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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 2023 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 2023. With additional funding available from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Ohio EPA anticipates a record year for infrastructure improvements through the WPCLF program.

Notable highlights from the 2023 WPCLF PMP include more than \$75 million in principal forgiveness to large and small community infrastructure improvements, repair and replacement of failing household sewage treatment systems, regionalization projects and backup power facilities. Additionally, \$23 million will be made available to support the Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program (WRRSP) projects including a one-time \$8 million allocation for the Gorge Dam removal. This project is a generational opportunity to improve water quality and ecological health of the Cuyahoga River.

During program year 2023, Ohio EPA will continue to support nutrient reduction projects and regionalization projects with 0% loan financing. Other program discounts are available for green infrastructure or energy efficiency (Green Project Reserve projects) as well as WRRSP project sponsorship.

The Draft PMP was released for public review on December 13, 2022, and a public hearing was held on January 18, 2023. A responsiveness summary to comments received during the review period are included in the WPCLF PMP Appendix P. The complete Program Year 2023 PMP is available for review or download on the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance [WPCLF program webpage](#).

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 at [DefaMail@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:DefaMail@epa.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,

Anne M. Vogel  
Director