

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** NEFCO General Policy Board  
**FROM:** Joseph Hadley Jr., Executive Director  
**DATE:** August 19, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** Consideration of an Amendment to the Clean Water Plan for the City of Aurora Facilities Planning Area to change the wastewater prescription

**What's being requested:**

The City of Aurora has requested NEFCO's consideration of an amendment to allow the City of Aurora to install a 2" forced main to replace a failing septic tank at Sunny Lake Park.

**Background (reason for amendment request):**

Sunny Lake is a 68 acre fishing lake in the Chagrin River Watershed located in the City of Aurora, Portage County, Ohio. The restroom facilities at the park have been identified as a potential source of nutrients to Sunny Lake by both Ohio EPA and the City of Aurora (Sunny Lake Committee Report). The current wastewater treatment system consists of a septic tank and discharge pipe to the lake. Additional details, such as a leach field, etc. are unknown. The city does not have a permit to discharge wastewater from the Sunny Lake septic system. Discharge to waters of the state without a permit is a violation of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6111.04. Because of this, the septic tank is being pumped on a regular basis to eliminate any discharges and allow the tank to function as a temporary holding tank.

The City has applied for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding and to Ohio EPA's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund to finance much of the wastewater improvements.

**Facilities Planning Area (FPA) boundary:**

The FPA boundary will not change.

**Wastewater prescription change:**

Placing a 2" force main west on Mennonite Road to the manhole at Harris Drive originating from the boat house at Sunny Lake Park will necessitate a Clean Water Plan amendment whereby the current wastewater prescription: "Areas that will be served by on-site nondischarging systems" (Figure 1); would be changed to "Areas currently sewered" (Figure 2). Due to the small scale of Figure 2, the size of the amendment area has been exaggerated for clarity purposes.

**Local governments affected:**

City of Aurora

**Staff recommendation:**

Recommended approval.

**Environmental Resources Technical Advisory Committee (ERTAC) Action:**

Recommended approval to the General Policy Board.

**NEFCO General Policy Board Action:**

Approved the amendment.

General Policy Board Item No. 6  
Resolution No. FY2010-002

**RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL POLICY BOARD OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO  
FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION  
(NEFCO) APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CLEAN WATER PLAN FOR THE  
AURORA FACILITIES PLANNING AREA TO CHANGE THE WASTEWATER  
PRESCRIPTION FOR AN AREA WITHIN THE CITY**

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**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 City of Aurora to consider an amendment to the Clean Water Plan to change the wastewater prescription for a portion of the area where a two inch force main will be installed; and


**WHEREAS**, this amendment will not change the facilities planning area boundary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) has requested NEFCO's approval of this amendment as a step in its permitting process; and

**WHEREAS**, the NEFCO Environmental Resources Technical Advisory Committee (ERTAC) performed a technical review of this request and recommended approval;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the NEFCO General Policy Board approves this amendment to the Aurora Facilities Plan in Portage County. Furthermore, the Board directs staff to incorporate this amendment into NEFCO's Clean Water Plan and to transmit pertinent amendment materials to the City of Aurora and the Ohio EPA.

Certified as action taken by the  
NEFCO General Policy Board at its  
regular meeting held on August 19,  
2009.



