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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Latest Combined Ohio EPA and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Water Projects Funded

An additional \$36.2 million has been obligated to fund 12 water quality improvement projects using U.S. EPA stimulus funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) along with loans from Ohio EPA.

Projects receiving ARRA subsidies are combined with low-interest loans through the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) for drinking water projects or Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for water pollution control projects.

Listed below are projects now receiving funds through WSRLA:

- **Portsmouth** (Scioto County) received a \$49,582 ARRA subsidy to combine with an equal interest-free loan for a total of \$99,338 to assist in upgrading service pumps for its east end water system;
- **Belmont County** received a \$1.5 million ARRA subsidy to combine with a \$383,232 interest-free loan for a total of \$1.9 million to assist in constructing the Mount Victory Road waterline project;
- **Hamden** (Vinton County) received an almost \$1.8 million ARRA subsidy to combine with a \$753,876 interest-free loan for a total of \$2.5 million to replace a significant portion of village waterlines and install a new 100,000-gallon storage tank;
- **Canton Local Board of Education** (Stark County) received a \$27,500 ARRA subsidy to combine with a \$117,529 interest-free loan for a total of \$145,029 to replace a failed water supply well serving Walker Elementary School, along with a new pump, water line, water treatment equipment and electrical service;
- **Columbus Grove** (Putnam County) received a \$143,412 ARRA subsidy to combine with a \$215,118 interest-free loan for a total of \$358,530 to replace 5,200 feet of aging and failing water lines; and

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- **Bowling Green** (Wood County) received a \$2.9 million ARRA subsidy to combine with a \$4.8 million interest-free loan for a total of \$7.7 million to add a microfiltration system which will allow the city to comply with drinking water regulations.

Projects receiving ARRA subsidies combined with WPCLF low-interest loans include:

- **Greenwich** (Huron County) received a \$95,578 ARRA subsidy to combine with a \$63,578 interest-free loan for a total of \$159,156 to assist in the construction of the North Kniffen Street sewer separation project;
- **Byesville** (Guernsey County) received a \$4 million ARRA subsidy to combine with an equal 1 percent interest rate loan for a total of \$8 million to assist in constructing a wastewater treatment plant to eliminate overflows and bypasses that occur at the existing plant during wet weather events;
- **Fayette** (Fulton County) received a \$136,000 ARRA subsidy to combine with a \$60,728 low-interest loan for a total of \$196,729 to work toward eliminating combined sewer overflows, including some sewer separation;
- **Green Springs** (Seneca County) received a \$1.1 million ARRA subsidy to combine with a \$418,970 low-interest loan for a total of \$1.5 million to assist in building a transfer station and force main;
- **McComb** (Hancock County) received a \$733,505 ARRA subsidy to combine with a \$584,004 low-interest loan for a total of \$1.3 million to separate combined sewers and disconnect home foundation drains and sump pumps from storm sewers and reconnect them to sanitary sewers; and
- **Ironton** (Lawrence County) received a \$5 million ARRA subsidy to combine with a \$7.2 million 3.43 percent interest rate loan for a total of \$12.2 million to separate the city's combined storm and sanitary sewer lines and reline and seal existing lines. The lined sewers will become the sanitary sewers and new storm sewers will be built.

ARRA funding will support 267 water pollution control projects in 160 communities and 65 drinking water projects in 52 communities in Ohio. For additional information on the federal program, please visit [www.epa.gov/recovery/](http://www.epa.gov/recovery/), or see the Web sites below for Ohio specific details.