

#### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WARREN COUNTY, OHIO

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#### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WARREN COUNTY, OHIO

MINUTES: Regular Session - January 30, 2024

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The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the January 23, 2024, meeting.

David G. Young - present

Shannon Jones - present

Tom Grossmann - absent

Krystal Powell, Clerk - present

Minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting were read and approved.

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24-0142	A resolution was adopted hiring Tabatha Ingram as Eligibility Referral Specialist II, within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Human Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
24-0143	A resolution was adopted hiring Kimberly Walker as Eligibility Referral Specialist II, within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Human Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
24-0144	A resolution was adopted hiring Charles Daniels as Water Distribution Worker II, within the Water and Sewer Department. Vote: Unanimous
24-0145	A resolution was adopted hiring Scotty Pigg as Water Distribution Worker I, within the Water and Sewer Department. Vote: Unanimous
24-0146	A resolution was adopted rehiring Joseph Essig as Water Distribution Worker III, within the Water and Sewer Department. Vote: Unanimous
24-0147	A resolution was adopted approving a wage increase for Kimberly Adams within the Warren Conty Department of Emergency Services. Vote: Unanimous

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24-0148	A resolution was adopted approving wage increase for Nathan Baker, Distribution Worker III, within the Water and Sewer Department. Vote: Unanimous
24-0149	A resolution was adopted approving promotion of Nathan Marshall to the position of Sewer Collections Worker II within the Water and Sewer Department Vote: Unanimous
24-0150	A resolution was adopted approving the promotion of David Rentz to the position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I within the Warren County Water and Sewer Department. Vote: Unanimous
24-0151	A resolution was adopted approving the lateral transfer of Kyle Purdy from the position of Sewer Collections Worker II to Distribution Worker II, within the Water and Sewer Department. Vote: Unanimous
24-0152	A resolution was adopted approving the reclassification of Courtney Wilson, from Eligibility Referral Specialist II to QA Reviewer, within Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Human Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
24-0153	A resolution was adopted amending the classification specification to change the job title of "EMA Plans Assistant" to "EMA Planner" within Warren County Emergency Services. Vote: Unanimous
24-0154	A resolution was adopted approving title change for Alyssa Harden from EMA Plans Assistant to EMA Planner within the Emergency Services Department. Vote: Unanimous
24-0155	A resolution was adopted accepting the resignation of Jamie Riley, Assessment Investigative Caseworker II, within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services Division, effective January 22, 2024. Vote: Unanimous
24-0156	A resolution was adopted accepting resignation of Amber Gregory, Eligibility Referral Specialist II, within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Human Services Division, effective January 19, 2024. Vote: Unanimous
24-0157	A resolution was adopted rescinding resolution #23-1779 to approve supplemental appropriation into 11011110 and operating transfer into Tourism and Economic Development Support Fund #2213. Vote: Unanimous
24-0158	A resolution was adopted setting public hearing for rezoning application of The Sisters, LTD. (Case #2023-10) to rezone approximately 2 acres from Light Industrial Manufacturing Zone "I1" inside JEDD area to Community Commercia Business Zone "B2" removed from the JEDD in Turtlecreek Township.

Vote: Unanimous

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24-0159	A resolution was adopted advertising for bids for the 2024 Well Re-Development Project. Vote: Unanimous	
24-0160	A resolution was adopted entering into contract with Nation Water Services, LLC for the Middletown Junction Production Well Drilling and Construction Project. Vote: Unanimous	
24-0161	A resolution was adopted approving emergency survey services performed by the Village of Maineville Village Engineer along State Route 48 in Maineville. Vote: Unanimous	
24-0162	A resolution was adopted approving addenda to agreement with Nu Beginnings II, LLC relative to home placement and related services on behalf of Warren County Children Services. Vote: Unanimous	
24-0163	A resolution was adopted approving addenda to agreement with Isaiah's Place, Inc. relative to home placement and related services on behalf of Warren County Children Services. Vote: Unanimous	
24-0164	A resolution was adopted entering into a classroom training agreement on behalf of OhioMeansJobs Warren County. Vote: Unanimous	
24-0165	A resolution was adopted authorizing the President of the Board to sign the Microsoft Program signature form on behalf of Warren County Telecommunications. Vote: Unanimous	
24-0166	A resolution was adopted authorizing the disposal of obsolete software no longer being utilized by Warren County Telecommunications. Vote: Unanimous	
24-0167	A resolution was adopted authorizing the transfer of equipment to Mobilcomm for trade-in on a new Bi-Directional Amplifier on behalf of Warren County Telecommunications. Vote: Unanimous	
24-0168	A resolution was adopted acknowledging payment of bills. Vote: Unanimous	
24-0169	A resolution was adopted entering into a Street and Appurtenances (including sidewalks) Security Agreement with CFPN Ohio, LLC for installation of certain improvements in C5 Encore Logistic Center, Section Two situated in Turtlecreek Township. Vote: Unanimous	
24-0170	A resolution was adopted approving various record plats. Vote: Unanimous	
24-0171	A resolution was adopted accepting an amended certificate and approving a supplemental appropriation for the Roachester Cozaddale Road Bridge Project Fund #4459. Vote: Unanimous	

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24-0172	A resolution was adopted approving a cash advance from the County Motor Vehicle Fund #2202 into the King Avenue Bridge Project fund #4437. Vote: Unanimous
24-0173	A resolution was adopted approving a supplemental appropriation into Commissioners Fund #11011110 and an operational transfer into Tourism and Economic Development Support Fund #2213. Vote: Unanimous
24-0174	A resolution was adopted approving a supplemental appropriation into Sheriff's Office Fund #2285. Vote: Unanimous
24-0175	A resolution was adopted approving an appropriation adjustment from Commissioners General Fund #11011110 into Juvenile Probation Fund #11012600. Vote: Unanimous
24-0176	A resolution was adopted approving appropriation adjustment from Commissioners General Fund #11011110 into Telecommunications Fund #11012810. Vote: Unanimous
24-0177	A resolution was adopted approving an appropriation adjustment from Commissioners General Fund #11011110 into Emergency Services Fund #11012850. Vote: Unanimous
24-0178	A resolution was adopted approving an appropriation adjustment within Building and Zoning Department Fund #11012300. Vote: Unanimous
24-0179	A resolution was adopted approving appropriation adjustment within Human Services Fund 2203. Vote: Unanimous
24-0180	A resolution was adopted approving an appropriation adjustment within Water Revenue Fund #5510. Vote: Unanimous
24-0181	A resolution was adopted approving appropriation adjustment within Health Insurance Fund #6632. Vote: Unanimous
24-0182	A resolution was adopted approving requisitions and authorizing County Administrator to sign documents relative thereto. Vote: Unanimous
24-0183	A resolution was adopted approving appropriation adjustment within Board of Elections Fund #11011300. Vote: Unanimous
24-0184	A resolution was adopted continuing public hearing to consider modifications to the Rules and Regulations of the Water and Sewer Department relative to increases to Water and Sewer rates, fees, and charges. Vote: Unanimous

MINUTES

#### DISCUSSIONS

On motion, up	pon unanimous	call of the roll	, the Board	accepted and	approved th	e consent
agenda.						

Barney Wright, Warren County Treasurer, was present for a meeting of the Investment Advisory Board.

Mr. Wright reviewed the current yields and discussed the length of investments.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

#### CONSIDER INCREASES TO THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR 2024, 2025, AND 2026

The public hearing to consider increases to the Water and Sewer Department rates, fees, and charges for 2024, 2025, and 2026 was convened this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Chris Brausch, Sanitary Engineer, presented the attached PowerPoint presentation stating the recommended user rates for water and sewer services. Mr. Brausch stated an increase in rates would not affect Warren County's affordability ranking with surrounding communities, and that the county would remain one of the least expensive providers in the area. Mr. Brausch expressed the need to increase rates due to rising operation costs and funding of future capital improvement projects. Mr. Brausch stated the Water and Sewer Department does not make a profit and any excess money goes back into the capital improvement fund.

There was discussion relative to the reserve fund of sewer versus the reserve fund of water.

Mr. Brausch stated the Water and Sewer Department is also requesting an increase to the sewer connection fees and water tap in fees, as the rates have not increased since 2007. Mr. Brausch then presented the recommended fees.

Tim Burgoyne, member of the Board of Ohio Development Council and the Home Builders Association of Cincinnati, was present to speak on their behalf. He stated he understands that costs increase, but the proposed connection and tap fee increases could cost builders hundreds of thousands of dollars. He requested that preliminary plans approved prior to the increase be grandfathered in at the old rate.

Brian Scheck, President of the Ohio Valley Development Council, was present to speak on behalf of the Council. He stated he understands the fee increases but asked for consideration to alter the fee increases. Mr. Scheck expressed his belief that the capital improvements are beneficial to all residents, not just new users.

There was discussion relative to new growth, comparable community rates, and the rates remaining stagnant since 2007.

Commissioner Jones stated many of our capital improvement projects are needed so we are able to provide service to more customers. She expressed the need for proper development and balance between the developments that currently exist in the County and new developments.

Commissioner Young suggested continuing the public hearing for further discussion at a later date.

Upon further discussion, on motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board resolved (Resolution #24-0184) to continue the public hearing to Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

REZONING APPLICATION OF BLUE ROCK PROPERTIES, LLC TO REZONE
APPROXIMATELY 30 ACRES IN UNION TOWNSHIP FROM MIXED USE
NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE "MXU-N" TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING ZONE
"I1" AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING DISTRICT "I2" WITH A
PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

The public hearing to consider the rezoning application of Blue Rock Properties, LLC to rezone approximately 30 acres in Union Township from Mixed Use Neighborhood Zone "MXU-N to Light Industrial Manufacturing Zone "I1" and General Industrial Manufacturing District "I2" with a Planned Unit Development was convened this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Michelle Tegtmeier, Building and Zoning Director, presented the attached PowerPoint presentation stating the applicant/owner, property size and location, current zoning, future land use designation, and requested rezoning.

Cameron Goschinski, Regional Planning Commission, presented the Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee recommendation to approve the rezoning request subject to eight conditions.

Tyler Holden, applicant and property owner, presented the attached PowerPoint presentation providing background information, current zoning, proposed zoning changes, and future business plans for the property.

There was discussion relative to industrial use of the property and annexation options for the property owner if the rezoning request were to be denied.

Commissioner Young explained that we do not have zoning control over what happens within the City of Lebanon and stated that if the property is annexed to the City of Lebanon they would have total control over the zoning. Mr. Young further stated the Planned Unit Development portion of the rezoning request allows for negotiations of conditions for the rezoning.

Chris Koch, Fred Vonderhaar, and Rhonda Cockerham, Union Township Trustees, were present to represent the township's interests. Mr. Koch stated the Trustees understand the concerns of residents. He also stated that if the zoning request is denied, Mr. Holden has other options to explore. Mr. Vonderhaar stated that it is his concern that there are no additional exit routes for the residents at the back of Lebanon Road in case of emergency.

Scott Brunka, Lebanon City Manager, stated that annexing the property is not on the city's radar. Mr. Brunka expressed his concerns as to what could happen on the property if it is rezoned to a General Industrial Manufacturing Zone and his concern for the reduction of current zoning standards of setback and buffer requirements that would affect adjacent property. Mr. Brunka stated the City of Lebanon will not provide utilities to the property.

There was discussion relative to the current water and sewer territory of the property.

Commissioner Jones stated she is looking at an opportunity to negotiate with the property owner on changing zoning but is sensitive to all of the resident correspondence and how it will impact her view on decision making.

There was further discussion relative to the potential annexation of the property.

Mr. Brunka stated the City of Lebanon would not accept the annexation of property into the City of Lebanon at this time.

There was discussion relative to the applicant withdrawing his application at this time.

Upon further discussion, the applicant requested to withdraw the rezoning application of Blue Rock Properties, LLC to rezone approximately 30 acres in Union Township from Mixed Use Neighborhood Zone "MXU-N to Light Industrial Manufacturing Zone "I1" and General Industrial Manufacturing District "I2" with a Planned Unit Development.

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board entered into executive session at 11:20 a.m. to discuss imminent litigation with legal counsel present pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(3) and exited at 12:07 p.m.

David G. Young, President

Tom Grossmann

Shannon Jones

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on January 30, 2024, in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C.

Krystal Powell, Clerk

Board of County Commissioners

Warren County, Ohio



# Proposed Water & Sewer Rates for 2024 - 2027

January 30, 2024

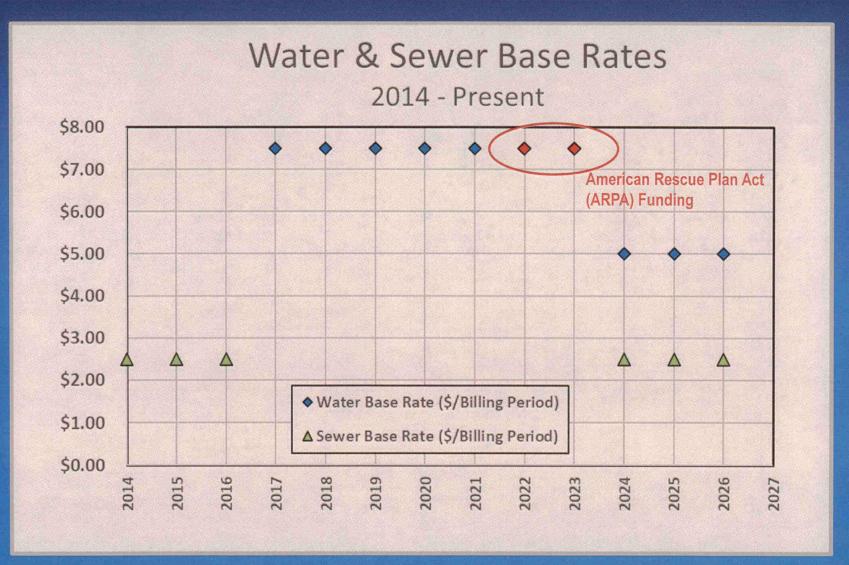


**Water & Sewer Department** 

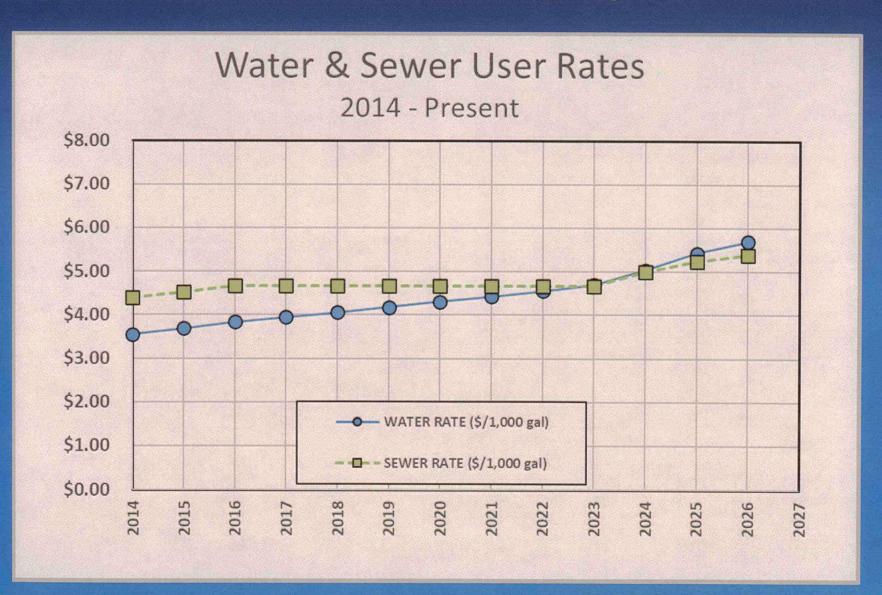
### Recommended User Rates

	2024	2025	2026
Water Base Fee	\$5.00/bill	\$5.00/bill	\$5.00/bill
Water User Rate (\$/1,000 gal)	\$5.05	\$5.43	\$5.70
Rate Increase	7.5%	7.5%	5.0%
Sewer Base Fee	\$2.50/bill	\$2.50/bill	\$2.50/bill
Sewer User Rate (\$/1,000 gal)	\$5.00	\$5.25	\$5.40
Rate Increase	7.0%	5.0%	3.0%

# Customer Base Rates will be reallocated in the upcoming billing cycle.



# Customer User Rates will increase in the upcoming billing cycle.



### **Mission Statement**

We strive to provide <u>quality water service</u> to Warren County residents in a <u>cost-effective manner</u>; to treat all customers with respect, courtesy and professionalism; and provide the highest quality of <u>customer service</u>.