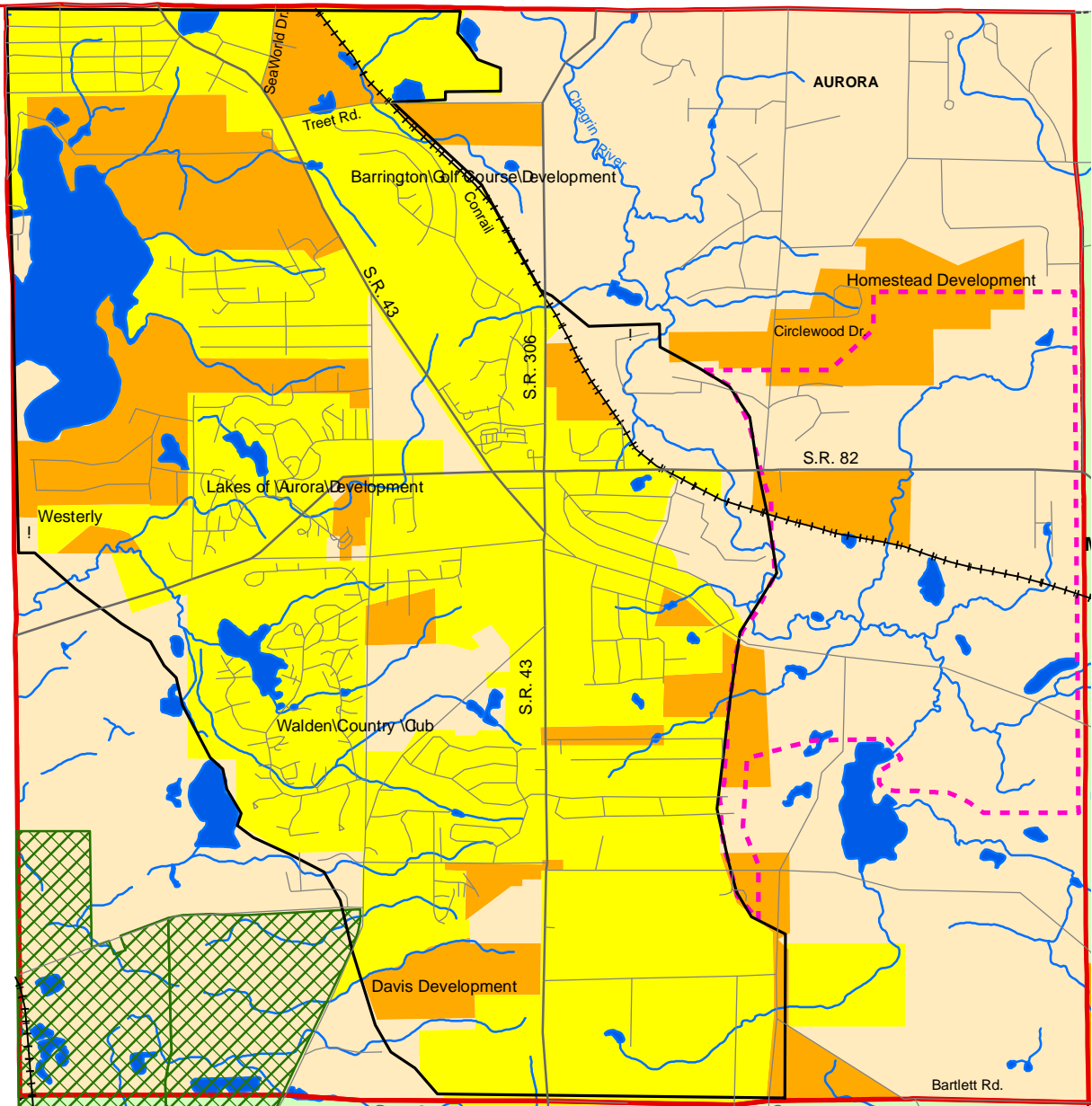
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Thomas Tatum, Secretary  
NEFCO General Policy Board

# Figure 1

## City of Aurora Facilities Planning Area

### Clean Water Plan



#### City of Aurora Facilities Planning Area

- Areas Currently Sewered
- Areas Programmed for Sewers within the Next 20 years
- Areas That Will Be Served by On-Site Nondischarging Systems
- Potential Additional Sanitary Sewer System Service Area
- Tinkers Creek State Park
- Lakes and Ponds.

