



**Mike DeWine**, Governor  
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**Laurie A. Stevenson**, Director

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Mayors, County Commissioners, Regional Authority Officials,  
Consulting Engineers, and Interested Citizens

**Re: Ohio's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund  
Approval of the 2021 Program Management Plan**

Dear Interested Party:

I am pleased to announce the approval of the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Program Management Plan (PMP) for program year 2021.

Ohio's WPCLF program is very robust and has, in recent years, funded all eligible projects. The 2021 PMP continues that level of fund availability. The following is a list of notable highlights:

- Ohio EPA is offering up to \$35.7 million in principal forgiveness to communities to upgrade or connect failing household sewage treatment systems, to promote regionalization efforts, to correct combined sewer overflows and unsewered areas and to promote backup power facilities.
- Ohio EPA is offering \$50 million at a 0% interest rate to communities implement nutrient reduction projects which will help reduce harmful algal blooms.
- Ohio EPA is offering \$50 million at a 0% interest rate to communities to promote regionalization efforts.
- Ohio EPA is allocating up to \$15 million for Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program projects.
- All planning and design loans with five-year terms or less will be offered a 0% interest rate. Also, these loans can be nominated at any time during 2021 under an open nomination cycle.

The complete Program Year 2021 PMP is available for review or download at <https://epa.ohio.gov/defa/ofa>. The Draft PMP was released for public review on November 3, 2020 and a virtual public hearing was held on December 3, 2020. Ohio EPA's responses to comments received during the review period are included in the Final 2021 WPCLF PMP Appendix O.

We thank you for your continued interest in improving Ohio's water quality. If you have questions, please contact the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance via e-mail [DefaMail@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:DefaMail@epa.ohio.gov) or at (614) 644-2798.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurie A. Stevenson".

Laurie A. Stevenson  
Director