The Ohio EPA, through the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) program, is considering funding a project which is subject to environmental review requirements. Trumbull County’s proposed Belmont Park Sanitary Sewer Improvements project consists of the following components:

1. Abandon the existing home sewage treatment systems in the Belmont Park project area.
2. Install privately-owned sanitary sewer laterals from the building foundations to the edge of public rights-of-way.
3. Install 3,100 lineal feet of 6-inch diameter publicly owned sanitary sewer service laterals from the edge of public rights-of-way to the proposed gravity trunk sanitary sewers. These service laterals will provide 132 connections to the main sanitary sewer.
4. Install approximately 16,000 linear feet of 8- and 10-inch diameter gravity sanitary sewers, 54 manholes, 1 sanitary pump station with appurtenances, and about 1,000 linear feet of 6-inch diameter force main in the project area.

Sanitary flows in the proposed conventional gravity sewers will be directed south to Girard’s wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in accordance with the Clean Water Act Section 201/208 planning area prescriptions for this part of Trumbull County. Readers should note that the proposed project is also intended to serve the under-construction Shepherd of the Valley retirement home. All construction will take place within twenty feet of the edge of rights-of-way in a permanent utility easement, not including a ten-foot wide allowance for temporary work easement where needed, or under the street surface. The streets in the project area include SR 193 at the Tibbetts Wick Road intersection and extending west along the northside of Tibbetts Wick 1,097 feet to the Pleasant Valley Road intersection, as well as the Belmont Park neighborhood including portions of Garfield, Liberty, Park, Harding and Wilson avenues, Edwards Street, Naylor Lloyd and Tibbetts Wick roads, and SR 193. Restoration of the project area will complete the proposed project. Provisions are included in the contract documents to meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act Section 404/401 program, as well as to address soil erosion and sedimentation concerns, in addition to other potential environmental impacts. Part of this approach includes directionally drilling the force main and some of the publicly owned sewer lateral installations to avoid directly impacting the wetlands found along the chosen alignment as much as possible. Finally, the project plans require that any excess excavated material is not placed in any wetlands along the sanitary sewer alignment or off-site.

Construction of the proposed project is estimated to take about seven months with the total project cost estimated at $3.4 million. Of this amount, the county expects to borrow about $1.9 million from Ohio EPA’s WPCLF with the balance coming from public and private grants. The terms of the county’s WPCLF loan are expected to be a 0% hardship interest rate and a loan repayment period of 30 years.

As Ohio EPA is preparing to issue a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact and an accompanying Environmental Assessment (EA) on this project, 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 end of the document. This public comment period will begin with the release of the EA to the public through posting of the document in the county’s offices, on Ohio EPA’s website, and mailing of the EA to interested residents who respond to this availability notice by providing Ohio EPA with their name and address. A copy of this notice will also appear on the county’s web site. If you would like to receive either an electronic (PDF) copy via e-mail or a paper copy via U.S. mail upon the EA’s release, please contact Kevin Hinkle at either: kevin.hinkle@epa.ohio.gov, (614) 644-3712, or by sending a written request to:

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In addition to distributing the EA to interested parties, Ohio EPA will post the EA document at the following website: 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 Ohio EPA’s EA for this project will be posted there.