

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: NEFCO General Policy Board

FROM: Joseph Hadley Jr., Executive Director

DATE: May 14, 2008

SUBJECT: Consideration of an Amendment to the Clean Water Plan for the Rittman Facilities Planning Area to change the wastewater prescription for an area south of the City of Rittman, in Milton Township (Wayne County)

What's being requested:

Wayne County has requested NEFCO's consideration of an amendment to the Rittman Facilities Planning Area (Figure 1).

Background (as provided by the Wayne County Planning Department):

The City of Rittman is requesting a change to their 201 Facilities Planning Area to allow the Apostolic Christian Home to tie into the City's WWTP system. The Apostolic Christian Home wants to expand its services to the nursing home, assisted care and individual living facilities but its WWTP system is at capacity and they have tried numerous options and cannot expand their treatment system. Currently the Apostolic Christian Home is within the cream area where sanitary sewer is prohibited. The City is receptive to allowing the Apostolic Christian Home tie into their system.

The City did not offer any changes to the existing prescriptions as they are written (see below).

Facilities Planning Area (FPA) boundary:

No change is requested as part of this amendment. Wayne County is on record however, as having requested that NEFCO remove all FPA lines within Wayne County, however it may be reconsidering this position.

Wastewater prescription change:

Figure 2 displays the proposed amendment (shown with an arrow) which is to change the wastewater prescription from "Areas that will be served by home sewage and semi-public sewage disposal systems" (cream color) to "Areas expected to be served with sanitary sewers within the next 20 years" (orange color).

The city is in the process of updating its map to reflect areas that are currently sewered (yellow color) but are shown on the map as "expected to be served with sewers" (orange color). This information would be part of a future amendment.

The pertinent portions of Wayne County's wastewater prescriptions are shown below:

Areas expected to remain on private household sewage treatment systems or semi-public systems, and where local officials are oriented to maintaining an unsewered status for the foreseeable future (cream) - These areas are identified in

the Comprehensive Plan as the Conservation Area. The infrastructure policy in the Conservation Area is that on-lot water and wastewater systems are expected (with County Health Department and Ohio EPA approvals) with alternative wastewater technologies supported where meeting current health standards and practices. The extension of central sewers to these areas is prohibited. Spray irrigation is prohibited as a wastewater treatment option in this area.

Areas expected to be served with sanitary sewers within the next twenty (20) years (orange) – These areas are identified in the Comprehensive Plan as the Transitional Areas. The infrastructure policy in this area is that public water and sanitary sewer service is preferred where logical extensions are recommended by the appropriate utility facilities plan, however, on-lot water and wastewater systems are expected (with Health Department and Ohio EPA approvals). Spray irrigation is prohibited as a wastewater treatment option in this area.

The following is excerpted from the approved prescription:

2. Existing (developed) Properties:

- a. Existing (developed) properties shall be required to connect to the existing sanitary sewer as it becomes available and accessible, as determined by the Ohio EPA and the Wayne County Board of Health.
- b. Failing systems may be replaced and/or upgraded as necessary until such time as the sanitary sewer is available and accessible, as determined by the Ohio EPA and the Wayne County Board of Health, at which time the existing system shall be abandoned.

Local governments affected:

City of Rittman; Milton Township; Chippewa Township; Wayne County Health Department. Wayne County uses its Intergovernmental Review process for reviewing 201/208 amendments, so in addition to the above entities, other county departments, agencies, or governments who were contacted for comment included the Village of Doylestown, Environmental Services, Building Code, the Soil and Water Conservation District, Planning, Economic Development Council, and the Farm Bureau. The comments from this process are attached.

Staff recommendation:

The NEFCO staff recommends approval of the amendment.

Environmental Resources Technical Advisory Committee (ERTAC) Action:

This amendment request was discussed by the ERTAC at its meeting on May 7, 2008. The ERTAC recommended that the General Policy Board approve this amendment.

NEFCO General Policy Board Action:

The staff requests your approval of Resolution No. FY2008-012.

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Rittman 201 Facilities Planning Area Map Update

***Reviewers:** Milton Township Trustees
Chippewa Township Trustees
Mayor of Rittman
Mayor of Doylestown
Wayne County Environmental Services - Terry West
Wayne County Health Department - Loretta Firis
Wayne County Building Code - Tim McClintock
Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District - Rob Kastner
Wayne County Planning Dept. – Betsy Sparr
Wayne County Farm Bureau – John Fitzpatrick
Wayne County Health Commissioner – Dr. Greg Halley
Community Action Wayne/Medina – Charles Chipps

Comments Received:

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No Comment

Wayne County Planning Dept. – Betsy Sparr*

*However, Mrs. Sparr offers the following:

The area surrounding Rittman, except the areas in Chippewa Township because of its zoning, are governed by the Rittman City Comprehensive Plan. I would defer comment to the Rittman City Planning Commission and Chippewa Township Trustees for comments regarding consistency with the comprehensive plan.

