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LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AVAILABILITY NOTICE

The Ohio EPA, through the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) program, is considering funding two projects in Hillsboro, Ohio: a sanitary sewer improvements project and a storm sewer project, which are subject to environmental review requirements. The two projects are estimated currently to cost about \$2.39 million and the city is expected to receive principal forgiveness and 1% hardship interest rate funding for them through the WPCLF program in the next two months.

Project Descriptions: Hillsboro's two proposed projects are located in three prior-disturbed areas, including the South High Street, East Walnut Street, and the Spiegel Street to Northview Drive alignment. The projects entail either replacement of existing infrastructure (South High and Spiegel Street projects), or an upgrade of storm water facilities where few or none are found currently (East Walnut Street). Bypass sanitary sewer pumping and directional drilling to install the replacement sanitary sewer will occur, as needed, in the project area between Spiegel Street and Northview Drive during the proposed construction activity.

Ohio EPA expects that these three projects will generally result in improved conditions within the project areas once construction activities are complete and will not result in adverse environmental impacts to the streams, wetlands, and other natural resources and environmental attributes in the vicinity of Hillsboro.

As Ohio EPA has issued a Limited Environmental Review (LER) document and an accompanying Final Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) on the city's two projects, this notice is to advise the public that it will have through September 2019 in which to access the LER. This public information period will begin with the release of the LER to the public at the city's offices, Ohio EPA's web site, and distribution of the document to interested parties. With this release, the LER document may be viewed at either the city's offices located at 130 North High Street; the city's website; or at 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 LER will be posted there.

On the other hand, if you would like to receive either an electronic copy via email, 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.