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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 2022 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 2022.

Ohio's WPCLF program anticipates available financing for all eligible projects that are ready to proceed within program year 2022. Notable highlights from the 2022 WPCLF PMP are as follows:

- 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.
- \$50 million at a 0% interest rate to communities implement nutrient reduction projects which will help reduce harmful algal blooms.
- \$50 million at a 0% interest rate to communities to promote regionalization efforts.
- \$15 million for Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program projects.

The Draft PMP was released for public review on November 2, 2021, and a public hearing was held on December 2, 2021. Ohio EPA's responses to comments received during the review period are included in the WPCLF PMP Appendix O. The complete Program Year 2022 PMP is available for review or download on the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance [WPCLF program webpage](#).

On a separate, but related matter, the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was passed on November 15, 2021. The IIJA includes additional appropriations which may be available, and enhance, the WPCLF in 2022. Ohio EPA anticipates conducting a webinar in January 2022 to explain the opportunities available under the IIJA, and we encourage all interested parties to attend that webinar. Please look for an announcement soon.

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.

Sincerely,


Laurie A. Stevenson
Director