Wayne County Health Department - Loretta Firis

_____ Clearance of this project should be granted.

_____ Clearance of this project should not be delayed, but the applicant should answer the reviewer's questions or concerns.

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Clearance of this project should only be granted on the condition that the applicant use the recommendation(s) listed below.

Chippewa Township Trustees – Earl Kerr

We understand Rittman's and the Apostolic Home's need and their request change. We do not desire to delay their project in any way. However, we do have three questions/concerns of our own:

1. *We do not wish in any way to encourage expansion of utilities into the conservation area of Chippewa Township (per Wayne County Comprehensive Plan and Chippewa Township Comprehensive Plan), especially as this may have the effect of opening large tracts of undeveloped land to housing development which would have a deleterious effect on our local demand for community services, including schools, without sufficient tax revenues to support those services.*

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2. *We would prefer that the maximum extension of the 20 year planned service area be limited to no further east than the north/south segment of Hatfield Road and along State Route 57 the line should not extend more than a half mile into Chippewa Township. We agree with this possible expansion into Chippewa Township (along route 57) since the extension of utilities may be beneficial to existing business operations in that area.*
3. *We ask for a commitment from the City of Rittman that annexation not be a condition for utility extension to potential customers in Chippewa Township.*

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Clearance of this project should be delayed until the applicant has satisfactorily addressed the questions or concerns stated below.

Wayne County Farm Bureau – John Fitzpatrick

The summary states that the City mailed a letter to the affected property owners. What did the letter state? What was covered in the meeting with Milton Township Trustees? What were the concerns of the property owners? The Apostolic Home could be served with a single trunk line along Benner Road. Why such a broad expanse east and west of Benner?

Wayne County Environmental Services - Terry West

Clearance should be granted for the Apostolic Christian Home and the City of Rittman to run a sanitary line for the treatment of their waste. The Apostolic Christian Home has exhausted all feasible options to expand their wastewater treatment plant facilities.

I'm concerned as far as the City of Rittman expanding its orange area to include the block of land that goes from Benner Road east to St. Rt. 57 and south to St. Rt. 585. I feel clearance should be delayed until all of the property owners are aware of the ramifications of being in the 201 orange areas.

Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District - Rob Kastner

Based on the County Plat Directory and aerial photography it appears that approximately 1,500 acres of cropland is included in the proposed orange area outlined on the Rittman 201 Facilities Planning Area Map. We recommend that these property owners be contacted to verify that they indeed would like to be included in the orange area.

Staff recommends Clearance of this project should only be granted on the condition that the applicant use the recommendation.

MOTION: _____ 2ND: _____

**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
RITTMAN FACILITIES PLANNING AREA TO CHANGE THE WASTEWATER
PRESCRIPTION FOR AN AREA SOUTH OF THE CITY OF RITTMAN, IN MILTON
TOWNSHIP (WAYNE COUNTY)**

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 Wayne County to consider an amendment to the Rittman Facilities Planning Area (FPA) portion of the Clean Water Plan for Rittman Facilities Planning Area to change the wastewater prescription for an area south of the City of Rittman, in Milton Township in Wayne County; and

WHEREAS, the amendment would change an FPA map category and corresponding wastewater prescription for that area; and

WHEREAS, connection to Rittman's sewer will address a serious wastewater problem confronting the Apostolic Christian Home in Milton Township; and


WHEREAS, Wayne County through its Intergovernmental Review Process, sent this request to the following local governments, county departments or agencies for comment: City of Rittman, Village of Doylestown, Milton and Chippewa Townships, the Health Department; Soil and Water Conservation District; Environmental Services; Planning; Economic Development Council; and the Farm Bureau; 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 Rittman Facilities Plan in Wayne County. Furthermore, the Board directs staff to incorporate this amendment into NEFCO's Clean Water Plan and to transmit pertinent materials related to it to the Rittman, Village of Doylestown, Milton and Chippewa Townships, the Health Department; Soil and Water Conservation District; Environmental Services; Planning; Economic Development Council; the Farm Bureau, and the Ohio EPA.