### Past & Current User Rates

	2020	2021	2022	Current Rate 2023
Water Base Fee	\$7.50/bill	\$7.50/bill	\$0.00/bill	\$0.00/bill
Water Rate	\$4.31	\$4.43	\$4.56	\$4.70
Rate Increase	3%	3%	3%	3%
Sewer Base Fee	\$0.00/bill	\$0.00/bill	\$0.00/bill	\$0.00/bill
Sewer Rate	\$4.67	\$4.67	\$4.67	\$4.67
Rate Increase	0%	0%	0%	0%





### Recommended User Rate Increases

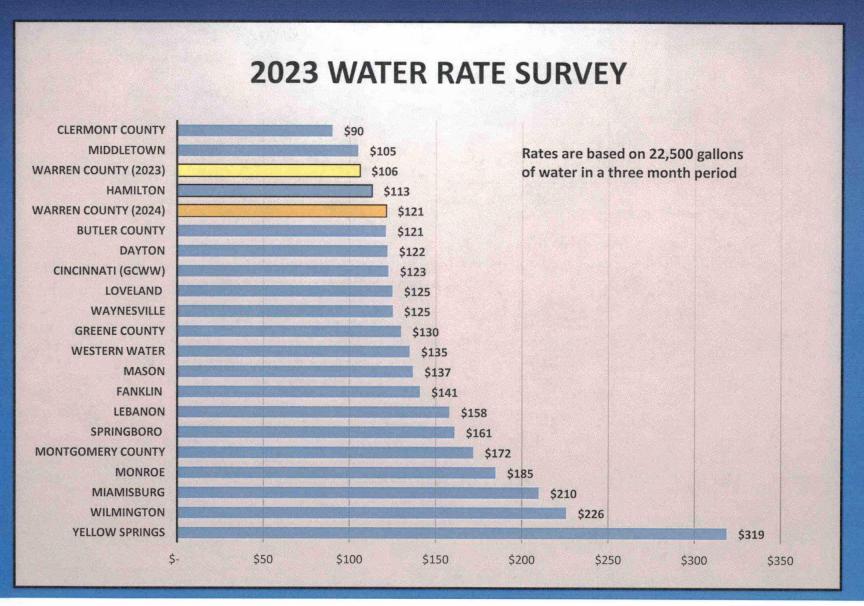
	2020	2021	2022	Current Rate 2023	2024	2025	2026
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Rate Increase	3%	3%	3%	3%	7.5%	7.5%	5.0%
Sewer Base Fee	\$0.00/bill	\$0.00/bill	\$0.00/bill	\$0.00/bill	\$3.50/bill	\$3.50/bill	\$3.50/bill
Sewer Rate	\$4.67	\$4.67	\$4.67	\$4.67	\$5.00	\$5.25	\$5.40
Rate Increase	0%	0%	0%	0%	7.0%	5.0%	3.0%





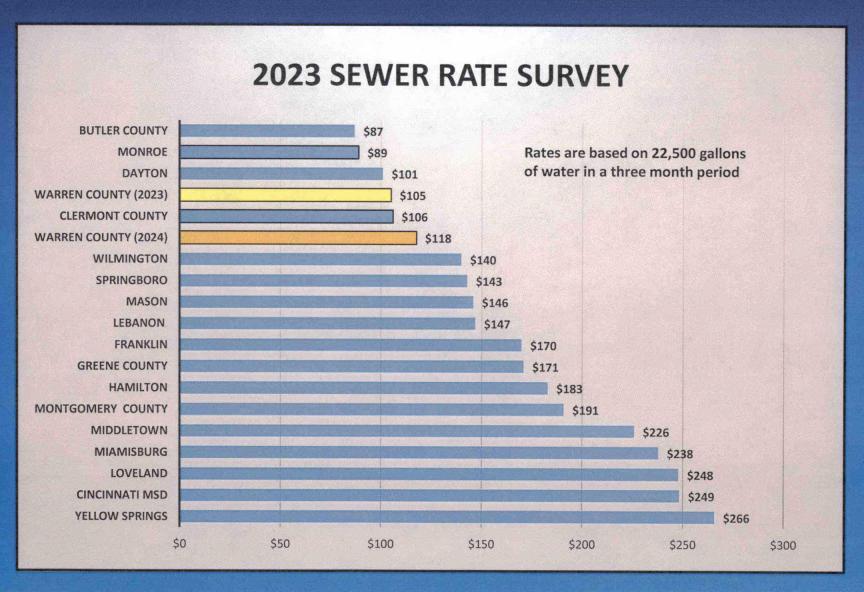
### **Affordable Water Rates**

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### What does this mean to our customers?

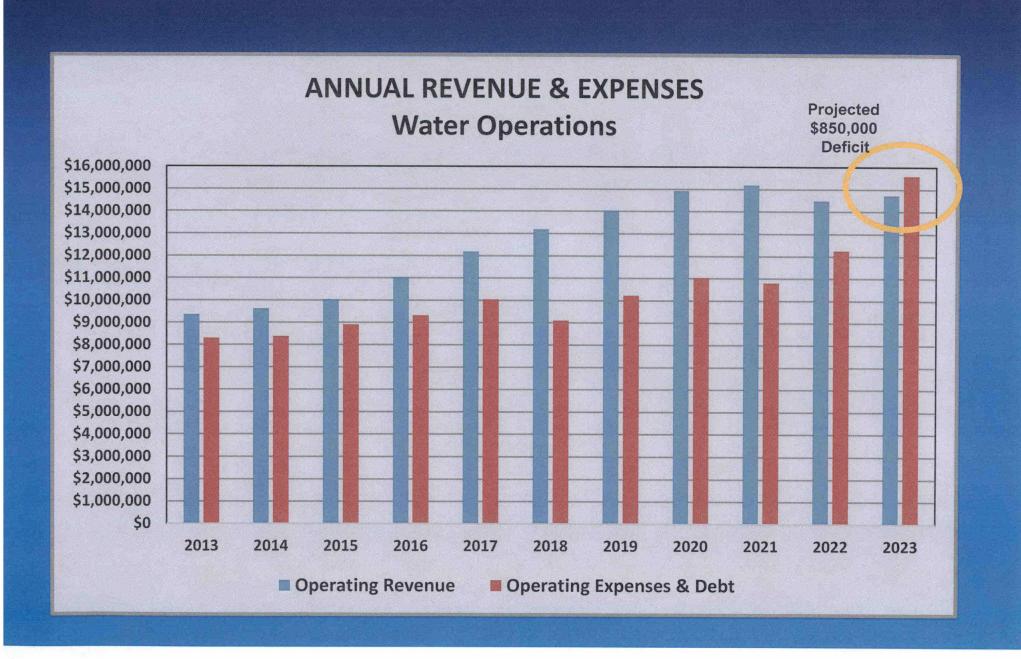
Customer Bi-Monthly Bill	2024	2025	2026
Minimum Water Bill	\$35.32	\$37.59	\$39.22
Minimum Sewer Bill	\$33.48	\$34.98	\$35.92
Total Bi-Monthly Bill	\$68.80	\$72.57	\$75.14

\*Based on 6,000 gallon minimum usage (Approximately 100 gallon/day)

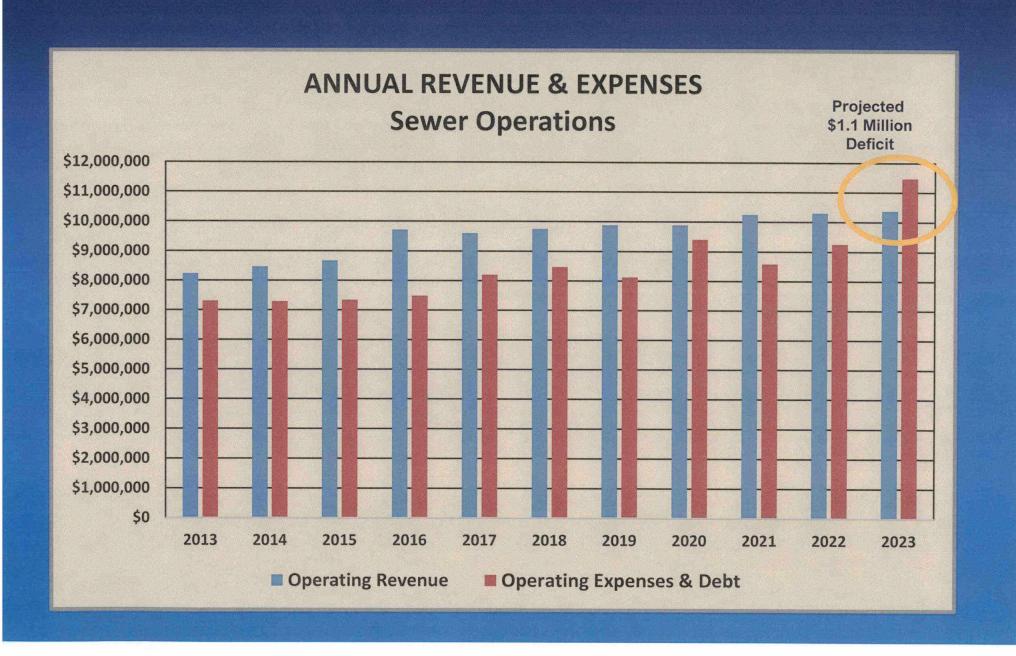
Water service at \$0.59 - 0.65 / day.

Water & Sewer service at \$1.15 - \$1.25/day.

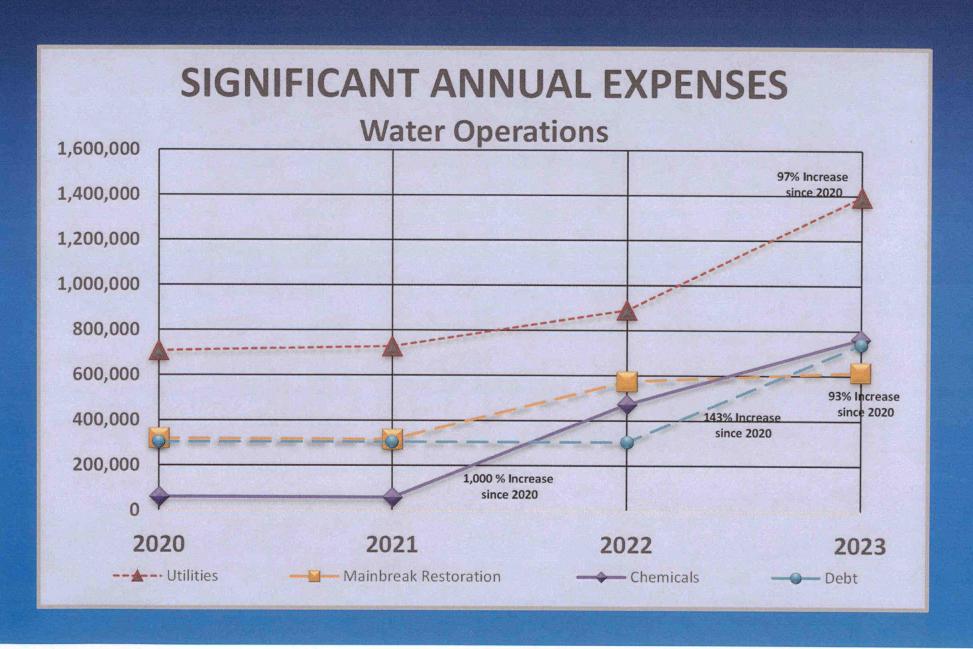
## Expenses will exceed revenues in 2023 resulting in a reduction in surplus funds used for capital projects.



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User rate increase is needed due to chemical, material and utility costs.



## Current user rates cannot keep up with the increasing chemical, materials and utility costs.

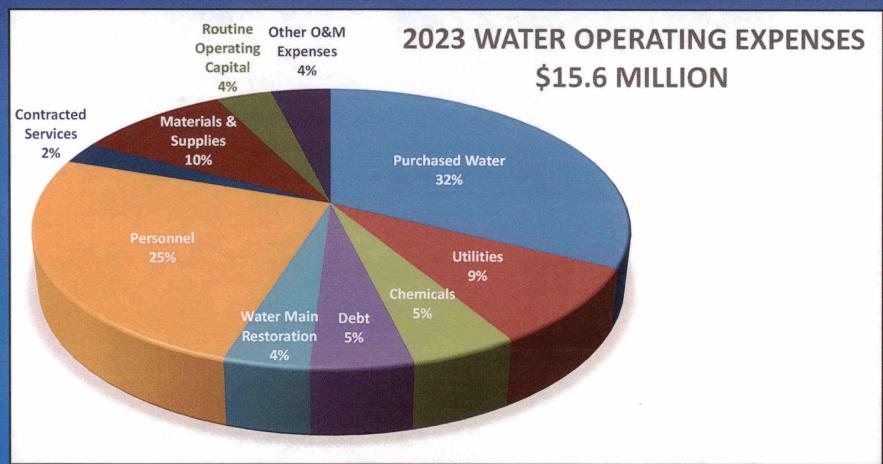
Inflationary impact on Common Purchased Items for Water & Sewer Dept 2020-2023 Comparisons	2020	2023	% increase 2020-2023	Avg. Annual Inflation
Sodium Hypochlorite	\$1.05	\$2.86	172%	57%
Bioxide	\$2.09	\$2.93	40%	13%
3/4 Check Valve	\$51.95	\$70.92	37%	12%
Fire Hydrants	\$1,888.00	\$2,659.00	41%	14%
Hymax Coupling	\$376.52	\$566.86	51%	17%
Repair Clamp	\$215.56	\$288.52	34%	11%
Limestone	\$16.80	\$20.50	22%	7%
Meters	\$189.20	\$204.50	8%	3%
Cold Patch	\$12.06	\$16.25	35%	12%
Pressure Reducing Valve	\$35.77	\$50.59	41%	14%
Sewer Haul	\$253.15	\$375.00	48%	16%
Sewer Disposal	\$23.47	\$26.04	11%	4%
Utilities per kwh-Delivery	\$5.67	\$6.97	23%	8%
F-350	\$30,300.00	\$54,945.00	81%	27%
Purchased Water-GCWW	\$5.27	\$5.98	13%	4%
Premium Diesel	\$2.73	\$3.68	35%	12%

\*Prices are listed as per unit

From 2020-2023 we have experienced an average of 35% - 45% price increases resulting in an average annual inflationary increase of 12% - 15%

### **Purchased Water**

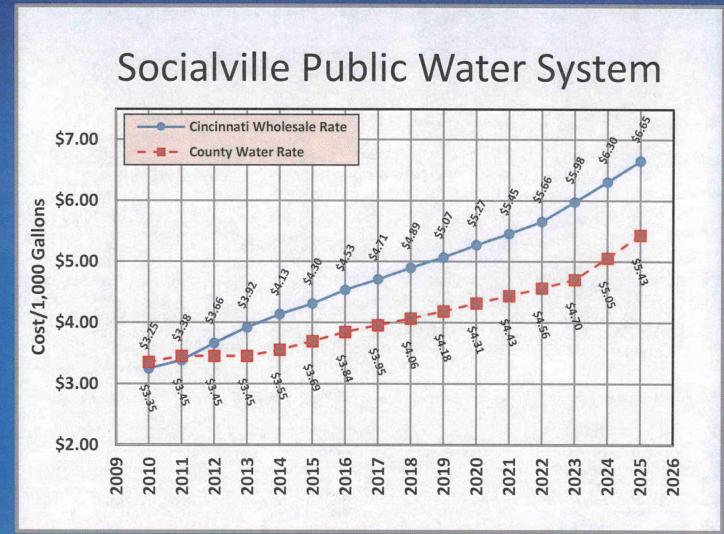
Purchased water from GCWW for the Socialville water system is the largest single expenditure for the Department and our biggest challenge to fiscal stability.