- City of Aurora FPA Boundary
- Sewer Service Area
- State Routes and Interstate Hwys
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- City, Village and Township Roads
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- Rivers and Streams
- # Publicly-Owned Wastewater Treatment Plant

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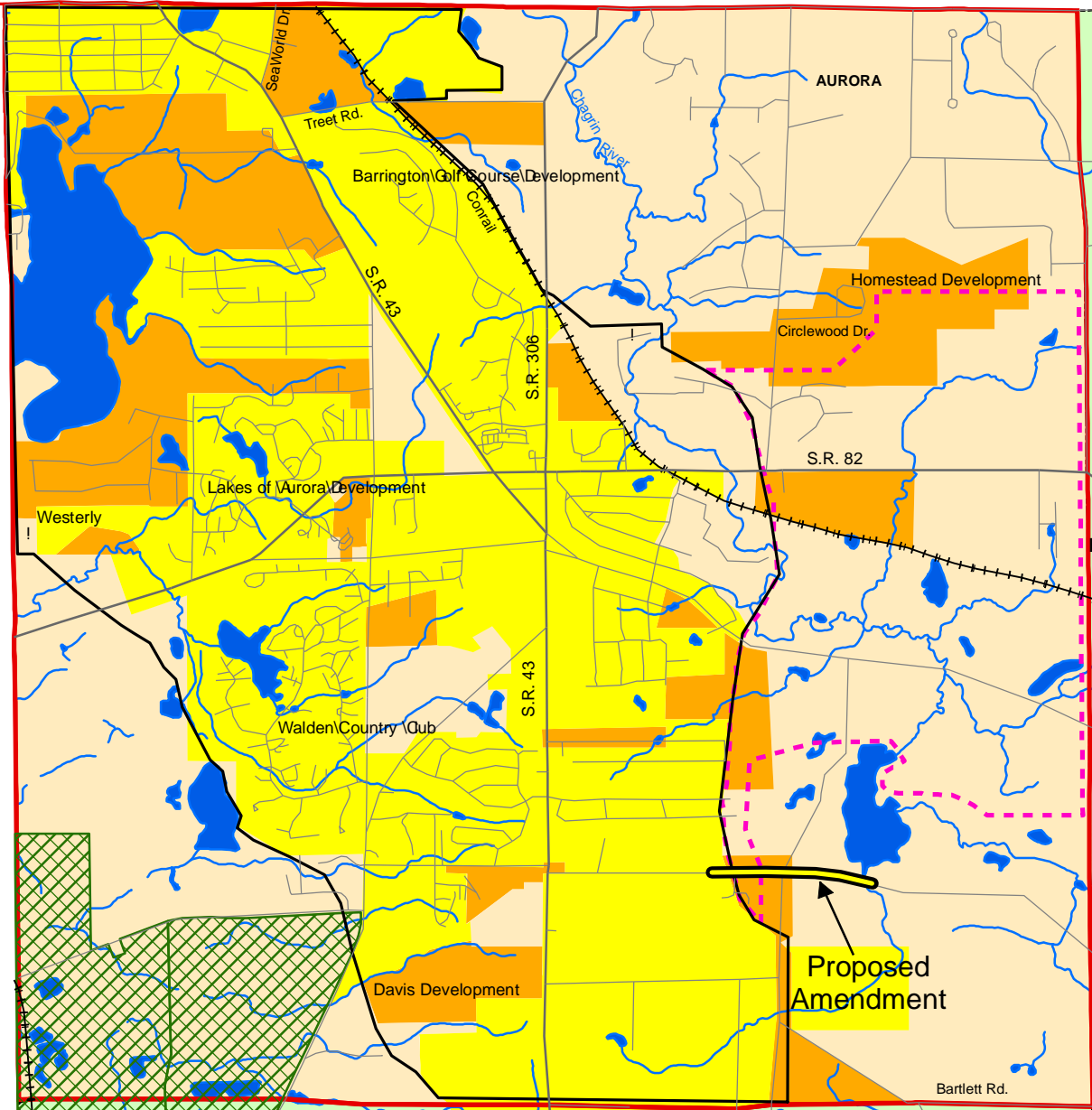
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# Figure 2

## City of Aurora Facilities Planning Area

### Proposed Clean Water Plan Amendment



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