Certified as action taken by the
NEFCO General Policy Board at its
regular meeting held on May 21,
2008.

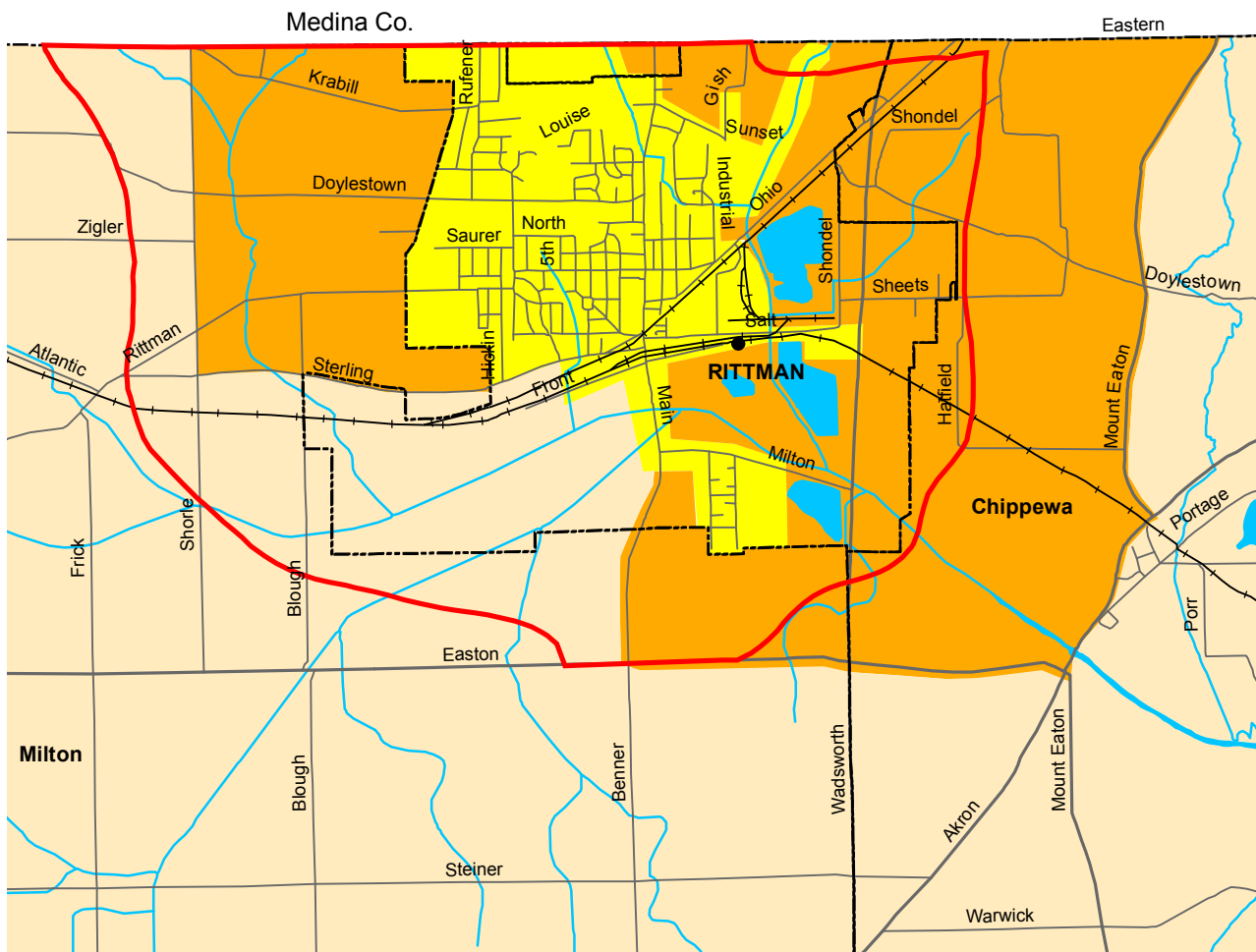


Warren Woolford, Secretary
NEFCO General Policy Board

Figure 1

Rittman Facilities Planning Area

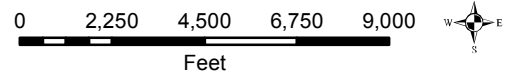
Clean Water Plan



- Areas currently served with sanitary sewers
- Areas expected to be served with sanitary sewers within the next 20 years
- Areas that will be served by home sewage and semi-public sewage disposal systems
- Areas that will be served by a POTW or by home sewage and semi-public sewage disposal systems
- Areas without a wastewater treatment planning prescription
- Lakes and Ponds

- FPA Boundary
- Stream
- Community Boundary
- Road
- Railroad
- Publicly Owned Waste Water Treatment Plant

* Please see Clean Water Plan text for a complete explanation of the mapping categories.

