



February 2, 2026

Limited Environmental Review and Finding of No Significant Impact

**City of Toronto – Jefferson County
North Pump Station
Loan number: CS390917-0026**

The attached Limited Environmental Review (LER) is for a pump station replacement project in Toronto which the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) intends to finance through its Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) below-market interest rate revolving loan program. The LER describes the project, costs, and expected environmental benefits. Making available this LER fulfills the Ohio EPA's environmental review and public notice requirements for this loan program.

Ohio EPA analyzes environmental effects of proposed projects as part of its program review and approval process. We have concluded that the proposed project should not result in significant adverse environmental impacts. In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 3745-150-05, this project meets the criteria for an LER rather than the more comprehensive Environmental Assessment. More information can be obtained by contacting the person named at the end of the attached LER.

Upon issuance of this Final Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) determination, award of funds may proceed without further environmental review or public comment unless new information shows that environmental conditions of the proposed project have changed significantly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Courtright".

Kathleen Courtright, Assistant Chief
Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance

LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Project Identification

Project: North Pump Station

Applicant: City of Toronto
416 Clark Street
Toronto, Ohio 43964

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Figure 1. Jefferson County

Project Summary

The City of Toronto has requested funding from the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) to finance their North Pump Station project. Work for this project will include replacing the North Pump Station which is beyond its useful life.

History & Existing Conditions

The City of Toronto is located in Jefferson County (Figure 1). The city owns and operates a wastewater collection and treatment system consisting of two sanitary pump stations (North and South) and the City of Toronto wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). This system serves approximately 5,100 residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

The North Pump Station, located at the intersection of Stewart Street and North River Road, was built in 1958 and is reaching the end of its useful life. In addition, it receives excessive flows of stormwater from a storm sewer connection during wet-weather events, causing the pump station to overflow in what is known as a combined sewer overflow (CSO). This overflow discharges to the Ohio River.

Project Description

While Toronto considered replacing the pump station with a new one of the same design, the city decided to replace the existing dry well/wet well system with a single new wet well with upgraded capacity submersible pumps, as this design will require less maintenance and will cost less to construct.

This project involves constructing a new pump station directly behind the location of the existing one. The new pump station will eliminate the existing stormwater connection, thereby eliminating the CSO. The stormwater flow will be rerouted into Toronto's existing storm sewer system. See Figure 2 below for a map of the project area.



Figure 2. The new pump station will be installed adjacent to the existing one

Implementation

The City of Toronto proposes to borrow \$1.3 million from the Ohio WPCLF at an interest rate of 1%. Assuming a 30-year loan, borrowing this amount in WPCLF dollars could save Toronto approximately \$941,000 over the life of the loan compared to the current market rate of 4.74%.

Toronto does not plan on raising sewer rates for the next two years. The average annual sewer bill for residents served by Toronto is \$423. This is 1% of the median household income (MHI: \$47,202) and is lower than the Ohio average annual sewer bill, \$490. Construction is scheduled to begin January 2026 and to be completed in approximately eight months.

Public Participation

Toronto has scheduled several public meetings to discuss this project. The meetings will be advertised in the local newspaper. In addition, the city will utilize billing inserts to provide project information to the public.

Ohio EPA is unaware of any controversy about or opposition to this project. The Limited Environmental Review (LER) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) will be posted on the Ohio EPA Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance website. Additionally, the LER and FNSI have been provided to the City of Toronto to be made available according to their public notification procedures.

Conclusion

The proposed project meets the criteria for an LER; namely, it is an action within an existing public wastewater collection system, which involves the functional replacement of and improvements to existing infrastructure. Furthermore, the project meets the other qualifying criteria for an LER; specifically, the proposed project:

Will have no significant environmental effect, will require no specific impact mitigation, and will have no effect on high-value environmental resources because the project will be taking place directly behind an active pump station in a cleared, grassy field on the side of the road. There are no high-value environmental resources in this previously disturbed area.

Is cost effective and is not a controversial action because Toronto has chosen the replacement option that is lowest cost and requires the least maintenance. Ohio EPA is unaware of any opposition to or controversy about the project.

Does not create a new, or relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters, and will not result in substantial increases in the volume of discharge or the loading of pollutants from an existing source or from new facilities to receiving waters, and will not provide capacity to serve a population substantially greater than the existing population because this project will

replace an existing pump station and will eliminate a CSO. Service will not be extended in any way nor provide additional capacity.

Based upon Ohio EPA's review of the planning information and the materials presented in this Limited Environmental Review, we have concluded that there will be no significant adverse impacts from the proposed project as it relates to environmental features. This is because these features do not exist in the project area, the features exist but will not be adversely affected, or the impacts will be temporary and mitigated. This project will result in a new, more reliable pump station for the City of Toronto and eliminate a combined sewer overflow to the Ohio River.

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