1/3 of our expenses is spent on 15% of our customers!

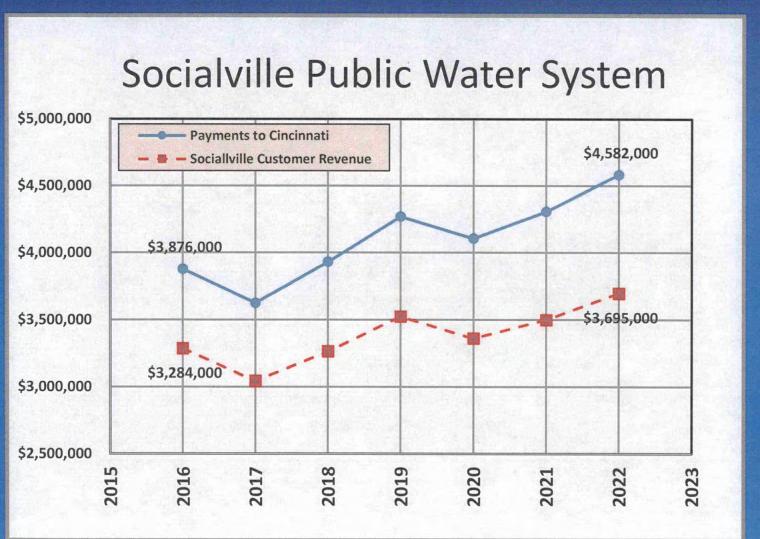
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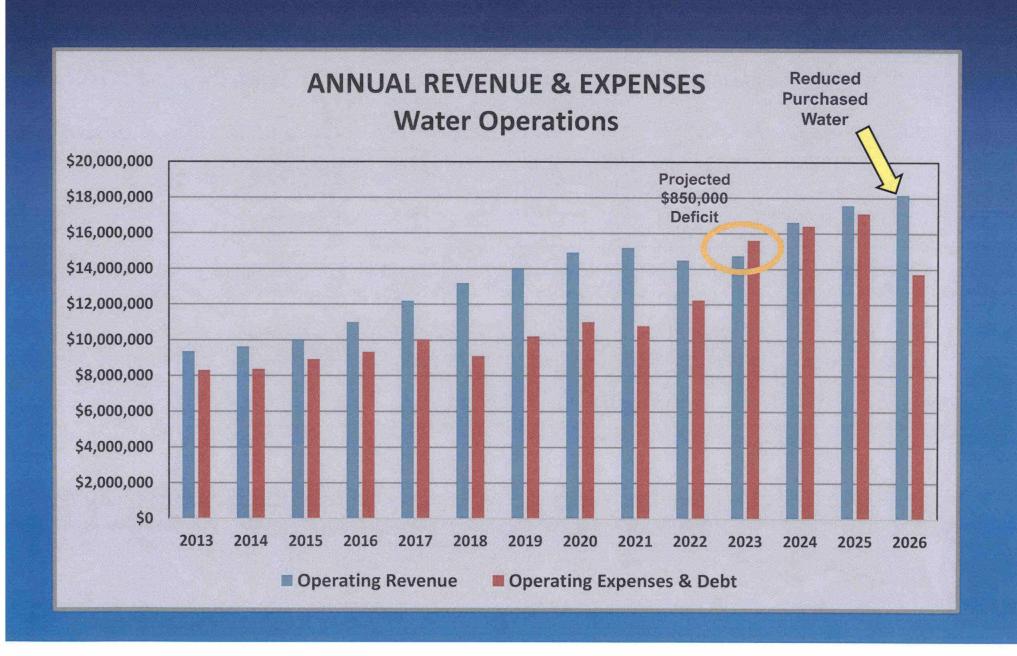


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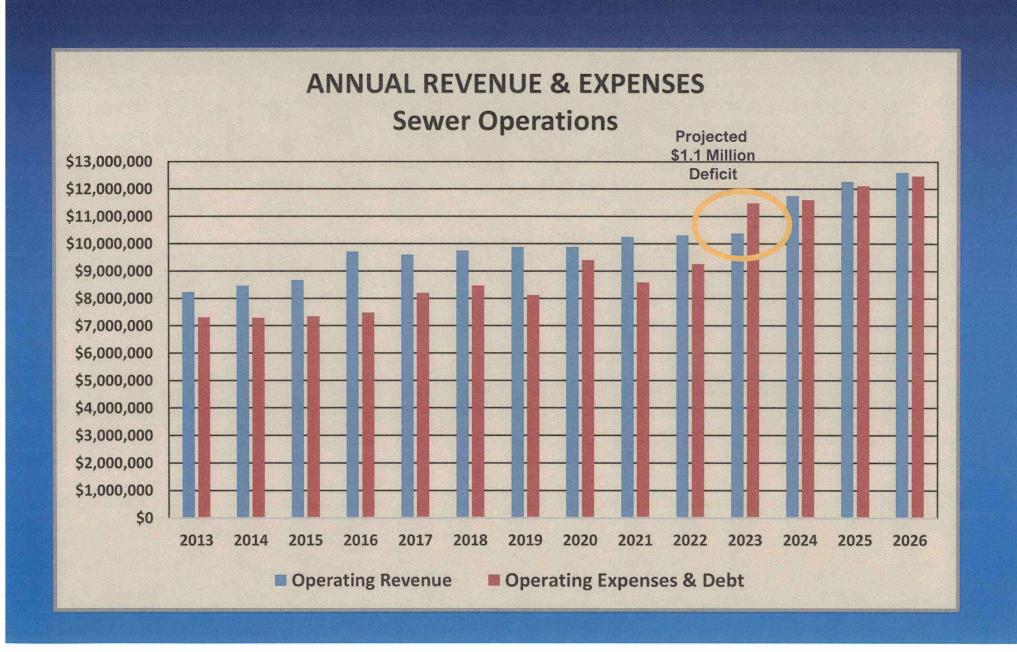
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## Adjustment to water tap and sewer connection fees are needed due to construction cost increases.

EXISTING FEE/CHARGE	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Water Tap Fee (5/8" Meter)	\$4,000/ERU	\$5,000/ERU
Sewer Connection Fees	\$4,800/ERU	\$5,500/ERU
Meter Set Fee (5/8-inch)	\$200	\$350
Meter Set Fee (3/4-inch)	\$225	\$400
Meter Set Fee (1-inch)	\$275	\$480
Meter Set Fee (1.5-inch)	\$465	\$800
Meter Set Fee (2-inch)	\$600	\$1,100
Water Service Connection Fee (3/4" Line, 5/8" Meter)	\$850	\$1,200
Water Service Connection Fee (3/4" Line, 5/8" Meter)	\$950	\$1,500
Water Service Connection Fee (1" Line and Meter)	\$1,050	\$1,800
Water Service Connection Fee (1.5" Line and Meter)	\$1,200	\$2,100
Water Service Connection Fee (2" Line and Meter)	\$1,350	\$2,400
Sprinkler Meter Installation	\$450	\$550
Backhoe & Operator (per hour)	\$125	\$225
Vactor & Operator (per hour)	\$150	\$250
Inspection Fees	\$80	\$150

### QUESTIONS

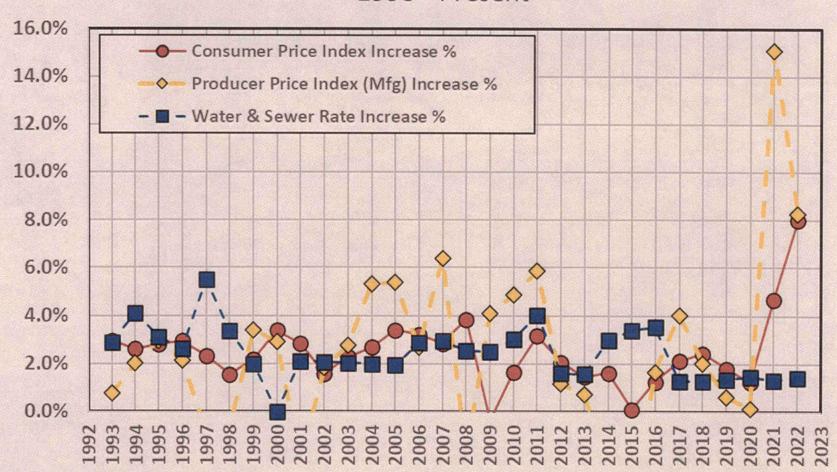
### Looking back on minimum bills.

Customer Bi-Monthly Bill	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Minimum Water Bill	\$34.08	\$27.36	\$28.20	\$35.32	\$37.59	\$39.22
Minimum Sewer Bill	\$28.02	\$28.02	\$28.02	\$33.48	\$34.98	\$35.92
Total Bi-Monthly Bill	\$62.10	\$55.38	\$56.22	\$68.80	\$72.57	\$75.14

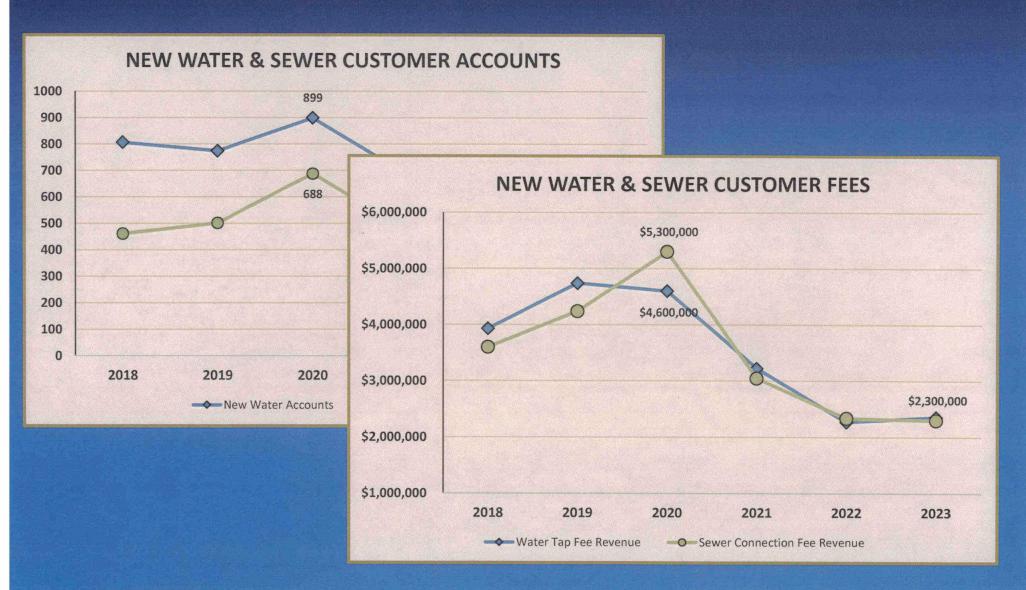
<sup>\*</sup>Based on 6,000 gallon minimum usage (Approximately 100 gallon/day)

# Rate increases are necessary to keep up with inflation.

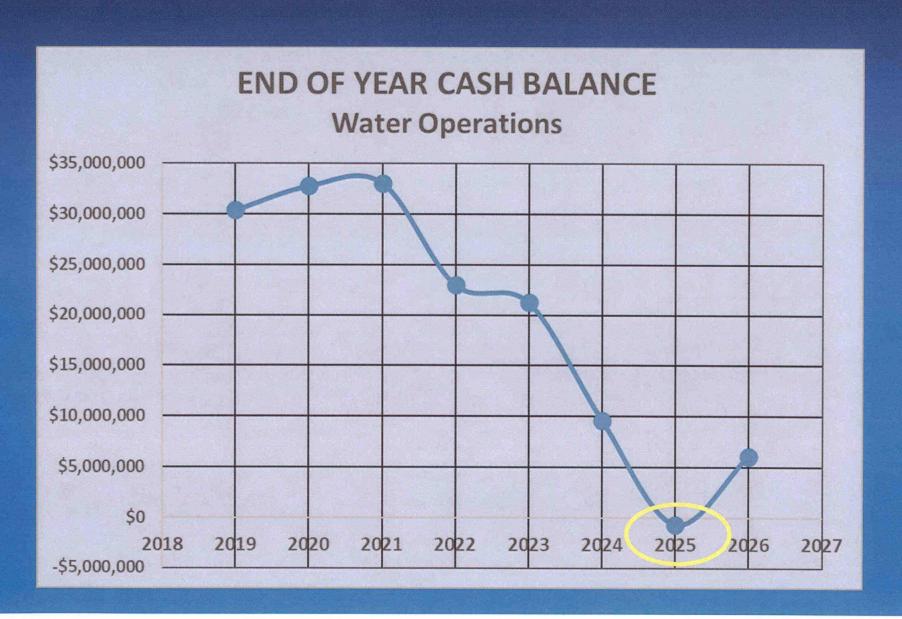
County Rates v/s Consumer Price Index 1993 - Present



# New customer fee revenue is in decline as the housing market recedes.



# Cash financing of water capital projects may not be possible in the near future.



#### 0 **Montgomery County Water Great Miami** River Crossing Springboro Interstate 75 Crossing Middletown Maintenance Facility Monroe Lebanon Middletown Socialville Junction Wellfield Waterline Butler RARWTP County Water Treatment Upgrades Landen Tower Painting **Greater Cincinnati Water Works**

### **Water Projects**

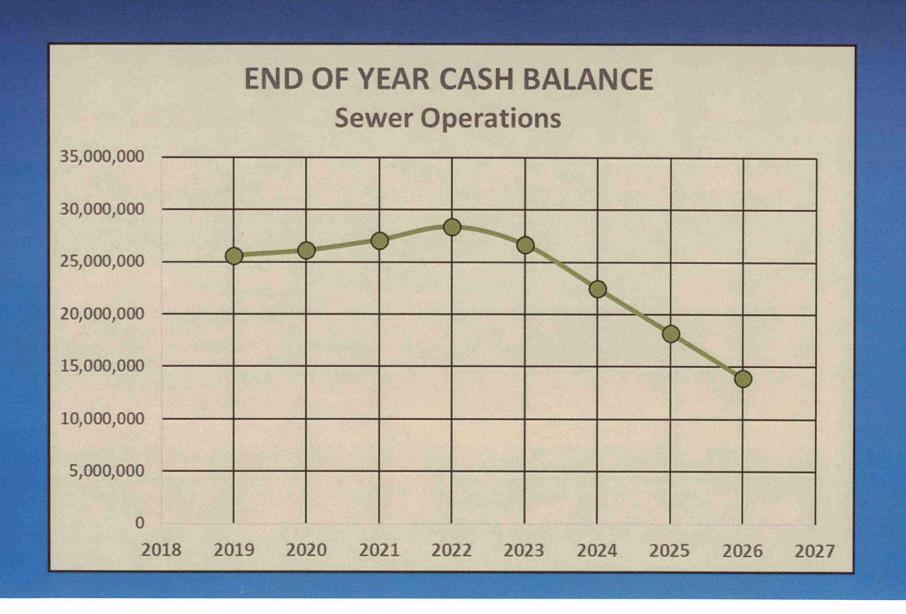
PROJECT	COST	YEAR
Middletown Junction Wellfield	\$4.3 M	2024-2025
Socialville Ground Storage Tank	\$0.5 M	2025
Distribution Facility	\$0.4 M	2025
Landen Tank Painting	\$1.0 M	2024
RARWTP Upgrades	\$11.5 M	2024-2026
Socialville Waterlines	\$7.1 M	2024-2025
Kings Mills Waterlines	\$1.3 M	2024
Sunrise Landing Waterline	\$0.6 M	2024-2025
Great Miami River Crossing	\$1.8 M	2025
Interstate 75 Crossing	\$6.7 M	2025
WCEO Projects	\$0.9 M	2024-2026
Loveland Park Waterlines	\$0.7 M	2026
TOTAL	\$36.8 M	

