

# News Release



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## **Summit County to Collaborate with City of Barberton on Wastewater Treatment Plant Projects**

On June 18, 2018 Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro approved and Summit County Council passed legislation that will authorize the County Executive to participate with the City of Barberton in applying for Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funding for the Brentwood Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, located in the City of Norton, and the Fraser Park Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, also located in the City of Norton. If the grant application is accepted, the OPWC would provide approximately \$50,000 for each plant project, and the County has committed to match the \$50,000 for each project, which will be paid through the Department of Sanitary Sewer Services Enterprise Fund.

The County and City of Barberton's participation in the OPWC grant will reduce the City's overall cost to operate their sewer system and the County will benefit from a lower rate for the cost of the flow sent to the City for treatment. The current plants have reached end of life and the decision was made to abandon the plants. By eliminating the plants with gravity sewer, the points of discharge are eliminated, as all treatment and flow will go to the single point of discharge for the City's major wastewater treatment plant. As a result, the smaller streams currently used by the plants that are proposed to be abandoned will improve the water quality.

"In addition to cost savings, the plant abandonment project is a cooperative effort to improve water quality from a regional perspective," said Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro. "This is

another example of how collaboration not only provides benefits for the entities involved but for the community as a whole.”

The Fraser Park Plant elimination will result in all wastewater flows conveyed by either force main or gravity sewer to the Barber Road sanitary sewer trunk line. Installation of approximately 2,200 feet of 6 inch force main and 65 feet of 8 inch sewer will replace the Fraser Park Package Plant and will include conversion/modification of the existing influent pump station to a sanitary lift station as well as the demolition of the remainder of the existing Fraser Park Plant.

“Securing funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission would be a great benefit to both Barberton and Norton,” said District 7 County Council Member Michael Soyars, whose district includes both communities. “These agreements are a great example of how the County and local municipalities can collaborate on projects that benefit all parties involved.”

The Brentwood Estates Plant elimination will also result in all wastewater flows conveyed by either force main or gravity sewer to the Barber Rd. sanitary sewer trunk line. This project will include the installation of approximately 7,000 feet of 18 inch sewer to replace the Brentwood Package Plant and demolition of the existing Brentwood Plant as well as special provisions for the restoration of impacted wetlands.

“The collaborative efforts between Executive Shapiro’s administration and the City of Barberton continue to create outcomes that provide tangible benefits to the region,” stated Barberton Mayor William B. Judge. “Thank you to Executive Shapiro and Summit County Council for supporting these projects and I look forward to exploring further opportunities to partner in the future.”

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