsidy is necessary to make this project move forward. With Recovery Act funding, this project can construct in summer 2009. Approximate project cost- \$3.4 million.

### **Burr Oak**

The Burr Oak Regional Water District system serves customers in areas with low median household incomes in Athens, Perry, Hocking and Morgan counties through 24 satellite public water systems. Approximately 8,000 people in the system are currently receiving water with trihalomethanes contaminant exceedences. Burr Oak plans to build a ground water plant to correct the issue. This project previously received approval for detailed plans, but the work was not affordable. Residents currently pay high water rates and would not be able to pay for the rate increases that would be necessary without grant assistance in construction of the new plant. With Recovery Act funding, this project can begin construction in summer 2009. Approximate project cost- \$15.8 million.

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## **Cumberland**

The Village of Cumberland is located in Guernsey County. The population is 402 and the median household income is \$29,792. For many years, Cumberland's surface water treatment plant has had problems providing water that meets safe drinking water standards. Cumberland currently has a contract with the Village of Byesville to operate their failing plant. Detail plans have been submitted for approval and Cumberland is slated for a construction loan in summer 2009 to run a new waterline that will allow them to tie into Byesville and abandon their failing plant. Approximate project cost- \$2.2 million.

## **Fulton County -- Metamora and Lyons**

The Northeast Fulton County Water District will serve the Villages of Metamora and Lyons, the Evergreen Local School District Complex, a mobile home park and numerous individual homes along the route. The district population is estimated at 1,350, of which the Villages of Metamora and Lyons comprise a population of 1,122 people with a median household income of \$44,548. Metamora is served by its own public drinking water system. Lyons purchases water from the City of Wauseon. Both systems have had trihalomethanes (TTHM) contaminant exceedances and are in enforcement with Ohio EPA to return to compliance.

The reason TTHM is regulated as a contaminant is due to the potential for health impact. Although the levels here do not pose an immediate health risk, some people who drink water containing TTHMs in excess of the maximum contaminant level over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys or central nervous system and may have an increased risk of developing cancer.

Both communities plan to tie in with Fulton County to improve water provided to the communities. The Evergreen Local School District complex serves about 1,400 students and staff from elementary through high school. Their water system is aging and is subject to frequent main breaks. The township areas are served by shallow wells, sand point wells, ponds and hauled water systems. The local health department has identified this as a critical area of need for a water supply due to the high susceptibility of contamination. There is also a mobile home park along the route which has been experiencing water quality problems. Approximate project cost- \$5.5 million.

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