## Substantial Capital Projects to Consider Beyond 2026 for Long-Term Forecasting:

•	North WTP & Wellfield Improvements - \$19 M	2030-2032
•	Thompson Wellfield Development - \$5.5 M	2032-2034
•	SR 741 24" Transmission Main - \$4.5 M	2029-2030
•	Manchester Rd 24" Transmission Main - \$5.7 M	2030-2031
	Union Rd Transmission – Phase II - \$6.2 M	2031-2032
•	Dearth PS & Distribution Improvements - \$4.7 M	2029-2031
•	Distribution Maintenance Facility - \$3.5 M	2026-2028
•	Problematic Waterline Replacement - \$5.0 M	2027-2033

TOTAL - \$54.1 M

# Debt financing for sewer projects will not be necessary for 2024-2026.



# Cash financing of sewer projects may not be possible beyond 2026.

#### Capital Improvements - Sewer Fund - 5/31/2023

vailable Sewer Funds		\$28,275,000
Ongoing Projects		
55753377-Dick's Creek Pump Station Improvements	\$1,978,529	
55753386-Sycamore Trails WWTP Construction	\$5,004,387	
55753388-Morrow Sanitary Sewer Forcemain Cleaning	\$760,000	
55753390-Fosters Lift Station Improvements Design	\$870,400	
55753396-Kings Ave Bridge Aerial Crossing	\$447,697	
55753398-St Rte 73/Corwin Avenue Forcemain Relocation	\$133,500	
Subtotal	\$9,195,000	
und Less Encumbered Projects		\$19,080,000
uture Budgeted Projects		
Morrow Area Sanitary Sewer Improvements	\$2,000,000	
	\$2,000,000 \$7,500,000	
Morrow Area Sanitary Sewer Improvements		
Morrow Area Sanitary Sewer Improvements  Lower Little Miami WWTP - UV, Biosolids Dewatering, & Septic Receiving	\$7,500,000	
Morrow Area Sanitary Sewer Improvements  Lower Little Miami WWTP - UV, Biosolids Dewatering, & Septic Receiving  Waynesville WWTP - Biosolids Dewatering & Clarification	\$7,500,000 \$4,500,000	
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-\$6,270,000

Fund Less Current Encumbered & Future Budgeted Projects

## Long Term Forecast & Issues

The Water & Sewer Department is tracking the following issues that can significantly impact on revenues, expenses, and user rates.

- The Economy & Inflation
- Tap Fees and Housing Construction
- Emerging Contaminate Regulations PFAS
- Software Upgrades

**Utility Billing** 

Work Order

**Asset Management** 

Security Upgrades – Physical & Cyber

	20	24		2025	2026
CAPITAL EXPENSES	20			2023	.020
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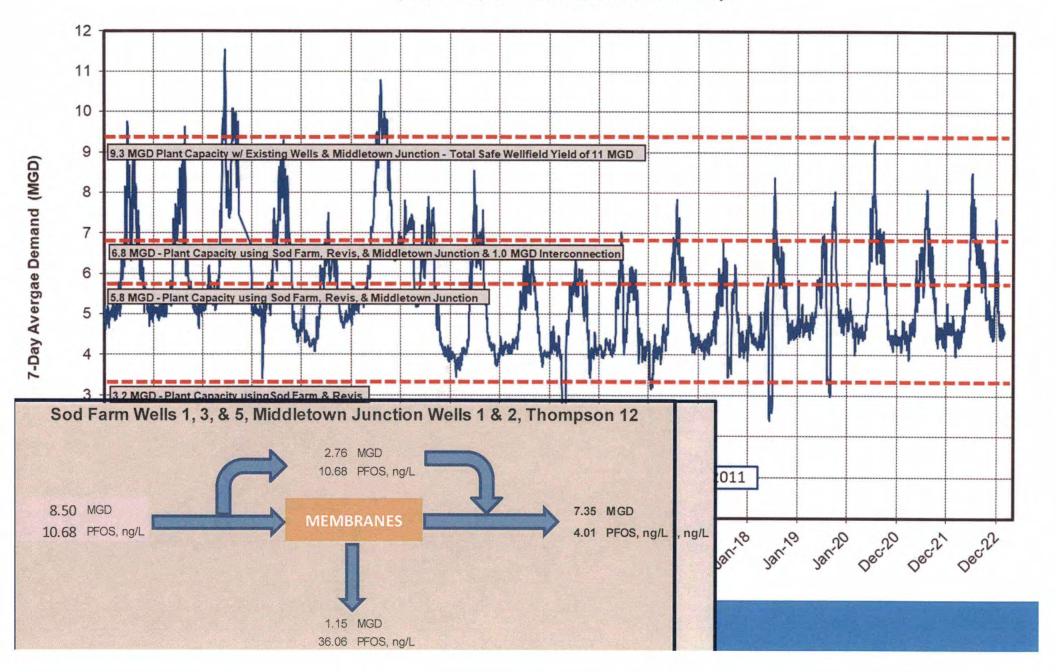
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- Rate Increases do not include funding for the treatment for emerging contaminates.

#### **Montgomery County Sewer** Carlisle Sycamore Trails Franklin Springboro WWTP Waynesville Improvements **Dicks Creek** Lift Station Middletown Monroe Lebanon Morrow Improvements South Lebanon **Fosters Lift** Butler Station county Sewer Dale Acres WWTP Metropolitan Sewer trict Lower Little Miami

## Sewer Projects

## SOUTH WATER SYSTEM 7-Day Average Consumption 2005-2023

(RARWTP, Socialville, & Interconnect)



#### Monthly Bill Comparison to Other Nearby Entities

Water & Sewer Nearby Entities	Water <u>and</u> Sewer <u>Monthly</u> Charges at Volume of 6,000 gallons	Over (Under) Warren County Monthly Charges	% Over (Under) Warren County Monthly Charges
Warren County	\$64.05		
Montgomery County	\$100.77	\$36.72	57%
City of Springboro	\$93.50	\$29.45	46%
Greene County	\$83.49	\$19.44	30%
South Lebanon	\$87.08	\$23.03	36%
City of Franklin	\$84.82	\$20.77	32%
City of Lebanon	\$79.67	\$15.62	24%
City of Mason	\$82.10	\$18.05	28%
*Butler County	\$60.23	-\$3.82	-6%

<sup>\*</sup>For comparative purposes converted to an estimated monthly bill with an average volume of 6 kGal \*\*Fixed/Base Fees are included in these calculations at a monthly conversion

#### Water Fund Surplus (Deficit) from Service Charge Revenue + Base Fees over O&M + Debt 2020-2026

Water Fund Surplus (Deficit) Srv Rev + Base over 0&M + Debt	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total Water Service Charge Revenue + Base Fee	14,929,563	15,196,488	14,493,892	14,741,802	16,624,225	17,582,377	18,168,833
Total Water Oper & Maint Expense + Debt	11,021,391	10,799,150	12,246,733	15,598,357	16,406,751	17,112,349	13,733,446
Net Surplus (Deficit)	3,908,172	4,397,339	2,247,159	(856,555)	217,474	470,029	4,435,387
Gross Profit % Margin (Deficit)	26.18%	28.94%	15.50%	(-5.81%)	1.31%	2.67%	(24.41%
Annual % Increase (Decrease) O&M + Debt	7.86%	-2.02%	13.40%	27.37%	5.18%	4.30%	-19.75%

Rate increases to our Service Charge Revenue and the Bi-Monthly Base Fee in 2024 & 2025 will allow us to cover our Operating & Maintenance + Debt Expenses

#### Sewer Fund Surplus (Deficit) from Service Charge Revenue + Base Fees over O&M + Debt 2020-2026

Sewer Fund Surplus (Deficit) Srv Rev + Base over 0&M + Debt	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total Sewer User Revenue + Base Fee	9,885,575	10,249,976	10,304,740	10,382,407	11,746,642	12,268,216	12,603,536
Total Sewer Oper & Maint Expense + Debt	9,400,148	8,583,322	9,255,524	11,477,505	11,604,421	12,105,170	12,473,430
Net Surplus (Deficit)	485,427	1,666,654	1,049,216	(1,095,099)	142,220	163,046	130,106
Gross Profit % Margin (Deficit) from Service Charges	4.91%	16.26%	10.18%	-10.55%	1.21%	1.33%	1.03%
Annual % Increase (Decrease) O&M + Debt	15.81%	-8.69%	7.83%	24.01%	1.11%	4.32%	3.04%

Rate increases to Sewer Service Charge Revenue and the Bi-Monthly Base Fee in 2024 - 2026 will allow us to cover our Operating & Maintenance + Debt Expenses

# Forecasting the Water Rate Increases and How It Will Impact Fund Balances and Requirements

Cash Requirements to Meet Operating, Capital & Debt	No Increases	7.5% (2024-2025) 5%-2026 + \$5 Base Fee	
3-Year Forecast			
2024-2026	Option 0	Recommended	
Est. Total Revenue Sources from 2024-2026	\$51,395,579.61	\$62,010,810.29	
Est. O&D + Capital Project Expenses Next 5 Years (2024-2026)	\$77,186,263.20	\$77,186,263.20	
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$25,790,683.59)	(\$15,175,452.91)	
Current Cash Balance (Est. at SOY 2024)	\$27,244,638.71	\$27,244,638,71	
Projected Cash Balance (Est. at EOY 2026)	\$1,453,955.12	\$12,069,185.80	
Minimum Fund Requirement 5510 Operating	\$6,000,000.00	\$6,000,000.00	A
Total 2026 EOY Cash Balance after Total Expenses and Minimum Fund Requirements	(\$4,546,044.88)	\$6,069,185.80	
Avg. Surplus (Deficit) Annually	(\$8,596,894.53)	(\$5,058,484.30)	Y
10-Year Forecast			
2024-2033	Option 0	Recommended	
Est. Total Revenue Sources from 2024-2033	\$174,344,821.20	\$220,345,089.70	
Est. O&D + Capital Project Expenses Next 10 Years (2024-2033)	\$238,725,939.56	\$238,725,939.56	
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$64,381,118.36)	(\$18,380,849.86)	
Current Cash Balance (Est. at SOY 2024)	\$27,244,638.71	\$27,244,638.71	
Projected Cash Balance (Est. at EOY 2033)	(\$37, 136, 479.65)		
Minimum Fund Requirement 5510 Operating	\$6,000,000.00	\$6,000,000.00	1
Total 2033 EOY Cash Balance after Total Expenses and Minimum Fund Requirements	(\$43,136,479.65)	\$2,863,788.85	
Avg. Surplus (Deficit) Annually	(\$6,438,111.84)	(\$1,838,084.99)	

Additional Water Revenue Generated By Rate Increases 2024-2026								
	2024	2025	2026					
Service Charge Revenue	\$782,750	\$1,639,450	\$2,124,406					
Tap Fees & Connection Income	\$953,625	\$953,625	\$953,625					
Base Fees	\$1,046,250	\$1,061,250	\$1,076,250					
	\$2,782,625	\$3,654,325	\$4,154,281					

# **EOY Cash Reserve Balance after Total Sources & Uses of Funds**

#### Water Cash Reserve Fund Balance:

Water Fund	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total SOY Cash Balance	36,372,106	38,763,622	39,079,887	28,991,949	27,244,639	15,643,520	5,323,673
Add Total Sources of Funds	21,398,260	35,002,284	20,504,852	18,214,312	19,889,350	20,767,502	21,353,958
(Less) Total Uses of Funds	(19,006,755)	(34,686,019)	(30,592,790)	(19,961,622)	(31,490,469)	(31,087,349)	(14,608,446)
(Less) Minimum Fund Requirement for O&M + Debt	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)
Total EOY Cash Reserve Balance	\$32,763,611	\$33,079,888	\$22,991,949	\$21,244,639	\$9,643,520	-\$676,327	\$6,069,186

#### Sewer Cash Reserve Fund Balance:

Sewer Funds	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total SOY Cash Balance	30,601,528	31,096,192	32,089,648	33,352,924	31,662,468	27,454,688	23,217,734
Add Total Sources of Funds	14,476,447	13,201,296	13,052,372	12,869,683	13,896,642	14,368,216	14,673,536
Less Total Uses of Funds	(13,981,784)	(12,207,839)	(11,789,096)	(14,560,139)	(18,104,421)	(18,605,170)	(18,973,430)
Less Minimum Fund Requirement for O&M + Debt	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
Total EOY Cash Reserve Balance	\$26,096,192	\$27,089,648	\$28,352,924	\$26,662,468	\$22,454,688	\$18,217,734	\$13,917,840

# Water Service Charges Breakeven Rates

Breakeven Rates - Water Service Charges	2023	2024	2025	2026				
Est. Total Water O&M + Debt	\$15,598,357	\$16,406,751	\$17,112,349	\$13,733,446				
Est. Billable Units (kGal) from Rates	2,967,858	2,985,566	2,998,850	3,009,038				
Est. Rate per kGal to Cover O&M + Debt	\$5.26	\$5.50	\$5.71	\$4.56				
Current or Proposed Water Rate per kGal	\$4.70	\$5.05	\$5.43	\$5.70				
Rate at a 20% Profit Margin for Capital Expenditures	\$6.57	\$6.87	\$7.13	\$5.71				
Total Est. Revenue Needed from Service Charges	\$19,497,945.94	\$20,508,438.48	\$21,390,435.94	\$17,166,807.09				
Total Revenue Generated from Service Charges (with Proposed Rate Increases) *without Penalties and other Admin Charges	\$13,948,934.51	\$15,077,110.18	\$16,283,753.10	\$17,151,516.90				
Estimated Surplus (Deficit)	-\$5,549,011.42	-\$5,431,328.30	-\$5,106,682.84	-\$15,290.19				
	*Penalties and Other Admin Fees typically Avg. \$400-\$500K Annuall							

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Estimated Surplus (Denote)

In 2026, when we anticipate to supply softened water to our Socialville customers and eliminate the need for Purchased Water from GCWW, we will reach the goal profit margin generated from Service Charge Revenue and Base Fees to fund significant future Capital Projects from our Cash Reserve.

# Warren County Water Bills by Consumption Tier in 2022

Consumption Information by Blocks	# Customer Bills in 2022	% of Bills in 2022 per Category	Total Charges Billed
0 consumption but Min Charges	2,265	1.17%	\$78,034.06
> 0-3 K gal Bi-monthly	19,352	9.98%	\$526,575.67
> 3-6 Kgal Bi-Monthly	43,780	22.58%	\$1,200,080.50
> 6 - 9 Kgal Bi-Monthly	47,912	24.71%	\$1,638,471.88
> 9-12 Kgal Bi-Monthly	32,152	16.58%	\$1,529,028.03
> 12 - 20 Kgal Bi-Monthly	30,662	15.81%	\$2,114,940.62
> 20 - 100 Kgal Bi-Monthly	15,998	8.25%	\$2,779,678.30
> 100-500 kgal Bi-Monthly	1,527	0.79%	\$1,358,959.71
>500 Kgal Bi-Monthly	271	0.14%	\$2,322,116.54
Total	193,919	100.00%	\$13,547,885.31

- 80% of our Water customers use between 3,000-20,000 gallons bimonthly
- 67% of our Water customers have more than a minimum bill
- 97.5% of our accounts are 5/8" meters which account for approximately 76% of our service charge revenue by consumption.

# WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT 2023-2025 Capital Projects

Warren County Commissioners September 26, 2023

#### **PROJECTS**

- 1. Wellfield Expansion
- 2. Advanced Water Treatment
- 3. Socialville Transmission Mains
- 4. Risk Reduction Projects
- 5. Watermain
  Replacement
  Projects



## MIDDLETOWN JUNCTION WELLFIELD

(Kings Mills)

**SCOPE**: New 3 Million Gallon Per

Day Wellfield

PURPOSE: Meet water demands for

the Socialville Service

Area.

**BENEFIT:** Reduce dependance on

purchased water.

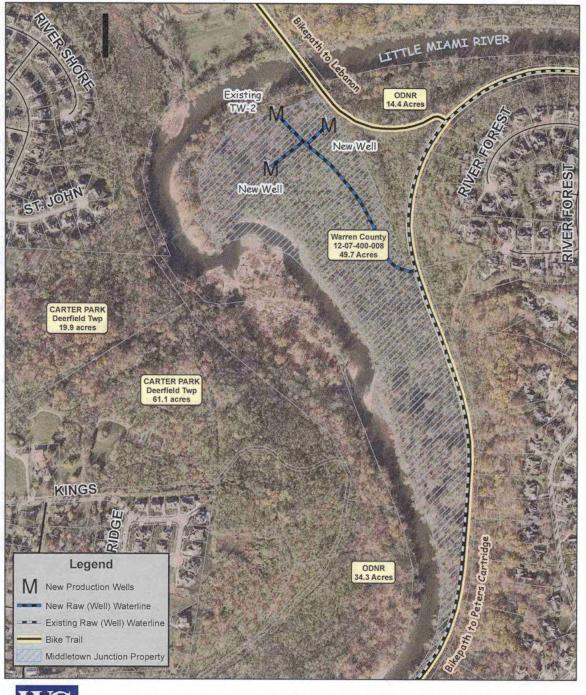
PRIORITY: High

**BUDGET:** \$4.03 Million

SCHEDULE: Design: 2024

Start Up: Nov 2025

METHOD: Design-Bid-Build





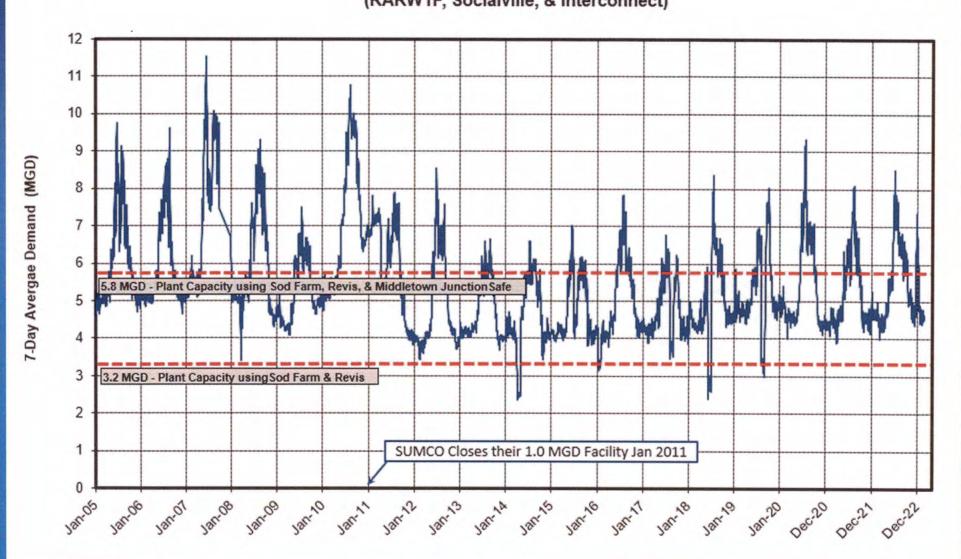
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Middletown Junction Wellfield Project EXHIBIT A - LOCATION MAP

# MIDDLETOWN JUNCTION WELLFIELD

#### SOUTH WATER SYSTEM

7-Day Average Consumption 2005-2023 (RARWTP, Socialville, & Interconnect)



#### **ADVANCED WATER TREATMENT**

**SCOPE**: Granular Activated Carbon or

Ion Exchange

PURPOSE: Advanced treatment to remove

emerging contaminates

including PFAS

**BENEFIT:** Meet upcoming USEPA

Regulations

PRIORITY: High

**BUDGET:** \$13.5 to \$22.5 Million

SCHEDULE: 2023-24 Hire Criteria Engineer

2024 Pilot Testing

2024–26 Design/Construction

2026 Start Up

METHOD: Design - Build





0 75 150 300 Feet

Advanced Water Treatment Richard A Renneker Water Plant

### SOCIALVILLE TRANSMISSION MAINS

SCOPE: 24-Inch water main from

the RAR Water Plant to the Socialville Booster

**Pump Station** 

**PURPOSE**: Meet water demands for

the Socialville Service

Area.

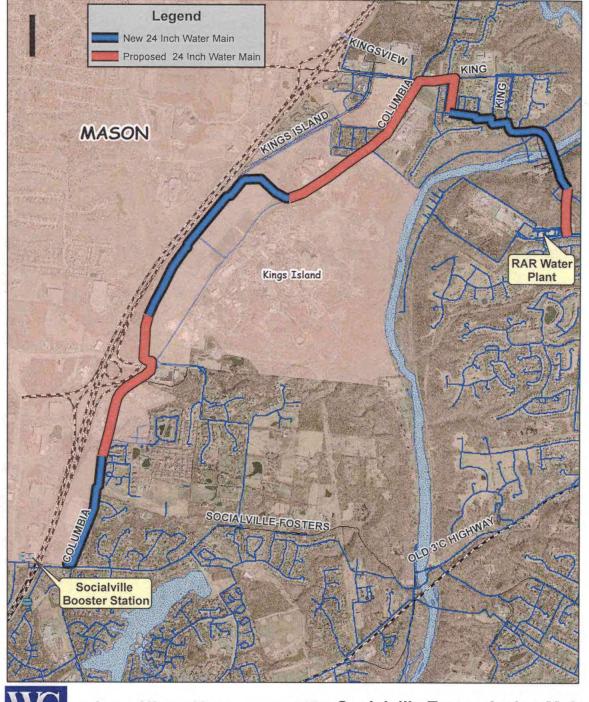
BENEFIT: Reduce dependance on

purchased water.

PRIORITY: High

**BUDGET:** \$7.1 Million

SCHEDULE: Start Up: Nov 2025





#### **RISK REDUCTION PROJECT – Great Miami River**

SCOPE: 1,000 feet of 30-inch River

Crossing Pipe

**PURPOSE**: Backup river crossing for

improved reliability and

redundancy

**BENEFIT:** Avoid massive outage to 16,000

customers due to mainbreak in

the Great Miami River.

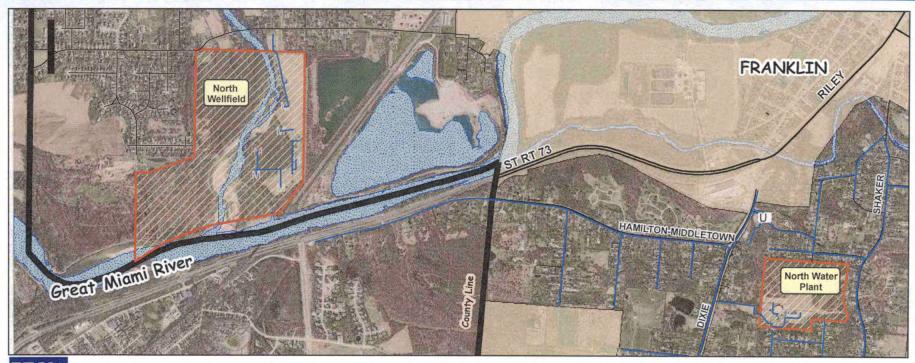
PRIORITY: High

**BUDGET:** \$1.5 Million

SCHEDULE: 2024 Design

2025 Construction

METHOD: Design-Bid-Build





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Great Miami River Water Line Crossing North Wellfield

# RISK REDUCTION PROJECT Interstate 75

SCOPE: 7,500 feet of

transmission water line including Interstate 75

highway crossing

**PURPOSE:** Increased capacity and

improved reliability

**BENEFIT:** Avoid massive customer

outage to 16,000

customers for

mainbreak under

highway

PRIORITY: High

**BUDGET:** \$ 6.7 Million

SCHEDULE: Design: 2024

Start Up: Nov 2025

METHOD: Design-Bid-Build



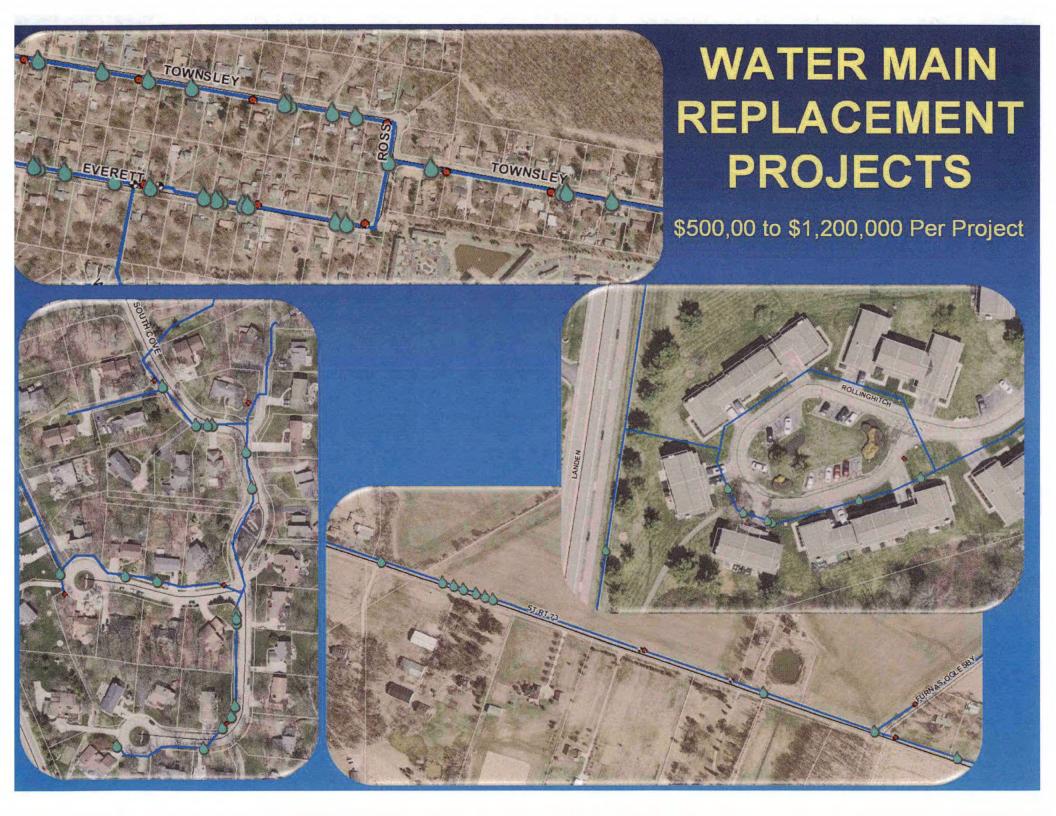


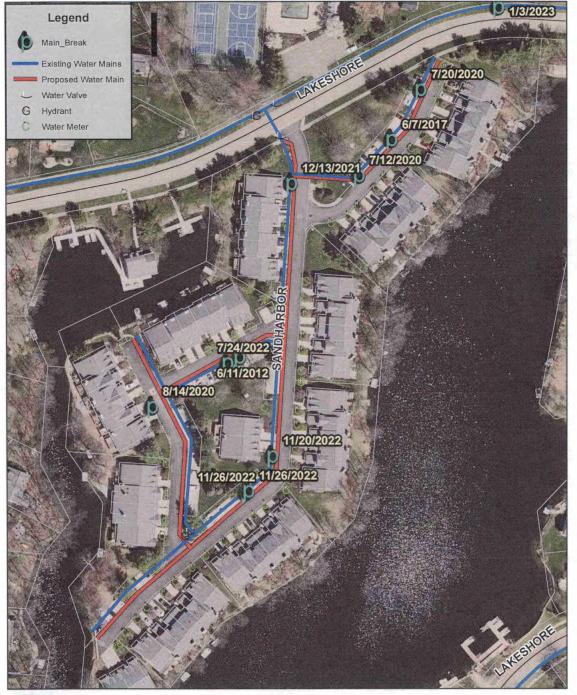
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2,000 Feet Interstate 75 Water Line Crossing
North Water System

#### WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECTS







### **WATER MAIN** REPLACEMENT Sand Harbor

SCOPE:

2,000 feet of residential water service line serving 63 customers.

**PURPOSE**: Replace failed waterline

in a 1980 era subdivision

BENEFIT: Eliminate a failing system

that has had 10 failures in

the past three years.

**PRIORITY**: Urgent

**BUDGET:** \$600,000

SCHEDULE: Design: 2024

Replacement: 2025

**METHOD**: Design-Bid-Build



200 Feet Sand Harbor Water Line Replacement Sunrise Landing, Hamilton Twp

		2024	2025	2	026
CAPITAL EXPENSES					
Treatment Plants, Wellfields, & Pump Stations					
Middletown Junction Wellfield Development		1,600,000	2,432,000		
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	\$	12,544,000	\$ 23,475,000	\$	875,000

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## Supplemental Funding

- PFAS Class Action Settlement
- Federal Congressional Appropriation \$1.0 \$2.0M
- ARPA Funds

- \$2.5 \$3.0M
- \$ 2.0 M

P EXHIBIT #1 CASE #	2023-09		
APPLICANT/OWNER/AGENT	Tyler Holden / Blue Rock Properties, LLC		
OWNSHIP	Union		
PROPERTY LOCATION	ADDRESS	2300 Lebanon Rd. Lebanon, Ohio 45036	
	PIN	13-33-100-011-0	
PROPERTY SIZE Frontage	30 Acres 150 Feet		
CURRENT ZONING DISTRICT	"MXU-N" Mixed Use Neighborhood Zone		
FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) DESIGNATION	Low Density Residential		
EXISTING LAND USE	Residential		
ZONING REQUESTED	"I1" Light Industrial Manufacturing Zone "I2" General Industrial Manufacturing District With a Planned Unit Development (PUD)		
ISSUE FOR CONSIDERATION	To rezone the property from an MXU-N to an I1 and I2 PUD for a new Industrial Incubator Development.		