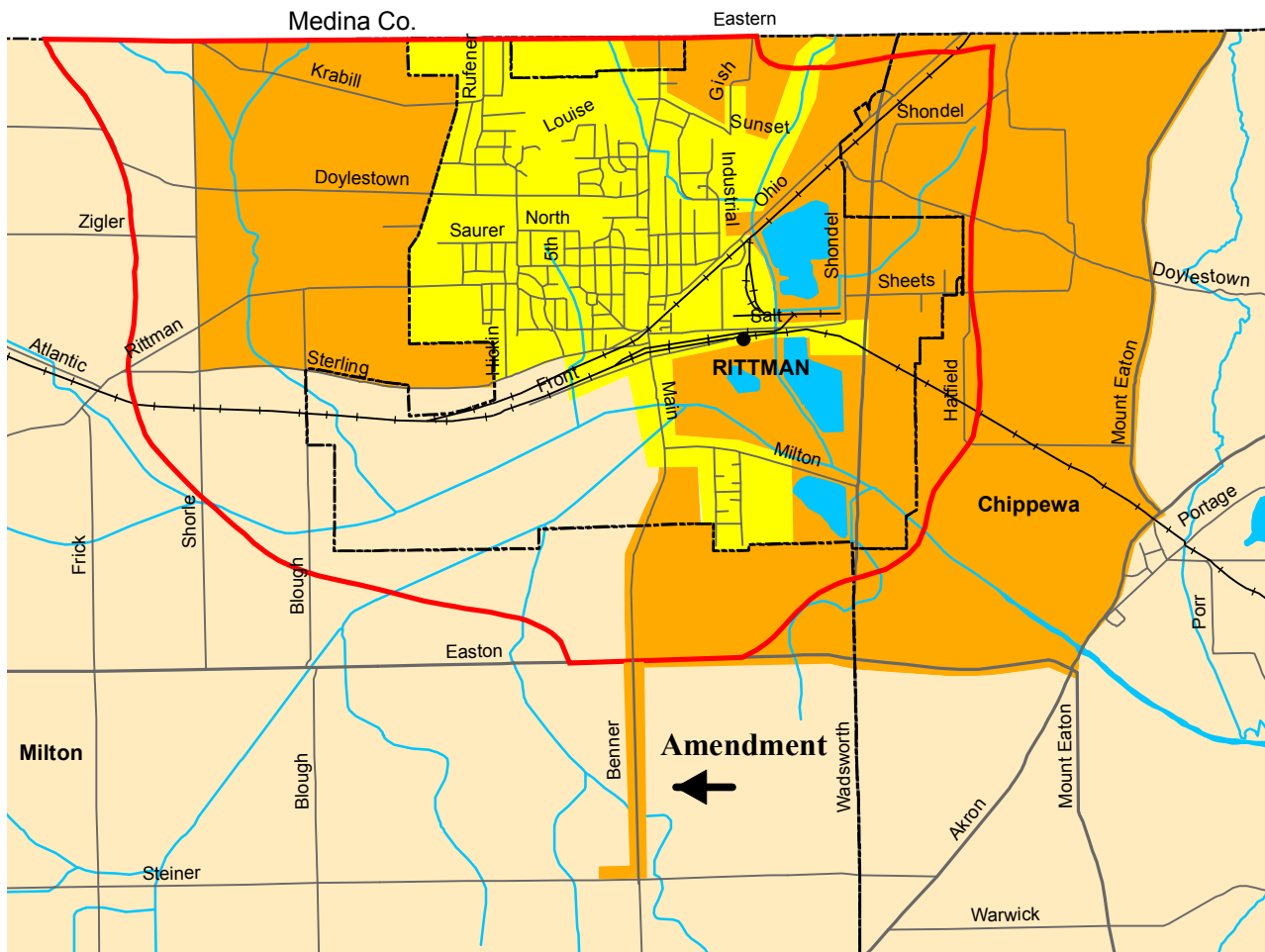


Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization, May 2005.

Figure 2

Rittman Facilities Planning Area

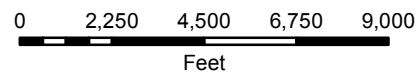
Proposed Clean Water Plan Amendment



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