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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABILITY NOTICE

The Ohio EPA, through the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) program, is considering funding a project which is subject to environmental review requirements. The City of Springfield's proposed Erie Interceptor Express Sanitary Sewer project consists of making multiple wastewater system improvements. The project's primary focus, however, is on installing a dedicated sanitary sewer to convey collected wastewater directly to the City of Springfield's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). This work is needed to address combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in Springfield as required by its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit compliance schedule. This work needs to be completed by September 30, 2018. Buck Creek and the Mad River are the water resources expected to benefit most from this proposed project.

As Ohio EPA will be issuing a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact and an accompanying Environmental Assessment (EA) on this project in the near future, this notice is to advise the public that it will have a 30-day period in which to review the EA and provide comments to the Ohio EPA contact named at the back of the document. This public comment period will begin with the release of the EA document to the public through Ohio EPA's web site and distribution of the document to interested parties.

Upon its release, the EA document may be viewed at either: the city's main offices located at 76 East High Street or 2100 Lagonda Avenue, Springfield, Ohio 45502/45503; Springfield's website; or on Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) website at:

<http://www.epa.ohio.gov/defa/ofa.aspx>

Once there, please scroll down to the "Documents Available for Review and Comment" heading at the bottom of the linked page. Then, please click on the WPCLF Documents for Review and Comment heading to see a list of documents available for downloading. A copy of the referenced EA will be posted there.

On the other hand, if you would like to receive either an electronic copy via e-mail, or a paper copy of the document via U.S. mail, please contact Kevin Hinkle of Ohio EPA at either: kevin.hinkle@epa.ohio.gov or (614) 644-3712.