#### **Rezoning Process**

Regional Planning Commission

November 16, 2023

Warren County Rural Zoning Commission

December 6, 2023

**Board of County Commissioners** 

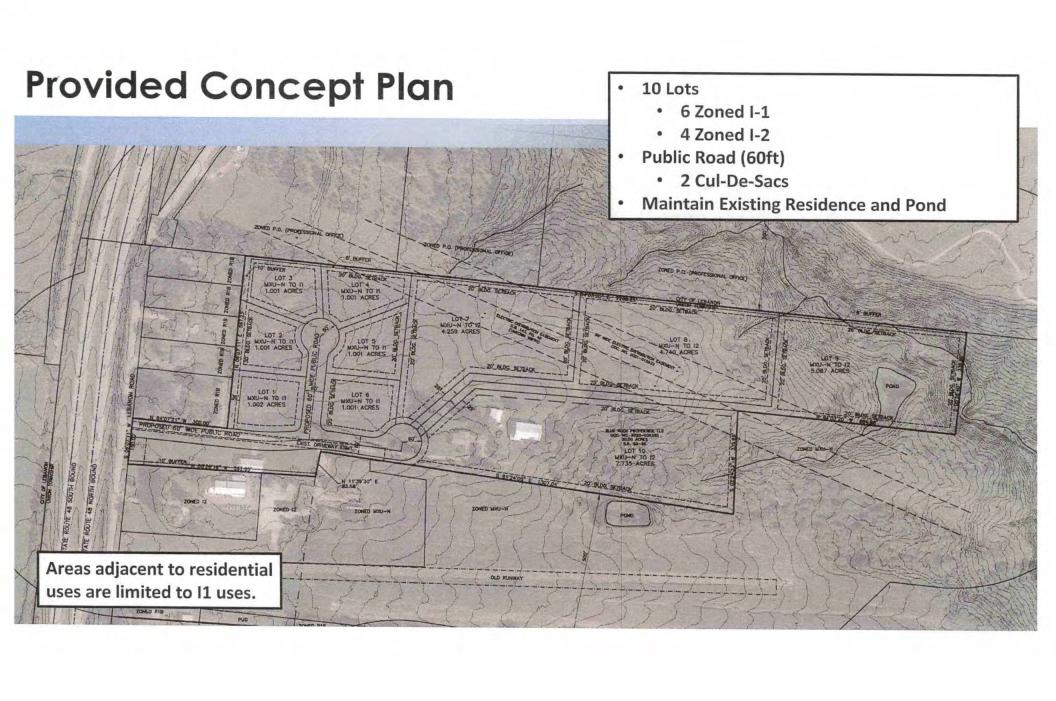
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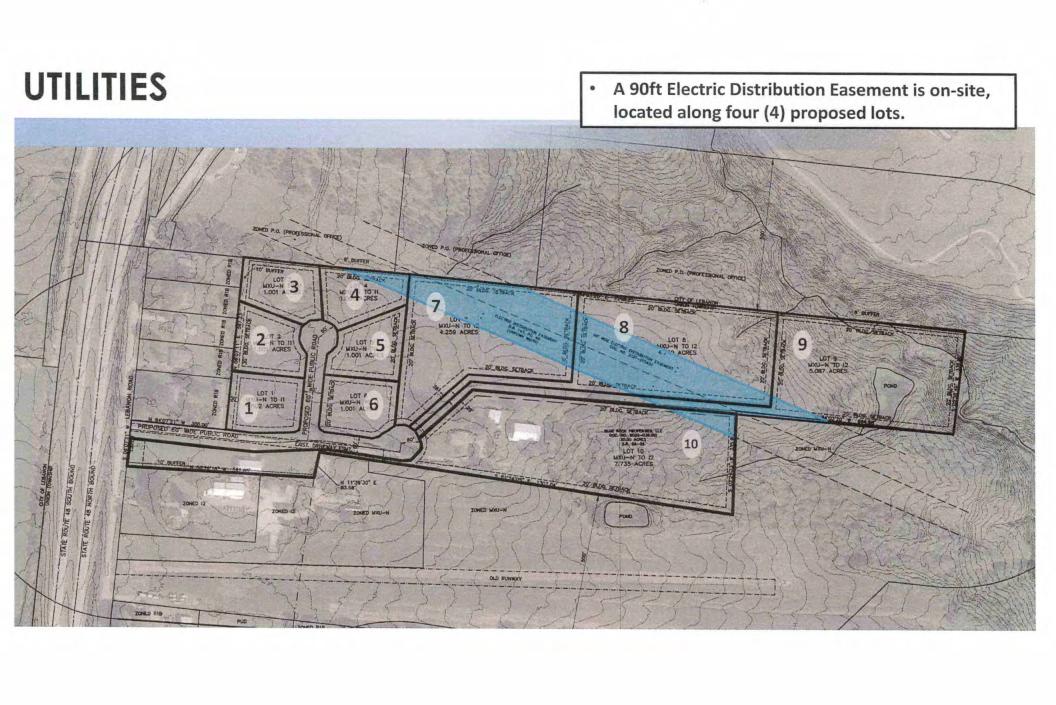
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#### PROPOSED PUD STANDARDS

Summary of Allowable Uses

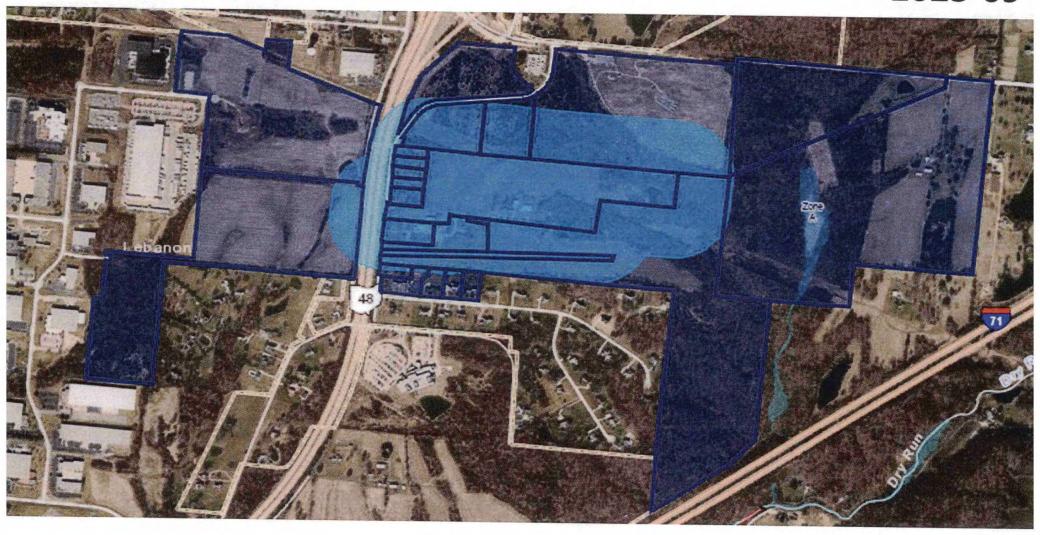
- Highways, Street and Bridge Construction Permitted
- Industrial Manufacturing, Research and Supply/ Services Use Group (Subgroup: Manufacturing) Permitted

Signs, Lighting, Outdoor Advertising and Manufacturing	<ul> <li>Metal Casting, Cutting,</li> <li>Dyeing, Milling, Plating,</li> <li>Punching, Rolling, Stamping</li> <li>or Screw Making</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Heating /AC /Sheet Metal Manufacturing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plastic &amp; Rubber Products Manufacture</li> </ul>
Electrical Device or Component Manufacture or Assembly	<ul> <li>Electrical Device or Component Manufacture or Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Light Manufacturing</li> </ul>	Sheet Metal & Machine     Shops
Small Scale Material Manufacturing and Recycling Plant	<ul> <li>Ceramic, Glass or Similar Product Manufacture</li> </ul>	Mover Storage Facility	<ul> <li>Food Production, Processing or Packaging Plant</li> </ul>
Cosmetics Manufacture	<ul> <li>Furniture Making, Wood Products &amp; Upholstering</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pharmaceuticals         Manufacture</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Enameling, Lacquering, or Japanning</li> </ul>

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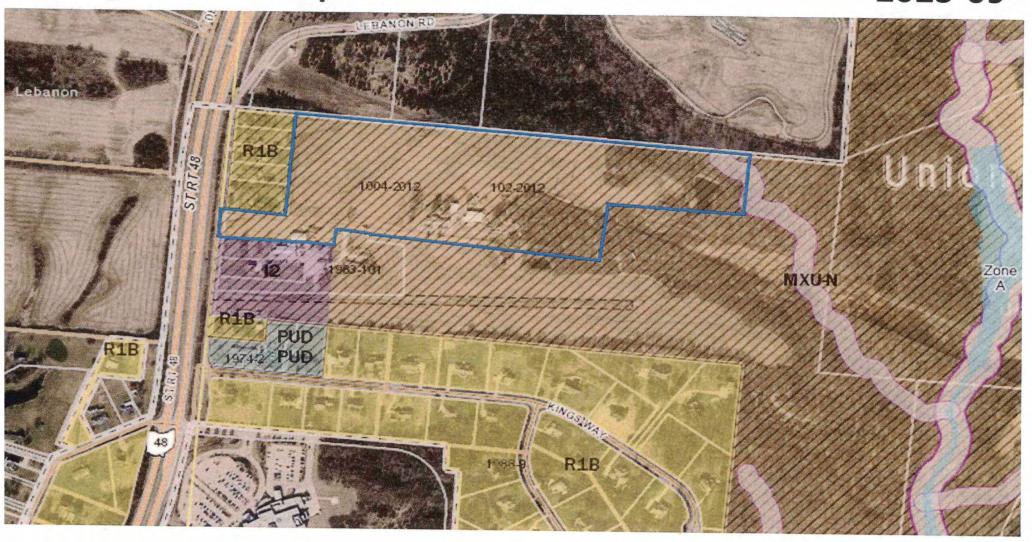
#### **Prohibited Uses**

<ul> <li>Explosives or Flammable Components</li> <li>Manufacture or Storage</li> </ul>	■ Shooting Range
<ul> <li>Automobile Fuel Station</li> </ul>	Salvage motor vehicle auction or pool facility
<ul> <li>Slaughterhouse and stockyards</li> </ul>	Energy recycling plant
■ Truck Stop	Animal Rendering fertilizer or glue manufacturing
<ul> <li>Acid, Chemicals, Inflammable Liquids, or gasses manufacturing &amp; Storage</li> </ul>	Recycling and salvage center
<ul><li>Casino</li></ul>	Sexually Oriented Business
<ul> <li>Motor vehicle impound lot</li> </ul>	Asphalt or Concrete Batch Plant or Products Manufacturing

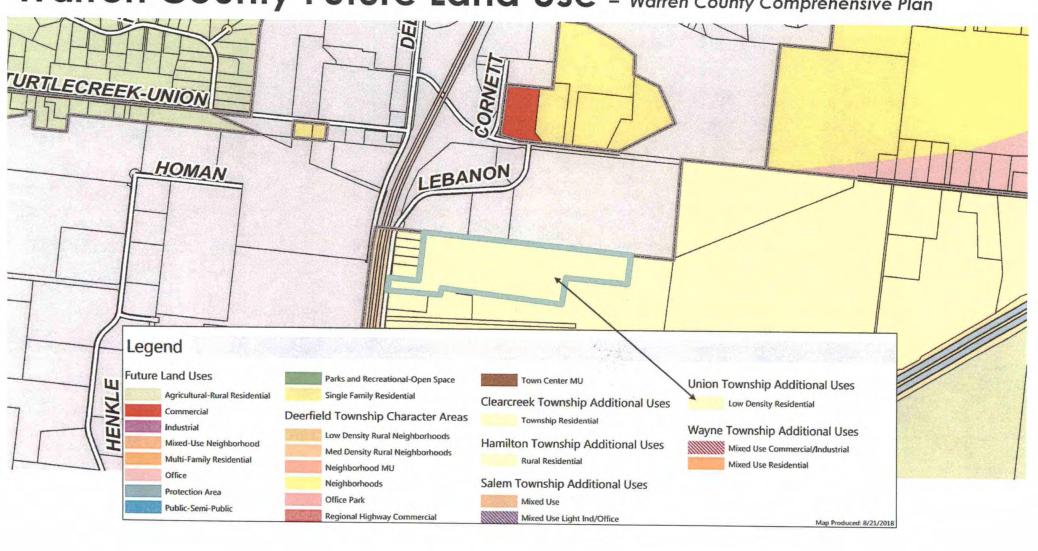


#### **Zoning & Flood Map**

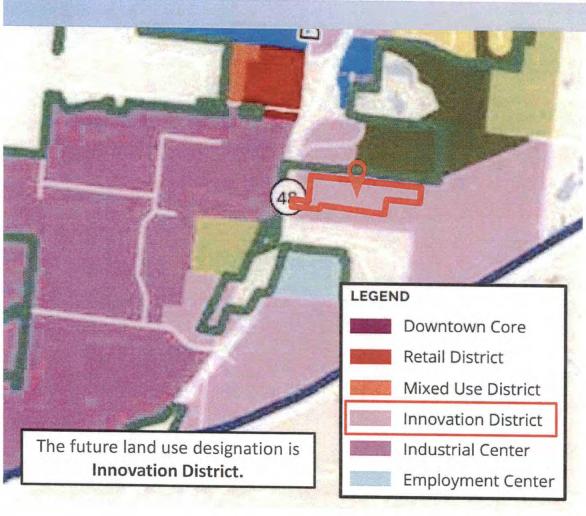
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## Warren County Future Land Use - Warren County Comprehensive Plan



#### City of Lebanon Future Land Use - 2019 City of Lebanon Comprehensive Plan



#### INTENT

- Provide flexible space to support a variety of low-impact but high-value industrial activities
- Encourage the transition of existing industrial uses near residential areas to lower intensity use that are less likely to create negative neighborhood impacts.
- Provide buffering through landscaping and building placement where Innovation Districts are adjacent to residential areas.
- Encourage the use of higher-quality building materials and landscaping for highly-visible sites

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- Office

#### SECONDARY USES

- Civic/Institutional
- Parks and Open Space

## Warren County Regional Planning Commission

Staff recommends approval of the Blue Rock Properties PUD Stage 1 to the Warren County Rural Zoning Commission, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. All plans and proposals of the applicant shall be made conditions of approval, unless modified by one of the following conditions.
- 2. Compliance with the Warren County Rural Zoning Code which is in effect at the time of issuance of a Zoning Permit provided that the base zoning district standards do not conflict with the PUD Standards; the Warren County Subdivision Regulations; and the PUD Stage 1 standards and conditions as approved by the Board of County Commissioners.
- 3. At PUD Stage 2, the applicant submits a detailed site plan illustrating buffer, fencing, parking, lighting, signage, and landscaping.
- 4. Prior to PUD Stage 2 approval, stormwater management shall be reviewed and approved by the Warren County Engineer's Office.

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- 8. The applicant submits an updated Site Plan that illustrates 25ft buffer along the western property line adjacent to residential properties, the Site Plan currently illustrates a 10ft buffer.

### **RPC Executive Committee - Vote**

At its meeting on November 15, 2023, the Warren County Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee voted to recommend denial of the PUD Stage 1 Rezoning to the Warren County Rural Zoning Commission with a vote of 10 aye, 5 nay, 1 abstain.



#### Warren County Regional Planning Commission

WARREN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDIN 406 JUSTICE DRIVE + LERANON, OHIO 45036 TELEPHONE (513) 695-1223 STANLEY C. WILLIAMS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November 20, 2023

Ms. Michelle Tegtmeier Warren County Rural Zoning 406 Justice Drive Lebanon, OH 45036

Dear Ms. Tegtmeier:

This letter is in regard to the Blue Rock Properties, LLC PUD Stage 1 Rezoning request, in Union Township.

At its meeting on November 16, 2023, the Warren County Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee voted to recommend denial of the PUD Stage 1 Rezoning to the Warren County Rural Zoning Commission with a vote of 10 aye, 5 nay, 1 abstain.

A copy of the staff report is attached.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Stanley C. Williams, AICP

Executive Director

### Rural Zoning Commission - Vote

Mr. Gibbs made a motion to recommend <u>approval</u> to the BOCC, Warren County Commissioners, after reviewing section 1.304.5 (A/C/F/I) for the map amendment of parcel # 13-33-100-011-0 from the current zoning district MXU-N Mixed Use Neighborhood Zone to I1 (Light Industrial Manufacturing Zone) & I2 (General Industrial Manufacturing Zone) w/ a PUD with all the following condition from Warren County Regional Planning Commission [Staff]:

Unanimous vote to approve with all Warren County Regional Planning Commission Staff recommendations.

