

May 28, 2002

Hon. Paul Jones
Mayor
City of Ravenna
210 Parkway
Ravenna, OH 44266

SUBJECT: Ravenna and Fish Creek FPA Update, Resolution No. FY2000-006

Dear Mayor Jones:

We are in receipt of your May 16, 2002 letter regarding the diversion of flow. As you know, the NEFCO General Policy Board approved the Update of the Ravenna and Fish Creek Facilities Plans on September 15, 1999. The update consisted of a temporary diversion of excess flow from the Ravenna Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The General Policy Board recognized that this was a temporary diversion and stated that if the diversion of wastewater from the Valley Estates and Rootstown service areas became long term or permanent, the City of Ravenna and Portage County Water Resources Department (PCWRD) should consider modifying their facilities planning area (FPA) boundaries to accurately reflect the areas being served by their respective agencies.

According to your conditional support letter (August 3, 1999) the diversion was not to exceed September 1, 2000. From the statement in your May 16 letter that the cessation of the diversion of the West Park Lift Station occurred on April 24, 2002, it appears to the NEFCO staff that the "temporary" aspect of the diversion referred to in the NEFCO resolution has ended. A new temporary, or a long term agreement between the City and Portage County seems to be in order for any future diversions. We are also unclear how the cessation of the temporary diversion affects the ability of the PCWRD to comply with the 1994 Settlement Agreement between your City and Portage County. This was referenced in the NEFCO resolution (enclosed).

The ongoing NEFCO Clean Water Plan (CWP) 201/208 update does not preclude the development of a sewer agreement. We urge the City of Ravenna and the PCWRD to meet and clarify future sewerage plans, and if necessary, to prepare another mini-update.

The NEFCO staff plans to discuss this matter with our Environmental Resources Technical Advisory Committee (ERTAC) at its June 5, 2002 meeting, as well as other matters brought to our attention by Carl Ganocy. We will make sure that Mr. Ganocy is invited to this meeting.

If you have any questions or comments on this letter please contact Claude Custer of our staff, or myself.

Sincerely,

Joseph Hadley Jr.
Executive Director

JH:rlm

pc: Mr. Ron Bell, Ohio EPA
Mr. Harold Huff, PWCRD
Mr. Don Kainrad, Service Director
Mr. Carl Ganocy, Utilities Director
Mr. Mark Bowen, City Engineer
Mr. Jim Demboski, Summit Co. DOES

**General Policy Board Item No. 9
Amended Resolution No. FY2000-006-A**

**RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL POLICY BOARD OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO
FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION
(NEFCO) CONDITIONALLY APPROVING AN UPDATE TO THE RAVENNA AND
FISH CREEK FACILITIES PLANNING AREAS**

WHEREAS, NEFCO is the designated water quality management planning agency for Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne Counties; and

WHEREAS, as part of that designation it is NEFCO's responsibility to coordinate the use and update of its Clean Water Plan, also known as the 208 Plan; and

WHEREAS, NEFCO has been requested by the Portage County Water Resources Department to consider an update to the Fish Creek FPA, and Ravenna FPA's Village Estates, West Park, and Rootstown Service Areas; and

WHEREAS, this Update will enable the Portage County Water Resources Department (PCWRD) to comply with a "1994 Settlement Agreement" between the City of Ravenna and the (PCWRD), which states that Portage County will divert annual daily flows that exceed 500,000 gpd away from the Ravenna WWTP; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) is requiring NEFCO approval of this update as a condition for issuing permits for proposed developments in the Ravenna Facilities Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ravenna (conditional approval), Franklin Township Trustees, Ravenna Township Trustees and the Summit County Department of Environmental Services have approved this update; and

WHEREAS, the NEFCO staff have reviewed this request using approved 208 consistency criteria and found that this amendment is a **temporary diversion** of excess flow and will not be considered to be in conflict with Ravenna FPA. However, if the diversion of wastewater from Village Estates and Rootstown service areas becomes long term or permanent, the City of Ravenna and PCWRD should consider modifying their FPA boundaries to accurately reflect the areas being served by their respective Lead Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the NEFCO Environmental Resources Technical Advisory Committee (ERTAC) performed a technical review of this request and recommended approval which the applicant has successfully completed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NEFCO General Policy Board authorizes conditional approval of the Update for the Ravenna and Fish Creek Facilities Plans based on the condition that the Portage County Water Resources Department receives a positive response from Franklin and Ravenna Townships and directs staff to incorporate this into NEFCO's Clean Water Plan and to transmit this approval to the Portage County Water Resources Department and to the Ohio EPA.

Certified as action taken by the NEFCO
General Policy Board at its regular meeting
held on October 20, 1999

Tim Davis, Secretary
NEFCO General Policy Board