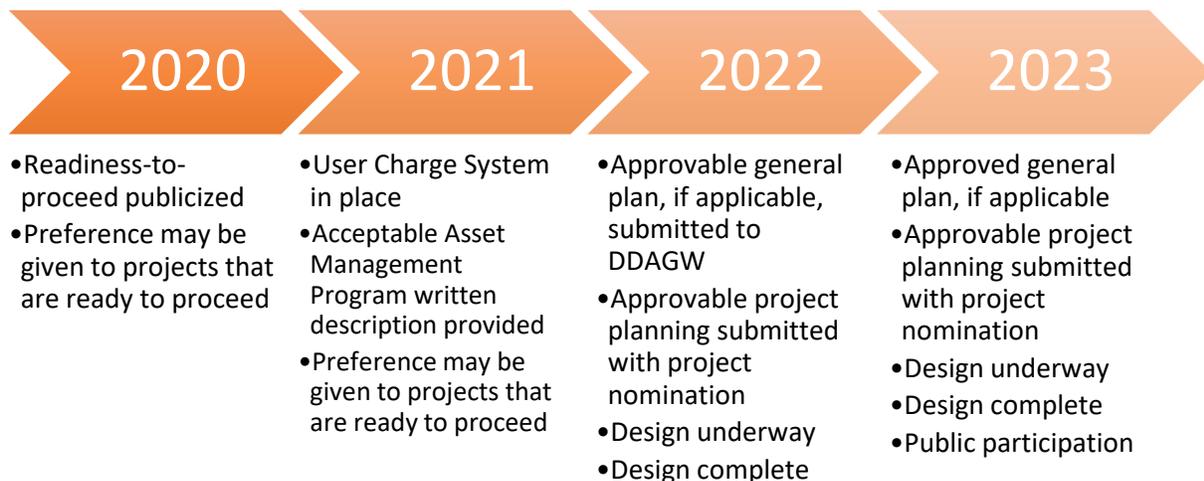


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Beginning in PY 2020, Ohio EPA outlined a process to evaluate readiness-to-proceed for principal forgiveness eligible projects. The chart below illustrates the phased approach to implementing readiness-to-proceed evaluations. The criteria for WSRLA program year 2023 are listed in the chart and further described below.

Only projects submitted by entities eligible for principal forgiveness (disadvantaged community loan program or a regionalization project)¹ will be reviewed for readiness-to-proceed. This is a secondary evaluation to the project score using the Project Priority Ranking System². The readiness-to-proceed score is based on project information readily available at the time of evaluation and provided with the project nomination.

Projects will be sorted by project score then by readiness-to-proceed ranking. Projects with the same project score and readiness-to-proceed score will be sorted by estimated cost low to high.



General plans are required for water treatment plant construction and improvement projects. Submission is required through the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW) to initiate review and approval. A reference guide, including required elements, is available on the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance webpage: [WSRLA Design and Construction Loan Project Planning Guidance](#). Director-approved general plans must be submitted with the project nomination.

¹ Refer to Appendix E of the PY2022 Program Management Plan for Disadvantaged Community Loan Program eligibility criteria: <https://epa.ohio.gov/static/Portals/29/documents/ofa/2022-DWAF-PMP.pdf>

² Refer to Appendix D of the PY2022 Program Management Plan: <https://epa.ohio.gov/static/Portals/29/documents/ofa/2022-DWAF-PMP.pdf>

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Approvable project planning information is required for all design and construction projects. Required project planning information may often be addressed by a preliminary engineering report or general plan. Information submitted with the project nomination must be adequate for planning review. A reference guide for project planning information is available on the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance webpage: [WSRLA Design and Construction Loan Project Planning Guidance](#).

For projects with design underway, provide an agreement for services and written project update with the nomination. For projects with approved WSRLA financing for design, a project update should be submitted with the nomination.

For projects with design complete, detail plans must be submitted to DDAGW prior to the end of the nomination period. Not all projects require a formal plan submission. Formal submission includes the [Water Supply Data Sheet](#), detailed plans and review fee submitted to the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters. Informal submission includes detailed plans to the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters for project review. [OAC Rule 3745-91-02 \(D\)](#) provides plan approval exemptions for certain water line replacements (e.g., meter projects, SCADA). For more information concerning detail plan review and how to submit documentation please visit [DDAGW Engineering webpage](#).

Public participation requirements vary depending on the anticipated project. Provide a description of outreach to the affected public and any responses received along with supporting documentation with the project nomination. As appropriate, outreach may include information available online, press releases or news articles, and mailings or direct contact with current or potential customers.