### **Proposed Site Development Changes**

Proposed Zoning (I1 & I2 PUD)

Straight-Zoned I1/I2

Current Zoning (MXU-N)

Setbacks:

Front: 20 ft (I1/I2: 50 ft)

Side: 20 ft (I1/I2: 50 ft)

Rear: 20 ft (I1/I2: 50 ft)

Buffers:

Adjacent to Residential Uses: 25 ft (11/12: 50 ft, Buffer Type D)

Adjacent to industrial Uses: 10 feet (I1/I2: 10 ft, Buffer Type A)

Max. Impervious Surface Ratio: 0.63 (I1) / 0.70 (I2)

Proposed Industrial Lots: 10

Minimum Lot Size: 1-Acre (I1) / 3-Acre (I2)

Proposed Uses: Industrial

Setbacks

Front: 35 ft

Side: 15 ft

Rear: 30 ft

Buffers: None

Max. Impervious Surface Ratio: 0.57

Possible Residential Lots (if centralized sewer):

Single Family: 85

■ Two-Family & Apartments: 89

Minimum Lot Size: 9,000 Sq. Ft.

Currently Permitted Uses: Residential

## Proposed Site Development Changes

### Varying:

- Setbacks
- Buffers
- Access

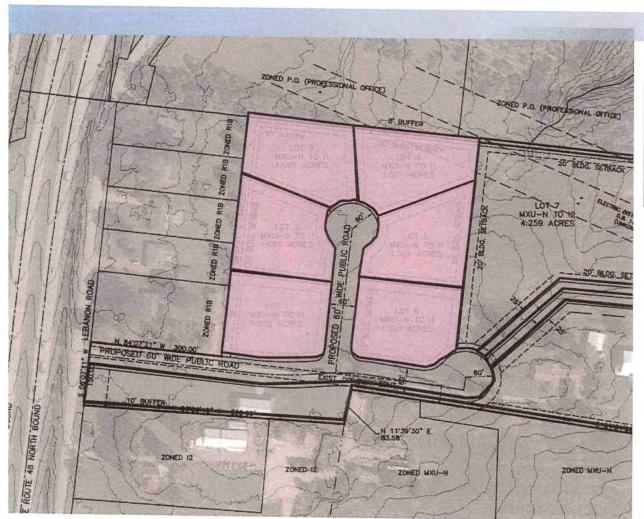
### **Proposal:**

- Some prohibited industrial uses
- Remove the potential for 85 singlefamily homes
- Buffer to residential district
- Building, access and function oriented away from residential uses

- **1.304.5 Decision-Making Determination Considerations:** The approving authority shall review the proposed Zoning Amendment in the interest of public health and safety, as well as the public convenience, comfort, prosperity, or general welfare, as applicable, by considering the following factors:
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- B. Does the proposed amendment deviate from the suggestions of the Warren County Comprehensive Plan?
- C. Is the proposed amendment justified because of changed or changing conditions of the surrounding area since the time the current zoning designation for the property was established, and has assumptions on, capital investments, road locations, population trends, land committed to development, density, use, or other elements changed to justify the amendment?
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- E. Is the site suitable for the uses to which it has been restricted, or does the current zoning deprive the site of all economically viable uses?
- F. How long has the property remained vacant as zoned and is it zoned different from an adjacent properties?
- G. Are there available sites elsewhere in the County that are already zoned for the proposed use?
- H. Are public central sanitary sewer, stormwater facilities, roads and other public facilities available and do they have adequate capacity to serve allowable uses?
- I. Will approval of this amendment result in existing land uses, parcels, or structures becoming non-conforming or somehow result in conflict with any provision, restriction, or requirement of this code?

# ANY QUESTIONS

### SETBACKS AND BUFFERS



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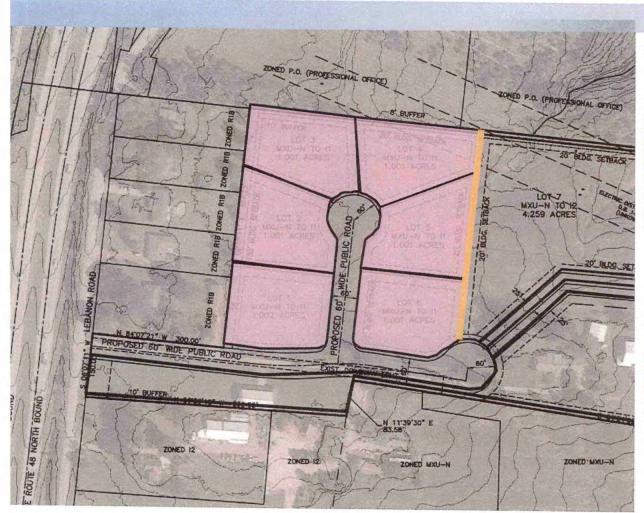
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West	50ft	50ft / "D"

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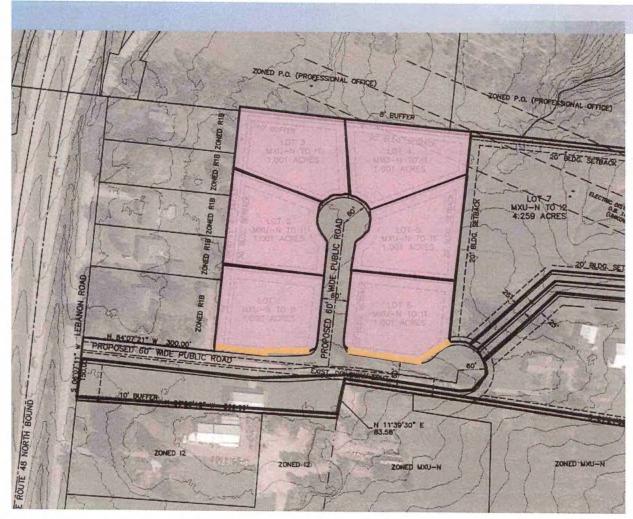
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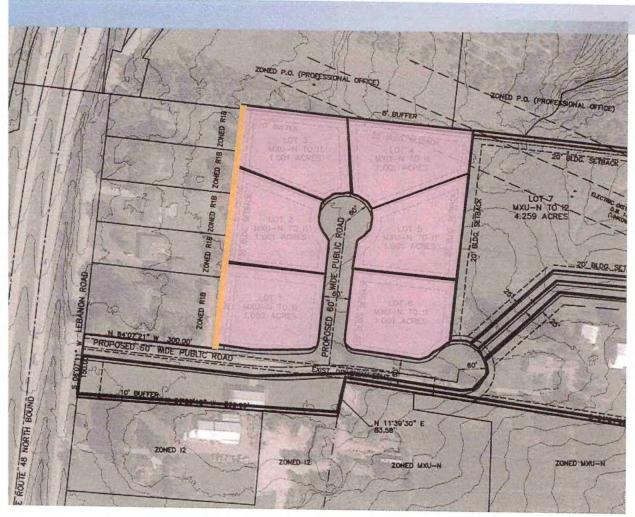
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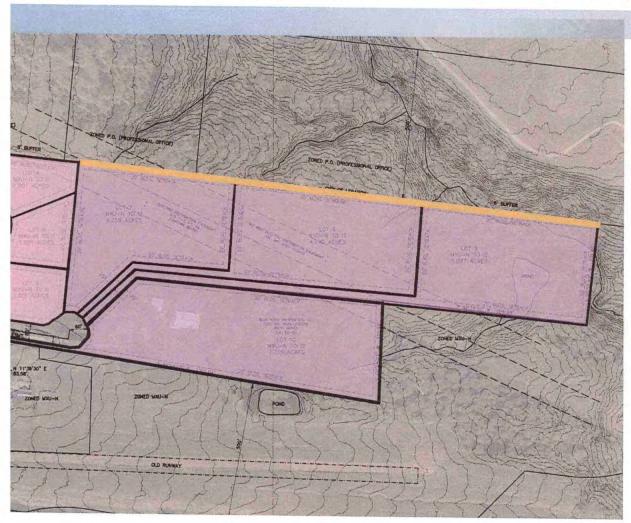
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**Adjacent to Single Family Residential** 



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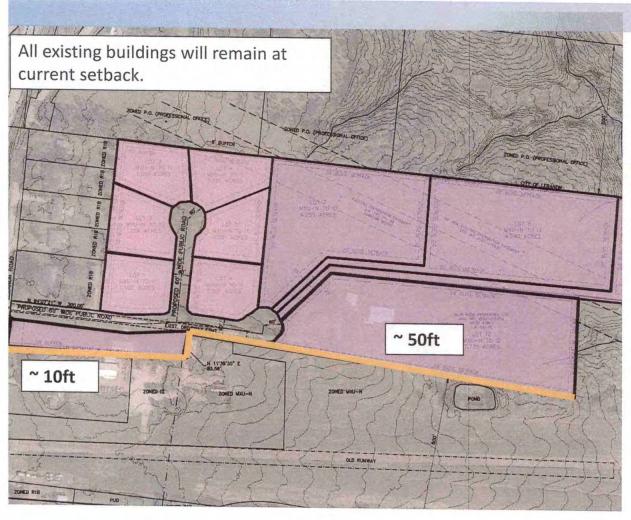
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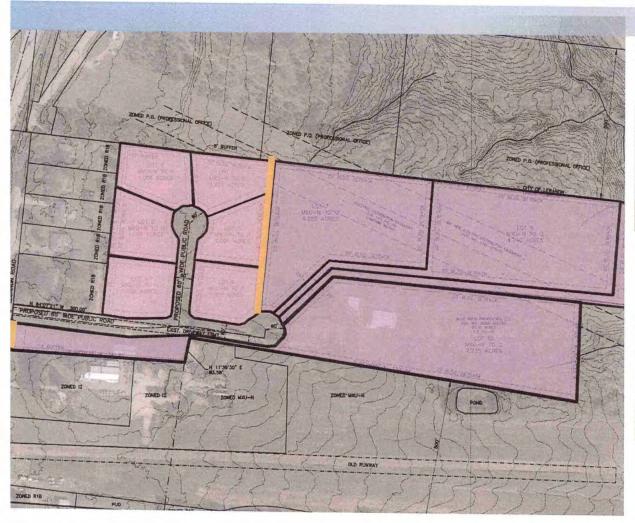
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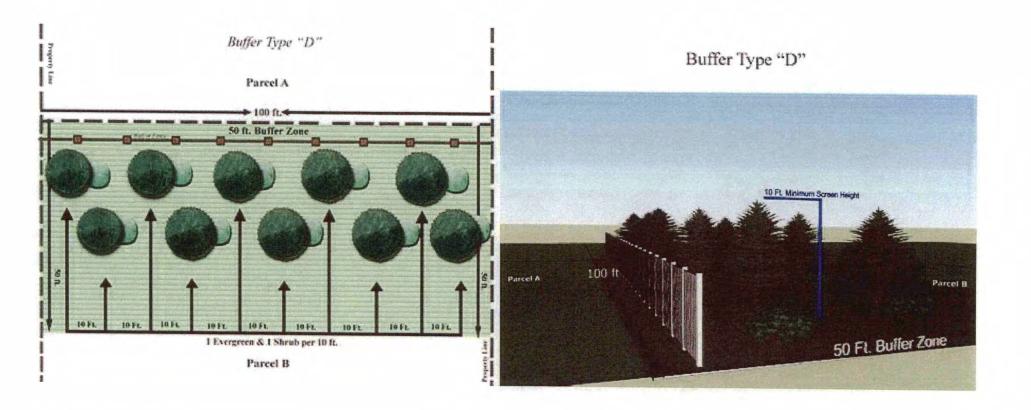
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Ceramic, Glass or Similar Product Manufacture	Pharmaceuticals Manufacture	Welding Shop	<ul> <li>Food Production, Processing or Packaging Plant</li> </ul>
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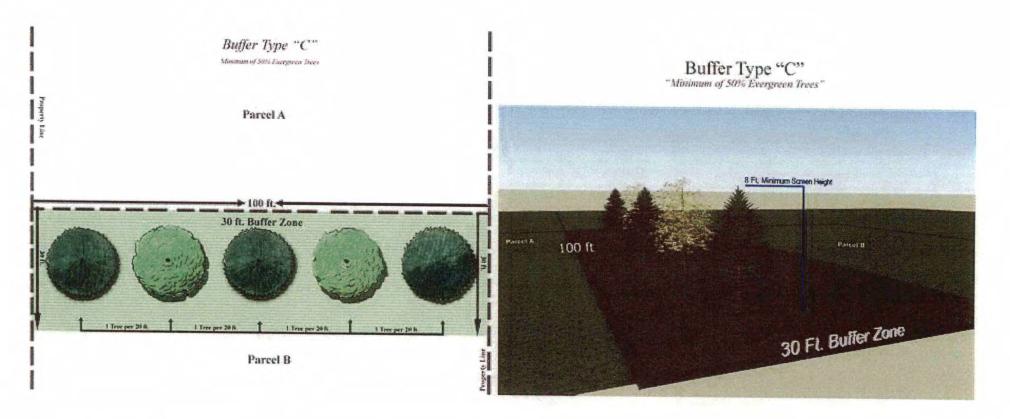
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•	Research and Development,		Automobile Oil Change, Lube, Light Service	•	Shooting Range	•	Recreational Facility – Outdoor Passive		Office with Warehousing	•	Recycling and Salvage Center
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•	Warehousing/ Depot		Automobile Washing Facility	•	Commercial Service Provision	•	Convenience MartCarry-Out Store	•	Recording Studio		5-6
	Welding Shop		Truck Stop	•	Day Care Center	•	Farm Machinery and Small Engine Sales, Rentals & Repairs		Automobile Body Repair Shop		
•	Class IV Composting Facility		Casino	•	Landscaping Service		Wholesale Business		Construction and Demolition Debris Disposal Facility		

	ADJACENT TO								
PROPOSED USE	Single-Family or TwoFamily Residential District, Recorded Subdivision or lot used for single family residential purposes	Multi-Family Residential Use or District	Office Use or District	Commercial/Business Use or District	Industrial Use or District				
Single- Family or Two-Family	None	None	None	None	None				
Multi- Family	Buffer "C"	None	None	None	None				
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"D" [2]	50 Feet	10 feet [3]	1 evergreen, 1 deciduous tree and 1 shrub per 10 lineal feet along the
			residential side of the wall or fence as required in Notes [3] and [4]



"C"	30 Feet	8 feet	1 tree per 20 lineal feet with a minimum of 50% evergreen trees as required in Note [4]
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## **Warren County Zoning**

### MIXED-USE NEIGHBORHOOD (MXU-N) DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Min. Lot Size: 0.25 acre

**Minimum Setbacks** 

Front: 35 feet

Rear: 15 Feet

Side: 10 Feet

Maximum Height: 35 Feet

Minimum Open Space: 12%

Minimum Size of Dwelling: 1,200 sq. Ft.

#### **DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL**

Gross Parcel Size: 30 acres

Minimum Lot Size: 0.25 acres

Roadways & Infrastructure: ≈ 4.5 acres

Electric Distribution Easement: ≈ 4.09 acres

Possible Number of Residential Lots: ≈ 85

### Section 411: Industrial Subdivision Streets - Subdivision Regulations

Streets serving industrial developments and accessory parking areas shall be planned to serve industrial areas exclusively and shall connect with collector or arterial streets so that no traffic from an industrial area will be directed into any residential streets. Driveways serving industrial developments and accessory parking areas shall connect with collector streets only. The intersections of driveways shall be offset from other driveways or street intersections by a minimum of 660 feet on collector streets. If constraints exist on the property due to size, sight distance or other factors; the Regional Planning Commission shall determine driveway intersections at the time of preliminary plat review. The Regional Planning shall approve the location of curb cuts for industrial driveways. The Regional Planning Commission may require marginal access streets to provide maximum safety and convenience.

The applicant is requesting an exemption from this Subdivision Regulation standard within the submitted PUD Standards.

## **Staff Summary**

Location	2300 Lebanon Road, Union Township.
Parking	Meets the specifications as submitted in the PUD Standards and Warren County Zoning Code.
Landscaping	Landscaping PUD Standards fall short of the zoning code requirements. Zoning Staff recommends landscaping comply around all residential lots per the Warren County Zoning Code.
Signage	The sign height, setback and square feet have not been submitted but PUD Standards state it will comply and will be approved under a separate permit.
Lighting	Lighting has not been submitted and the PUD standards do not reference any proposed. Maximum pole height 25'.
Service Structures	Required construction to match existing buildings and landscape buffering installed around each service structure. None are shown on existing plan.

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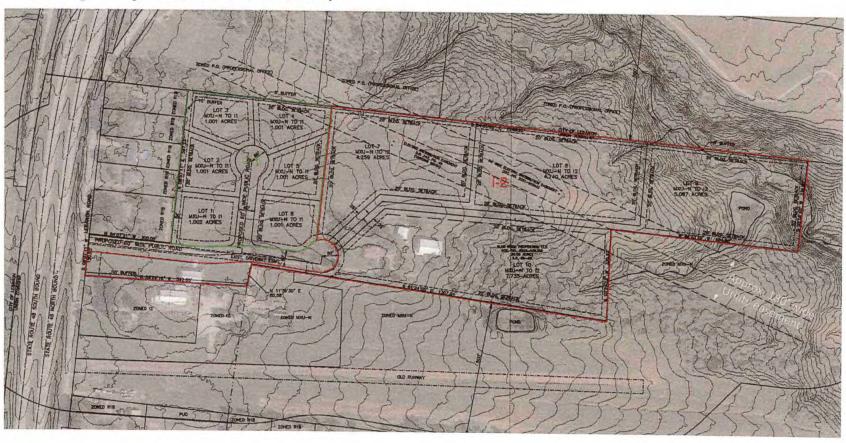
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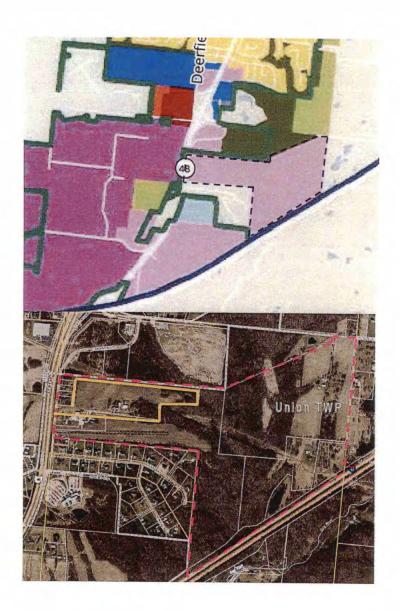
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Zoning & Layout (lots, offsets, etc.)



#### **Current Similar Conditions**





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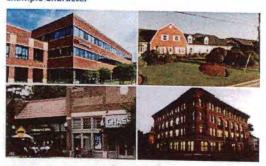
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#### **Example Pattern**



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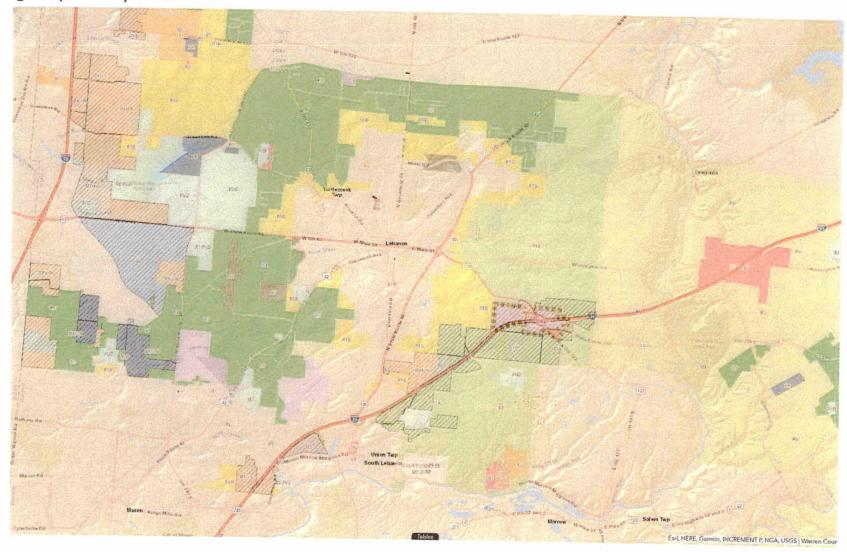
- a) Proposed amendment consistent with purpose/intent of zoning code?
   Yes, falls under the Interstate Highway Overlay applied to the property. PUD addresses changes in the code.
- b) Deviation from the suggestions of the WC Comprehensive Plan? Yes, but the plan is very similar in nature and intent as compared to the Lebanon Future Use Planned "Innovation District".
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  Yes, all the future planning and growth for the area is heading toward light industrial. The current demand is for small business and industrial. The proximity to the growing interstate interchange will continue the progression.
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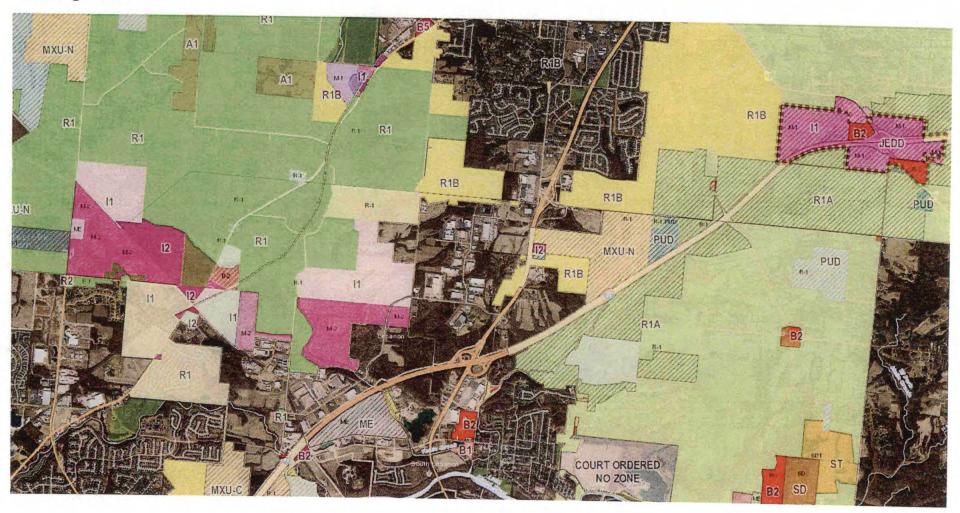
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  - Yes, current zoning restricts the site of its full potential and the REAL market demand for affordable industrial space.
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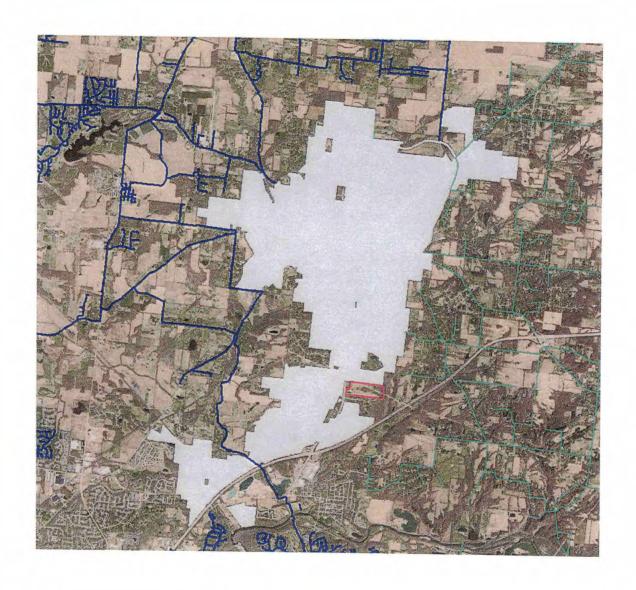
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- Kate and Tyler would provide them with mentor/guidance to help them gain access to funding and low-interest loans. Maintain ownership or property and management of any potential occupants.
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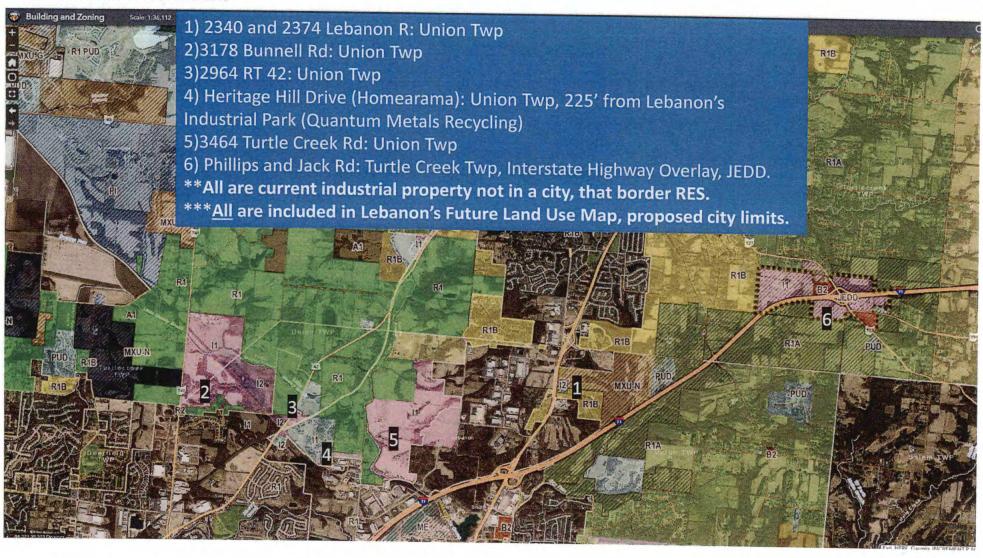


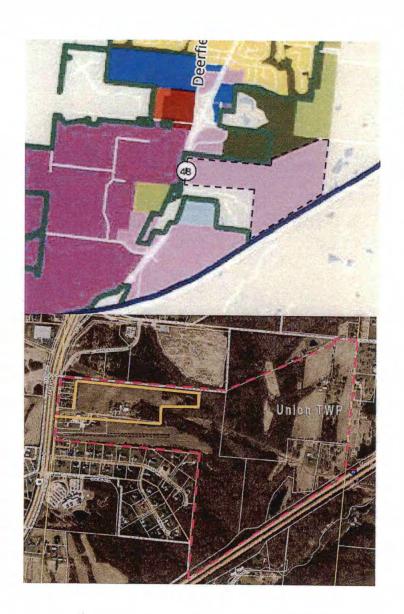
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### SECONDARY USES

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- Parks and Open Space

#### Example Pattern



**Example Character** 





Thank You.

**Any Questions?** 

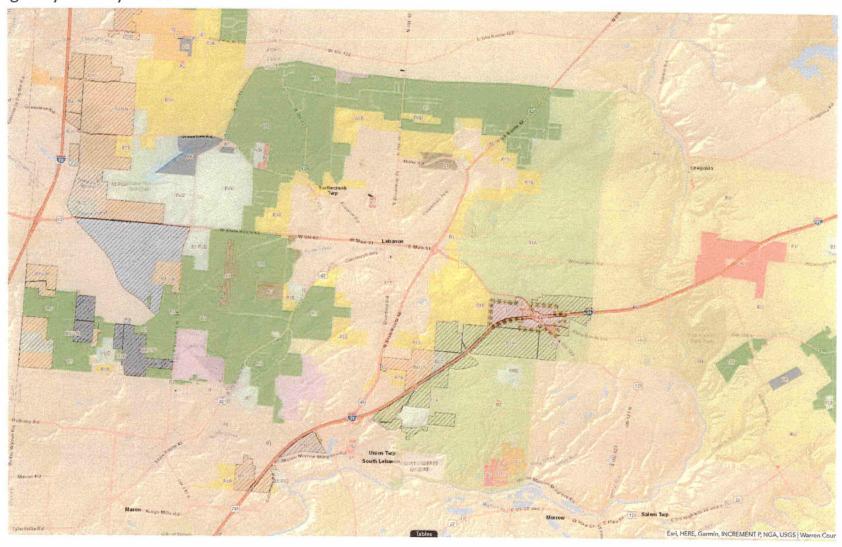
### Addressing the 9 decision-making determination considerations:

- a) Proposed amendment consistent with purpose/intent of zoning code?

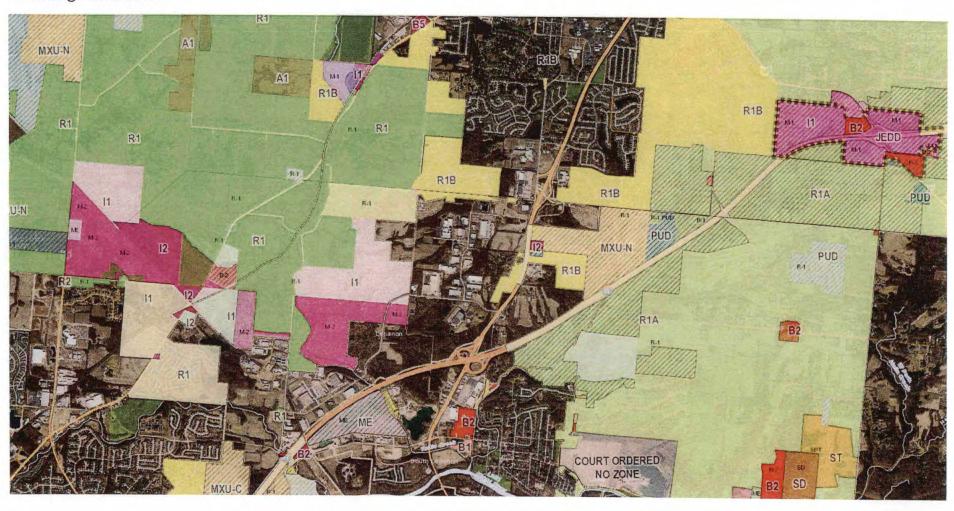
  Yes, falls under the Interstate Highway Overlay applied to the property. PUD addresses changes in the code.
- b) Deviation from the suggestions of the WC Comprehensive Plan?

  Yes, but the plan is very similar in nature and intent as compared to the Lebanon Future Use Planned "Innovation District".
- c) Is amendment justified due to changes in conditions of surrounding area since the time when the property zoning was established?
  - Yes, all the future planning and growth for the area is heading toward light industrial. The current demand is for small business and industrial. The proximity to the growing interstate interchange will continue the progression away from residential.
- d) Is proposed zoning compatible with present zoning, nearby uses & character of surrounding area? Yes, (2) I2 zoned parcels adjacent and 1 of which a similar PUD was approved on 1/23/24.
- e) Is site suitable for the uses to which it has been restricted OR does current zoning deprive the site of all economically viable uses?
  - Yes, current zoning restricts the site of its full potential and the REAL market demand for affordable industrial space.
- f) How long has the property remained vacant as zoned? Is it zoned differently from adjacent properties? Property use has remained the same since the 1950's. Zoned similar to adjacent properties.
- g) Are there available sites elsewhere in the County that are already zoned for the proposed use? Similar I1 and I2 properties near residential, but none of which are available for a Small Business Incubator. Current owners of I1 and I2 in the area are NOT proposing a similar concept.
- h) Are public central sanitary sewer, stormwater facilities, roads and other public facilities <u>available</u> and do they have adequate capacity to serve the proposal? Yes, Once Zoning is Approved by WCC, South Lebanon has left the option open to explore options to service this property along with other Union Twp properties. Lebanon also has water/sewer available if City Council decides to provide utilities. Gas/Electric are available through Duke Energy.
- i) Will approval of this amendment result in existing land uses, parcels, or structures becoming non-conforming or in conflict with any provision, restriction or requirement of this code? No

## Interstate Highway Overlay Areas



# Existing conditions



# Water district boundary map

Blue: Warren Co. Water Green: Western Water

Grey: City of Lebanon Water

